



Vikings battle Blazers in pre-season opener

Cernon Vikings' training camp roster has been trimmed to 33, and that figure will decrease tonight.

Vikings' coach Joe Tennant cut several players Monday and will release more today in preparation for the club's first exhibition game Wednesday, in Revelstoke, against Bellingham Blazers.

One player who will not be with the Vikings Wednesday is Jeff Boychuk.

TWO GOALS
Boychuk scored two goals Monday as the Vikings' parent club, Medicine Hat Tigers, battled to a 7-7 tie with Calgary Centennials.

Boychuk has been impressive with the Tigers as have ex-Vikings' goalie Ken Holland and winger Don Murdoch. No information was available on how Holland and Murdoch performed Monday.

Back in Vernon, Tennant is quite pleased with the way his club is progressing.

One defenceman Tennant is counting heavily on, Murray O'Neil, has not scrimmaged since arriving in Vernon from the Hat. O'Neil injured his



JEFF BOYCHUK
... scores two

ankle in Medicine Hat's intra-squad game, however, he is now skating.

Marshall earns his pay cheque

Andy Messersmith, the Los Angeles Dodgers' big winner,

Big Owen Lloyd, from Vancouver, has been impressive on the blueline corps. Holdovers battling for a spot on defence are Sam Bowman, Terry Anaka, and Brian Griese.

GOOD LINE

Up front, holdovers Marty Stein and Grant Sidnick, have been teamed up with rookie Clyde Goodswimmer, to form one of the camp's most effective forward lines.

Centres Gary Gilchrist and Bob Burgoyne from Vernon, and Ron Areshenkoff from Grand Forks, have all looked good at times. Vernon winger Dave Caldwell, who injured his leg several weeks ago playing softball, now appears to be hitting his stride.

The Vikings will host Blazers in another exhibition game Thursday in Vernon.

Francisco Giants defeated Atlanta Braves 4-2.

MORE THAN 30 Vernon Vikings hopefuls have been on the ice at least twice a day since Friday, when the club's training camp opened. The training camp roster was reduced today in preparation for the first pre-season game Wednesday.

On this play in Monday afternoon's scrimmage, an unidentified goalie makes a great save as defenceman Maurice Davidson and Terry Anaka, look for the rebound.

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Fight postponed due to deep cut

KINSHASA, Zaire (AP) — A cut near the right eye of world heavyweight champion George Foreman was described today as deep and serious, and it caused the Zaire government to agree to postpone Foreman's title fight against Muhammad Ali from Sept. 25 to either Oct. 23 or Oct. 30.

The postponement announcement was first made in New York by Hank Schwartz, vice-president of Video Techniques, promoters of the

