

Dodd scores five

Rockets edge Vernon with 30 second rally

Kamloops 7—Vernon 6

You might say Vernon Essos 'blew it.' Leading by a one-goal margin with less than two minutes to play, Essos suddenly found themselves on the short end of the score in B.C. Junior A hockey action at Kamloops Wednesday night.

Final score saw Kamloops Rockets take the game by 7-6 count and five of those goals including the tying and game winning markers came off the stick of newly acquired player Ken Dodd.

Actually, Dodd had been a thorn in the side for Essos throughout the game as it was he who opened the first period scoring, moved Rockets ahead again after Bob Marsh had tied the game with Don Ashby giving the home town team a 3-1 edge before Bill Danshen ended the opening period scoring to narrow the Kamloops lead by a single marker to start the second period.

Chris McMaster took advantage of a power-play to boost Rockets once more on the scoreboard with Doug Davies coming back with Essos third goal soon after, also on a power-play with these goals coming at 7:48 and 9:52 of the middle stanza.

Enter Ken Dodd once more, just 12 seconds after the Davies goal with his hat-trick with Dennis Bergeron and Don Murdoch nullifying the Kamloops two goal lead to end the second period with each team sharing a 5-5 tie.

With just one minute and 12 seconds gone in the final period, Vernon's leading goal scorer, Dan Kuntz, teamed with Greg Howe to beat netman Brian Edgington. This was the 18th goal of the season for the Winnipeg born centreman.

With the Kuntz goal finally giving them a slim lead, Essos settled down to hold back several offensive drives put on by the Rockets and by the 18 minute mark looked as if they would pull the game out in their favor.

However, enter Mr. Dodd once more, who drove a hard shot at Essos goalie Mike Smithson who in turn put his stick on it only to have the puck bounce high into the corner of the net.

This tying goal came at 18:10 of the third and with a lapse of only 30 seconds, it was Dodd once again to put the game away for the Rockets.

Some observers said later the

Rockets kept the game under complete control for the final three minutes and but for a pair of centre ice face-offs, the puck was never out of the Vernon zone during that time.

The loss puts the Essos into a deep fourth place tie with Vancouver Villas, 18 points back of league leading Penticton Broncos, nine points behind Kamloops and six back of third place Kelowna.

In other mid-week games, Penticton bombed Kelowna 6-2 at Kelowna Tuesday night and Chilliwack creamed Vancouver with an 8-3 spread on the scoreboard.

For Vernon it was their third straight loss while for Kamloops it was their fourth straight victory.

The Penticton-Kelowna game saw the Buckaroo win streak broken at seven games while the powerful Broncos made it three straight wins for an impressive 19 win, three loss record to lead the eight team league with 38 points.

Friday night Essos will take on their fourth place partners, Vancouver Villas here at Civic Arena and when it is over, one of the teams will hold sole possession of the coveted fourth place spot. Game time has been set for 9 p.m.

Saturday night Essos will keep in shape when they take on an Intermediate team from Coquitlam in an exhibition match, with this game due for an 8:30 start.

This game should create much interest locally as many of the Coquitlam roster have ex-junior players signed, namely Bill Vernon and Les Salo who toiled for the Essos last season.

Essos team point leaders are as follows:

TEAM STATISTICS For 23 games played To Dec. 6, 1972

Player	G	A	Pts.
1 Dan Kuntz	18	23	41
2 Tim Sanche	12	13	25
3 Bob Marsh	10	15	25
4 Don Murdock	15	9	24
5 Greg Howe	13	11	24
6 Bob Burgoyne	6	12	18
7 Dennis Bergeron	6	11	17
8 Ken Price	6	10	16
9 Dave Dorris	4	7	11
10 Dallas Chappel	4	7	11
11 Doug Davies	3	7	10
12 Cliff Lane	0	10	10
13 Dave Caldwell	4	4	8
14 Ken King	4	4	8
15 Brian Wortley	5	1	6
16 Cal Bassard	3	2	5
17 Ken Reid	2	3	5
18 Lyle Brewer	2	3	5
19 Bill Danshen	1	3	4
20 Lorne Plontikoff	1	1	2
21 Barry Dye	1	1	2
22 Grant Sidnick	1	0	1
23 Fred Perepolkin	1	0	1
24 Gord Lidstone	1	0	1
25 Martin Stein	0	1	1
26 Bob Bachynski	0	1	1
27 Joe Raymond	0	1	1

Sus Scrofa

The scourge of the Smokies

Sus Scrofa ... He is the scourge of the Great Smokies. Where he came from and who his ancestors are, remain a mystery.

