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TEAM ROSTER:

Front row left to right: Grant Sidnick, Tim Sanche, Charlie Briskham, Lyle Brewer, Ken Holland, Greg Howe and Don Murdoch. Second row, left to right: Les Schier (mgr.), Jeff Boychuk, Tim O'Donnell, Brian Greise, Bob Burgoyne, Barry Dye, Greg Chapman, Rick Misener, Dave Caldwell and coach Vern Dye. Third row, left to right: Terry Anaka, Martin Stein, Ken Price, Dave Dubbin, Gerry Munroe, Don Renner and John Kokotilo. Back row, left to right: Doug Kistner, Don Heckert, Roly Sammartino and Doug Bulwer jr.

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Message from the president

On behalf of the Vernon Vikings Hockey club, the players, directors and their families, I would like to wish all hockey supporters in particular followers of the Vikings, an exceptional very Merry Christmas and a prosperous 1974.

The owner-directors and myself would like to announce our pleasure in being able to offer the Viking hockey club as a highlight for the entertainment and sporting aspect of this community.

We would like to give special thanks to the fans who have, and are consistently supporting us at all of the Viking home games and a special thanks to the business corp of this area for the numerous times they have come forward in supporting our club through the media of our program, supplying equipment and other needs. Last but not least to our newspaper and radio station for their fine coverage and support.

With the half-way point now reached in the 73-74 BCJHL season, I would like to delve for a moment into the aspect of what a hockey club of this stature does for the community. As most people may ap-

preciate, the team and its management are a mobile unit of good will ambassadors to the city of Vernon and the surrounding districts of the North Okanagan.

Playing half of the 64 game schedule in other centers, we feel the Vikings bring the name of Vernon to the forefront in the eyes and minds of the residents of these cities and towns. As good sportsmen and gentlemen.

As can be appreciated, the financing and operation of a hockey club such as the Vikings stems from the support given it by the hockey spectators in this area.

While I would like to report at this time the fan support at the home games of the Vikings has been above average, I cannot do this because as most of the regular fans know, the attendance has been poor and I must admit rather disappointing as it could eventually reflect on our overall operation.

At the beginning of each season the eight Viking directors, who are also shareholders, sit down and work out a yearly operational budget and the figures we use are based on, in the main, the fan support we will get at home games.

As can be appreciated if we are forced into working with too low a budget the whole operation is affected down the line.

With this thought in mind I would ask that residents in the North Okanagan to lend us more support and we in turn can then assure a continuation of the excellent brand of hockey fans have seen up to this point of the season. Thank you all once again.



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CHARLIE BRISKHAM

Charlie Briskham is now well into his second season as Vernon's number one goaltender and with his stand-out ability, already is proving his worth and should do well in years to come.

This is Charlie's last year as a junior A player having turned 19 last May 25.

Born in Vancouver, Charlie has lived and played all his hockey in neighboring Rich-

mond and last season got his chance to play junior A hockey with Vernon after a short stint as a junior B player with Richmond.

Last year the Centennials transferred to Vancouver and were known as the Villas and then early this year moved the franchise to Langley and are now known as the Langley Lords of the BCJHL.



DAVE DUBBIN

A rookie to the Vernon Viking lineup this season, Dave is just a few weeks away from turning 18.

Born in Port Alberni Jan. 14, 1956 and played all of his minor hockey in that city including a couple of good seasons with the Alberni Jr. B, Timbermen.

One of the faster skaters on the Viking club this season, he is considered a good utility forward playing either wing and is often seen in the face off circle as a centerman.



VIKING ROOTER

"Da da da . . . charge", is a familiar sound hockey fans have heard during junior games here in Vernon the past several years. While Vernon fans are notorious for their lack of outward feelings, such as loud cheering and noise making at

hockey games, one man has over-ridden this so called shyness of others. Ken Rook is one of the most avid and voiceferous supporters of this years' edition of the Vernon Vikings and the above photo catches Ken as he stands and leads a chorus of encouraging

cheers for the local team. His favorite spot in the arena is the northeast corner where he and a good-sized gathering of young people are seen and heard urging the Vikings to victory. Ken never misses a game by-the-way.



