

Vikings land seven players

Vernon Vikings Coach Joe Tennant said this morning his club has landed seven good hockey players from northern B.C. and Alberta.

Tennant said his head scout Jim Patterson has recruited two 17-year-olds, four 16-year-olds, and one 15-year-old.

Tennant said, "Only one of the seven players is under six feet."

Top prospect of the group could be forward Todd Alstad. Alstad, 15, is six feet tall and weighs 170.

Defenceman Jim Bonin, 17, from Beaver Lodge, Alta., and centre Grant Menzies, 17, from Grande Prairie, are expected to add lots of muscle to the Vikings. Both weigh about 185 pounds.

Tennant was extremely pleased that the Vikings have been able to land goalie Ron Jones, also from Beaver Lodge. In midget last season, Jones was considered to be a top pro prospect.

Vikings learned today, New Westminster Bruins have taken Bob Johnstone and Dave Dubbin off their protected list, which will allow those two players to attend the

Vikings training camp this year.

Johnstone, 16, played with the Vernon midgets last year and Dubbin was a member of the Vikings.

Tennant said, "We have a lot of good young players coming so we will definitely be running a camp exclusively for local players as well as a rookie camp."

Merritt wins tourney

Merritt captured first place in the annual Jimmy Bonneau Memorial Native Ladies' Softball Tournament held last weekend at Six-mile Park.

Merritt defeated Penticton 11-7 in the final game.

Westbank took third-place in the 11-team tourney. The host club, Vernon Super Bees, was fourth.

32 golfers enter tourney

A total of 32 golfers took part in the Army, Navy, and Air Force Vets. Unit 5. Vernon.