He is mean, terrifically fast on his short legs, agile, sees poorly through bloodshot eyes, is extremely courageous, clever and a most respected adversary.

The experts call him Sus Scrofa, old-timers nicknamed him "the wild Rooshian," but most people know him as the wild boar.

Believed to have been introduced in the Smokies at the beginning of the 20th century, this huge American boar has created a great debate among zoologists as to his origin.

Some insist that he originated in Germany's Black Forest; others, that he is a product of some sinister region in Russia. But apparently no one knows for sure.

An extremely powerful brute, the wild boar averages up to 400 pounds, and some have even been reported at 600. Breeding

"Rooshian" is primarily a vegetarian, but he does on occasion eat almost anything edible — wild fruits, eggs from wildfowl nests, frogs, roots and shell life from the sea. His life span ranges up to a dozen years, although eight seems to be average.

It has been said that boars are the most vicious of animals in the heat of battle and are vanquished only after a harrowing and strenuous ordeal.

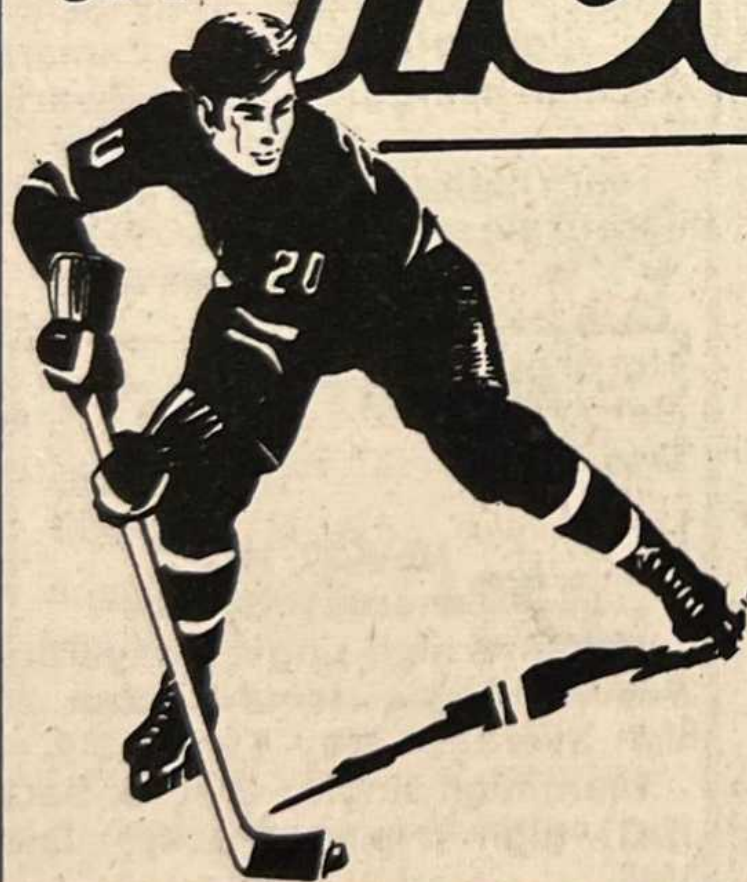
Even the great animals of the forest, such as the black bear, find themselves hard-put to conquer one boar.

Hunting the wild boar calls for skill and stamina on the part of not only the hunter but, also, his dogs.

Boars are usually hunted with a pack of about 12 dogs and they must have courage to match that of the hunted. In fact, if half of the pack comes away unscathed, that's considered a pretty successful hunt.

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Vancouver Villas

vs

Vernon Essos

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