MARTIN STEIN

This 17 year old Vernon native has worked his way through all divisions of the Vernon Minor Hockey Association and in each instance played on the rep teams as one of their key players.

Born September 12, 1956, Martin is a very versatile athlete, excelling in all school

sports in particular soccer and latterly played in the senior Okanagan soccer league as well as playing senior B lacrosse last season.

So far this season, Martin has yet to miss a regular scheduled game and saw some duty last year as a junior hockey player when he was given a four game tryout.



GREG CHAPMAN

Quiet spoken Greg Chapman is another of the Vikings defence corp starting his hockey career in a small community known as Paradise Hill which is located near Lloydminster, Saskatchewan.

Greg is no stranger of the BCJHL having gained experience playing for Kelowna

Buckaroos in the last half of the 72-73 season.

Greg's family make their home in Kelowna and for the first month of this season Greg decided to remain at home but his interest in hockey being so great, asked for a chance to don a Viking uniform and so far he fits it very well.

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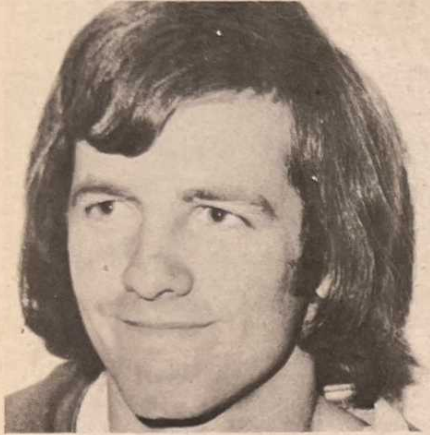
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Meet the players



GREG HOWE

Another of the second year men on the Viking roster, and now playing his last season as a junior A player, 19 year old Greg Howe is considered a super speedster on the first string right wing slot.

Born in Victoria October 29, 1954, Greg played all of his hockey in the Kootenay city of Kimberley where he moved as a youngster.

Greg has seen all-star service with every division from pee wee to midget in Kimberley and three seasons ago was selected to play junior B for Cranbrook.

Howe is another of the top point men on the Viking roster this season and is also well over the half way mark of his last years total which was 23 goals and 40 assists for 63 points.



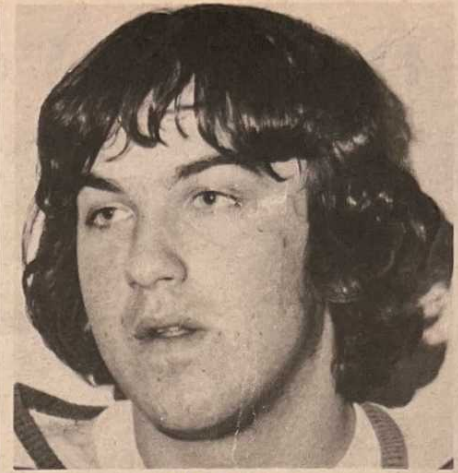
BOB BURGOYNE

This fast moving centerman is now serving his second year with the Vernon Vikings and until recently led the club in total points, as a matter of fact at the beginning of the month was still within the top three of the individual Viking scoring list.

Born in Nanaimo December 7, 1955 and now 18 years old, Bob Burgoyne

played all of his minor hockey as a resident of Port Alberni with a good background in each division through to the junior B level.

As a rookie last season, he scored 18 goals and tallied 26 assists for 44 points and at this writing is well over the half way mark of last seasons total.



JEFF BOYCHUK

A Port Erie, Ontario native, Jeff Boychuk now 17 is another of the Vikings first year forwards.

One of the more travelled players on the team, Jeff has played in several centers starting his minor hockey in Williams Lake, B.C. then moving to Revelstoke, Powell River, back to Revelstoke,

then to Burnaby where he completed last season as a top rated midget player.

Reason for his wide travel experience stems from the fact his dad is employed by the Government Liquor Control Board and his work has seen him transferred from city to city.



