

# \$50,000 price tag placed on Vikings

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Vernon Vikings Junior A Hockey Club is apparently up for sale for an unconfirmed price in the area of \$50,000.

Vikings Manager Vern Dye told the Daily News this morning nothing has been finalized but the directors are meeting Thursday night to discuss the club's sale.

Dye said, "We have lost a fair amount of money over the last two years and we have been contacted by a party interested in buying the club."

One of the team's directors said he has been told the offer to buy the club has come from Scotty Munro, owner of the Calgary Centennials, of the Western Canada Hockey League.

The director said, "We have lost in the area of \$20,000 during the past two years and the eight owners now either

have to dig into their pockets and pay the bills or else sell the team."

Dye said the team is certainly worth \$50,000. He said, "You cannot buy a junior hockey franchise anywhere for under that price.

"Our main problem was lack of fan support."

The team director said, "We had a bad season in 1972-73, but this year was even worse.

"If we had made it into the league finals or farther, we would have been laughing. As it was, we had only two home playoff games which did not help our problem at all.

"We still owe some bills from training camp last year."

If the Vikings are acquired by Munro, the club would probably become a farm team for his Calgary Centennials, a tier one junior club.

Dye said, "We should know



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definitely what we are going to do by the end of this week."