

Down 3-1 in games

Vernon have backs to the wall in Jr. hockey series

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Vernon Essos may have played their last game of the 1972-73 season Sunday night on home ice.

They have their backs to the wall in their quarter-final series with Kamloops Rockets, down three games to one and a tough game five coming up at Kamloops Tuesday night.

It took four periods to prove it Sunday, but Kamloops showed why they won the B. C. junior A league pennant race and look to end this series on Tuesday.

While Essos tried hard throughout the season and have begun to show much more prowess in the semi's, they really do not have the finish most people would like to see in a playoff series and as a result may just be putting up their blades until next Fall.

Playing before the biggest spectator throng of the season, estimated at over 2,000 people, Esso were given a good chance to stay abreast and even move ahead of the high flying Rockets when they were able to complete the last 17 and a half

minutes of the final period of game number two which began last Wednesday here at home, but was called by Penticton referee Red Bosscha when fans tried to get at players sitting in the penalty box.

In this particular game, Rockets were leading by a 5-3 difference and when the period resumed Sunday, merely had to hold the Essos off the score sheet.

This they did, and to add insult to injury added one more goal at the 12:15 mark to salt the game away with Neil Lyseng getting the honors.

The win put the series up one game in favor of the Rockets only after Vernon had come

through with a tremendous showing at Kamloops on Friday when they took a quick 3-1 first period lead then hung on for a final 5-4 win after Rockets at one point had tied the score at 3-3 on three consecutive power-play markers and then move one goal up on the Essos before they in turn could come back with two of their own.

Bob Marsh paced the Essos with a pair of excellent goals with Ted Campbell scoring the winner early in the final period on a centre ice breakaway. Others scoring for Vernon were John Koktelo and Bob Burgoyne.

In game four here Sunday which began moments after the final period of the cancelled game has been completed, Essos looked as though they again might pull off a big win as they jumped into a 1-0 first period lead with Ken Price doing the scoring but this seemed to be all for the Essos as

Kamloops came back stronger than ever with three unanswered markers of their own in the second frame and then added another before Essos could come up with their second goal of the night, this time off the stick of Don Murdoch.

Game time in Kamloops on Tuesday has been set for 8 p.m. at the downtown Kamloops arena.

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