

Kamloops ends local junior hockey action

Vernon Essos of the B.C. junior A hockey league are now in the process of putting their hockey gear in storage until next fall following their 9-2 drubbing at the hands of Kamloops Rockets Tuesday night.

While little hope had been held out for the Vernon cause in the best of seven quarter final series with the Rockets, some hockey buffs on the local scene felt Vernon would or could have extended the series.

Rockets actually had little trouble throughout the five games played taking the series four games to one.

In the Tuesday game, Rocket quickly jumped into a 4-2 first period lead then added five

more, three in the second period and a pair in the final stanza to walk away with the action.

Big gun for the Rockets was Ken Dodd who scored four of the nine goals, making his series

total stand at nine goals in the five games played. Actually, his line with Rick Shinske and Chris McMasters, proved the nemesis for the Essos as they held the major scoring and assist points

total throughout.

Rockets now take on Pen-ticton Broncos for the Interior final or semi-final on the B.C. level as one of the teams will go on to meet with the Coast loop

winner with that series seeing Naniamo and Chilliwack tangling for singular honors at this moment.

About all that is left for the Essos is to change their name

before the start of next season which is a ruling brought in by the league this year. The parent body has ruled there will be no commercial names used in this level of hockey.

Top quality V'ball action here Saturday

Vernon will be the scene of a highly rated Senior 'B' Volleyball tournament this weekend as at least eight teams, some coming from as far away as Alberta and Wenatchee, Wash., converge at the senior high school gymnasium for the first annual 'Sunshine invitational' tourney.

The day long event is set to go Saturday with the first schedule showing the action getting underway sharp at 9:30 a.m. with the finals due for the latter part of the afternoon.

Local spectators will get an

added treat as officials announce there will be no charge of admission.

Vernon spokesman Chris Nelson reports the Vernon senior mens squad are now prepping for the classic and feels the Vernon boys will give everyone a good run for their money.

It is also understood some top quality college graduates in the field of athletics will join forces from such places as Wenatchee and along with the possible entry of an Air Force team from Cold Lake Alberta, the day

should provide everyone with plenty of excitement.

Nelson also reports he hopes with the success of this weekend, he and the Vernon group can make a bid for the B.C. championships next year.

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