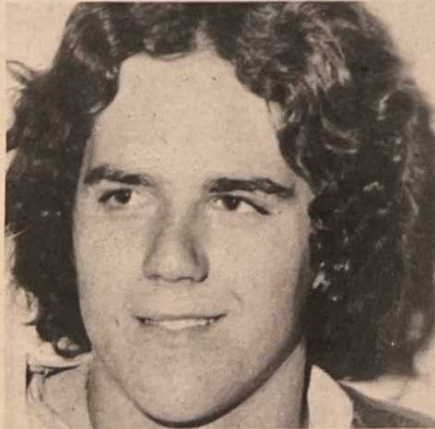
KEN HOLLAND

Kenny Holland is another Vernon Minor Hockey product with an excellent background as a rep goalie in each of the Vernon Minor Hockey Association divisions.

Born in Vernon November 10, 1955, Kenny still has two years of junior A hockey remaining and with his

steady improvement as a Viking defender, is expected to go a long way in hockey.

Some of his past experiences includes acting as a fill-in goalie for the senior men's North Okanagan Hockey League, playing several games for the Head of the Lake Stampeders.



KEN PRICE

This second year Viking veteran is slowly growing out of his big brother John's shadow of the Vernon Junior hockey player scene.

Now 18, this diminutive centerman is the leading Viking point getter and like veterans Greg Howe and Bob Burgoyne, has already surpassed the last year mark he set at 20 goals and 45 assists.

Born in Cranbrook November 25, 1955, Kenny obtained all of his hockey schooling right through to midget at home before coming to Vernon two seasons ago.

He is one of the more popular players on the team and his dressing room humor and quick wit always assures laughter from the other players.



BERNIE MARCHAND



RICK MISENER



JOHN KOKOTILO

Four at home

Vikings will play over the holidays

Front cover photo of the this years' edition of the Vernon Vikings was taken moments before the Vikings took on their seniors of the Western Canada league, the Medicine Hat Tigers a week ago today.

Vikings came through with a big win in this game by a 3-2 margin and then moved into the coast loop of the eight team BCJHL league playing five more consecutive games ending Monday night at Langley.

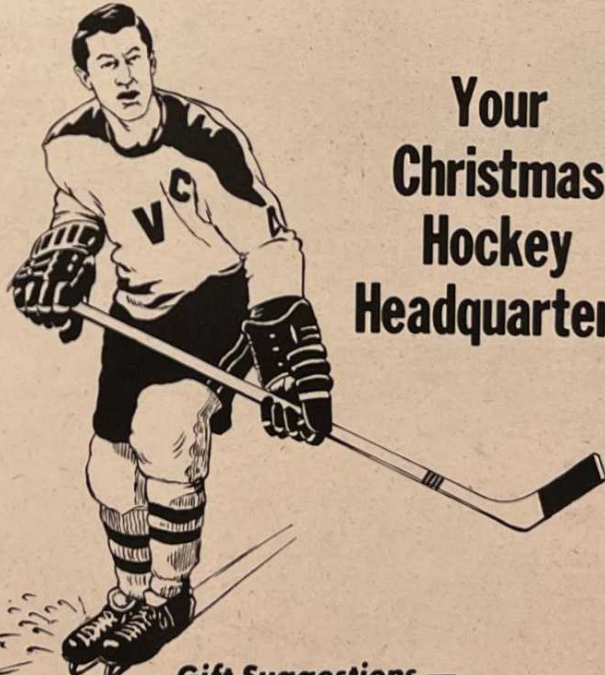
With these six games, winning the first three and losing the other half, Vikings still are not too far off the league leadership pace as they have 22 wins in 33 games played for 44 points, just one point back of Kelowna Buckaroos who have 22 wins and a tie for 45 points. Mind, the tiger game was only

an exhibition.

Next series of games this week will see the Vikings travel to Kelowna on Friday, then play host to Nanaimo on Saturday night.

Then with time off for Christmas, Vikings will then get back into the swing of things with a home game, Friday, Dec. 23 with Kelowna Buckaroos on hand then host Langley Lords

on Sunday Dec. 30 and then will roundout the holiday schedule with a Jan. 1 game at home with Penticton Broncos the visitors. This game will be an afternoon fixture starting at 2:30.



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LYLE BREWER

Team captain Lyle Brewer is playing his final eligibility year as far as his age goes with the BCJHL.

This tough right defencemen born here in Vernon, July 11, 1954 and now 19, has had all of his hockey schooling through the Vernon Minor Hockey Association right up to three seasons ago

when he first donned a Vernon Junior uniform.

