

Vikings land more players

When Medicine Hat Tigers, of the Western Canada Hockey League, signed a working agreement with Joe Tennant's Vernon Vikings, the Tigers could not have known what they were getting into.

Tennant is signing players by the dozens. He has dug up players from such well-known hockey hotbeds as Fort McMurray, Pine Point, Williams Lake, Grande Prairie and Beaver Lodge.

His scouts have been on one of the most extensive recruiting programs ever seen in this province.

Tennant told the Daily News today that he expects about 200 players to report to the Hat's training camp.

He said, "About 150 players will attend the rookie camp starting Sept. 4 and about another 50 will report to the main camp Sept. 7."

In addition to those two camps, because of the high number of players recruited, Vernon will run its own rookie camp for North Okanagan

players, about Sept. 15.

YOUNG TALENT

Although the Tigers are pleased to see the abundance of young talent Tennant has recruited, they could have a little problem running a camp of that size, the biggest in the history of the team.

The latest acquisitions by Vernon, like most of the other players signed, are big.

Sam Tremblay, a lanky winger who played for a senior club in Fort McMurray last season, indicated Tuesday he will be at camp.

He played briefly with Regina Pats, of the WCHL, last season before voluntarily leaving the club.

Ross Nunweiler, a 6'1", 185 pound winger, from Saskatoon was also signed Tuesday. He is only 16 years old and played on the midget all-stars last year in Saskatoon.

Vikings also got another midget age winger, Tuesday, Mike Wiliston, 6'1", 170 pounds, from Williams Lake.