



**JUNIORS READY TO GO**

Members of the Junior Vernon hockey squad put forth their best Monday night as at least 18 of the 38 players

still in the training camp face elimination from the team roster. As the training sessions draws to a close

many hopefuls were looking to show team officials they were good enough to be signed on for the upcoming

B.C. junior A hockey season.

*Vikings is the name*

# Juniors begin to shape up for season opening

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It is just a matter of days now when the 1973-74 edition of the Vernon junior hockey club are put to their first real test as to how they will fare in the upcoming B.C. tier two junior A hockey league.

With the 64 game schedule due to get underway Friday, Sept. 28, many eyes on the local scene will be turned to the newly named Vernon Vikings who will represent this area in the province-wide hockey league.

Along with the change of name from Vernon Essos to Vikings, the local club has also looked to other aspects to upgrade their operation.

One of the first moves earlier this year was to name Vernon Dye as coach-manager, dropping five year veteran coach Odie Lowe and along with this move are said to have revamped the internal operation of the club.

One of the first statements attributed to Dye was he was going to go with more local

youngsters and at the same time was looking for more size. So far this idea has been followed.

Early this week Dye announced he had signed two Vernon boys to the playing roster with 17-year-old Grant Sidnick, a 175 lb. right winger and 17-year-old Martin Stein, a well conditioned 160 pound alternate centreman and left winger being carded.

The plus sign towards having more locals on the team is indicated with the news there are still 11 other Vernon lads trying out. Some of these include,

goalie Ken Holland, forwards Barry Dye, Bruce Green, and Bernie Marchand with Clay Anderson looking for a defensive spot.

Also coming back for a second, and in some cases third terms with the Vernon club are the likes of; Brian Greise, Dennis Bergeron, Dave Caldwell, Bob Burgoyne, Lyle Brewer and John Koktello.

Monday night, 38 hopefuls were given a big test in a public viewed inter-squad game with the idea for some to be sent home to enable the roster to be trimmed to at least a 20 man roster.

There is no doubt this will be carried out in the next few days as a series of exhibition games are due to unfold this coming weekend.

Friday will see Vernon travel to Kelowna for game number one then Saturday night Penitcton Broncos, the defending B.C. and Western Canada junior A champions will be in town for a match. Then Monday night, Vernon will play host to Kelowna in a return game.

Getting back to the Monday night squad game, viewers were left with much to ponder as for the most part it was a scramble, pass as pass can, and hope to hit the net, type of exhibition.

Mind, the pressure was on everyone and it seemed the harder some tried, the worse they looked, also with many of the boys strange to one another, they found it hard to work with each other.

A couple of the six goalie try outs looked quite sharp, when the attackers found the front of the net, and here the key to the Vernon success may just come.

Goal tending may spell one difference in winning and losing this season and with a possible strong defence, with the likes of Greise and Brewer out in front, Vernon may hold their own.

The outer core or offensive squad looks to be another question and until the three game series is completed next weekend, many questions will pass through the minds of those who stand on the sidelines.

All in all, the Viking operation this season looks to be on the bright side, if the sporting of bright gold colored business jacket by members of the team executive is any criteria.

## Winfield training centre

WINFIELD, B.C. (CP) — This Okanagan Valley community of several hundred used to be just another warm place in the summer. Now, it's becoming a breeding ground for international diplomacy and world peace.

It's an extremely warm place to be during the summer for about 150 young aspiring volleyballers as they are drilled by Vic Lindal, British Columbia provincial team coach, three Japanese instructors and a French coach, among others.

In addition to producing superb volleyball teams, the Japanese look on the sport as more than just a game—it's a way to further world understanding.

"This whole thing has grown out of hand, you know," says Lindal. "We were forced to turn down 200 applications last year, and this season we set up several satellite camps across B.C."

**TRAIN FOR GAMES**

The Winfield camp was started as a summer sports school by two local coaches in 1966. The following year, in an effort to raise money, Lindal suggested he bring in a group of volleyball players training for the 1967 Canada Winter Games.

"We brought in 30 to 40 youngsters that summer," he said. "Now this town is regarded throughout the world as the focal point of volleyball in August."

About four years ago, Lindal attempted to upgrade coaching by inviting the Japanese Volleyball Association to send one or two coaches. "We were met with amused chuckles."

"Today, there is a waiting list in Japan for coaches who want to come and those who

teams have worked as instructors at the camp. This summer, the Quebec Volleyball Association sent three coaches to study teaching techniques.

"This is not another summer camp situation," said Lindal. "Kids who come here for one of the four four-day sessions have trained for two months in advance."

"We're injecting new enthusiasm into our local coaches who might otherwise burn out for lack of inspiration."

Denis Custeau of Sherbrooke, Que., a young university and high school coach sent by the QVBA to observe coaching techniques, note that "here you have a cultural mix of English, French, Japanese, Chinese, all speaking different languages yet united through the game itself."

"This camp is primarily for the extension and development of the sport in this province," he said. "But young players all across the country are learning from what goes on here through coaches who attend."

**VISIT FIRST TIME**

Shinji Tochiberi, international relations director for the Japanese Volleyball Association, was at Winfield for the first time this summer.

"In Japan, we have a system of education through sports, therefore volleyball is taught within the school setting," he said. "Also, there is a different attitude in Japan toward the game."

"We are much more competitive, whereas here there is much enjoyment along with the training sessions. The players are having a good time as well as learning the game."

"My country has developed

## Baseball standings

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National League

East				
	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Pittsburgh	75	72	.510	—
Montreal	75	74	.503	1
St. Louis	74	76	.493	2½
New York	73	77	.487	3½
Chicago	70	78	.473	5½
Philadelphia	65	84	.436	11

West				
	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Cincinnati	92	58	.613	—
Los Angeles	87	64	.576	5½
San Fran	83	66	.557	8½
Houston	77	75	.507	16
Atlanta	73	79	.480	20
San Diego	54	95	.362	37½

Results Monday  
Philadelphia at Chicago, ppd., rain

Montreal 5-3 St. Louis 4-5  
Houston 5 Cincinnati 2  
Pittsburgh 10 New York 3  
Atlanta 7 San Diego 0  
Los Angeles 7 San Francisco 2

American League				
East				
	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Baltimore	88	61	.591	—
Boston	81	69	.540	7½
Detroit	79	70	.530	9
New York	75	76	.497	14
Milwaukee	71	79	.473	17½
Cleveland	66	85	.437	23

West				
	W	L	Pct.	GBL
Oakland	88	61	.591	—
Kansas City	81	69	.540	7½
Minnesota	73	75	.493	14½
Chicago	73	77	.487	15½
California	69	78	.469	18
Texas	52	96	.351	35½

Results Monday  
Baltimore 5 New York 4  
Minnesota 8 Kansas City 3  
Texas 10 Chicago 3  
Oakland 3 California 2