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Vikings' camp opens Thursday

MEDICINE HAT (Staff) — Vernon Vikings coach Joe Tennant left here this morning with 32 hockey players, bound for Vernon.

The 32 which left today, will be followed by 11 more after Medicine Hat Tigers' intra-squad game tonight.

Tennant told the Daily News he is pleased with the crop of players he is bringing with him.

He said, "We have a lot of youth and size and we are going to have a good club. With the 43 players coming from the Hat, along with about 15 local rookies trying out, we'll open our camp with 58 players."

LOTS OF SIZE

Vikings appear to have an abundance of big defencemen, something which was badly lacking on the club last season.

Among the blueliners Tennant is high on are 190-pounder Maurice Davidson, 16, from Coquitlam, and Murray O'Neil, also 190, from Hinton, Alta.

Viking fans may get a chance to see another Gassoff brother play in Vernon this year. Gary, a 175-pound defenceman is on the bus with Tennant.

Gary's older brother, Bob, played with Vernon several years ago and is now with St. Louis Blues.

Among the Vernon boys expected to stick with the parent club Tigers are Don Murdoch and Jeff Boychuk. Tennant said, "Kenny Holland has also looked good and will be playing in their intra-squad game."

GOOD FORWARDS

The Vernon coach said, "We also have a lot of good forwards and every player will have to work hard to make the club.

"Gary Gilchrist and Bob Burgoyne, from Vernon; Owen Lloyd, from Vancouver; and Clyde Goodswimmer, from Peace River, are among the most impressive forwards coming back to Vernon."

Vikings will hit the ice in Vernon Thursday.

The club is still in need of accommodation for one week, for players trying out with the club. Anyone who can help is asked to call 542-6117.

Still time to sign up

Vernon Kokanees Swim Club is still accepting registrations for the 1974-75