While he is non-committal about his future, this quiet spoken but ever tough defenceman does plan on remaining in hockey for as long as he can and will possibly try his luck at the semi-professional level next year.



TIM SANCHE

Tim Sanche is another Kootenay product gaining experience in the BCJHL and with his envious record carried over from last season when he was named rookie of the year, Tim is again proving he does a good job as a blue line patroler.

Tim missed nearly a month of junior A hockey at the start of the season as he was busy trying out for the Kamloops Chiefs of the Western Canada Hockey League.

Now 19 Tim can look forward to a bright future in semi pro hockey.



DON MURDOCH

Don Murdoch, one of Vernon's leading scorers, hails from Cranbrook, B.C. where he was born Oct. 25, 1956 which now makes him at the ripe old age of 17 years.

A right winger by choice, Don can quickly switch to the center ice slot and is known to be quite effective on the blue line when Vikings are on a power play situation. He has a deadly, but accurate shot.

One of Don's aims is to eventually (possibly this season) end up playing for Medicine Hat Tigers of the Western Canada Junior League.

He has already played several games with the Kamloops Chiefs of the same tier one league as Medicine Hat and as a matter of fact played with the Chiefs on Tuesday, December 11, picking up an assist but in a losing cause to the same Tiger club.

While Kamloops lay claim to Murdoch once he moves up from the tier two, BCJHL, he does not want to play for them due in the main to not being able to get along with coach Joe Tennant, hence his desire to play for Medicine Hat.

Vikings holiday schedule

- Friday, December 21
Vikings at Kelowna Buckaroos
- Saturday, December 22
Nanaimo Clippers at Vernon Vikings
- Friday, December 28
Kelowna Bucks at Vernon Vikings
- Sunday, December 30
Langley Lords at Vernon Vikings
- Tuesday, January 1
Penticton Broncos at Vernon Vikings

BCJHL all-star game on Jan. 30

Word out of the BCJHL headquarters at Kamloops indicates the annual mid season All-Star game will take place in Bellingham, Washington.

League officials headed by Dennis Coates have set Wednesday, January 30 as the date for the big annual game.

Following a new format laid down earlier this year, the league fathers decided to

alternate these All-Star games between the coast and interior divisions with Bellingham getting the first nod.

Along with league directors and coaches, All-Star selections will be determined through members of the press and radio sports staff who will get a chance to make their individual choices on special ballot forms already sent them.

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TERRY ANAKA
A native of Canora, Saskatchewan, 18 year old Terry Anaka is another of the first season defencemen acquired by the Vikings this year.

Long before Terry donned his first pair of skates, as a matter of fact when he was only three, his family moved to Edmonton, where as a six year old played his first hockey in a league known as the Mites, then growing with ability moved up to each division until in the 1971-72 season helped his Edmonton based Juvenile team win the provincial championship.



GERRY MUNROE

This solid left wing defenceman is also a rookie with the Vernon Vikings this season and on Dec. 16 celebrated his 18th birthday.

Gerry's birthplace is Saskatoon, Saskatchewan but with his family, moved to Burnaby at a very tender age.

While all of his experience in hockey has been with the minor association in this lower mainland center, interesting aspect of his background stems from the fact he did not start playing hockey until he was 13 years old and played his first games in the Burnaby Bantam house leagues.

It didn't take him long to learn the game of hockey and soon he was playing midget A and later top brand juvenile before coming here to Vernon in September of this year.



PAT BALFOUR



BARRY DYE

Barry Dye is another Vernon native who is trying to outgrow the shadow of an older brother who has done well in both local and tier one level hockey.

Like his brother, Barry Dye is one of the smoother skaters on the Viking roster and is showing a great deal of improvement as the season wears on.



BRIAN GRIESE

A native of Golden, B.C., 18 year old Brian Griese is another of the sturdy Viking defence returnees.

Brian came to the Vikings half-way through last season after seeing duty with the Junior B's of Port Alberni and prior to this gained experience playing in-

termediate hockey in his home town of Golden, where he also got his start in minor hockey.

One of the bigger men on the Viking blue line patrol, Brian can look forward to one more year as a junior A player before moving on to greater things in hockey.

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