

Old rivals meet in Vernon tonight

One of the oldest hockey rivalries in B.C. resumes tonight when Vernon Vikings play host to Kelowna Buckaroos in B.C. Junior Hockey League action at the Vernon Civic Arena.

Vernon coach Joe Tennant has had his club working extremely hard this week for what he terms, "A must game for us."

Bucks hold a 13 point lead over second-place Vernon in the interior division of the BCJHL.

NEW FACES

At least two new faces will be in the Viking line-up, winger Larry Thompson and defenceman Don Patzer. Tennant had hoped to have another blueliner, Bill Kelts, here in time for the game but now he is not expected until early next week.

Kelowna has not lost a game, since Vernon defeated



DALE TURNER
... rejoins Bucks

them, in the Regatta City, Oct. 29.

Since that game, Kelowna has added two players and lost two. The newcomers are defencemen Murray Slezak and Dale Turner. Turner, a member of the Bucks last season, returned this week from a pro tryout in Flint,

Mich., and is expected to add muscle and leadership to the already strong Kelowna defence.

Slezak, only 15 years old, is 6' 1" and weighs 180 pounds.

Left wing Dave Colborne has left the Bucks for a tryout with Calgary Centennials and Tom Jackholm was released by Kelowna last week and is now trying out with Merritt Centennials.

Buckaroo officials were pleased to get Turner back as they feel he is the best defenceman in the league.

However, Vernon coach Joe Tennant's appraisal of Turner was, "He's got two arms and two legs like the rest of us."

Tennant hopes to get more production out of his club as a whole, rather than just one line, as has been the case in recent weeks.

Vikings' W.A.G. line of Greg Walmsley, Ron Areshnekoff, and Gary Gilchirst has been handling the majority of scoring in recent games but as Tennant says, "While that line is playing good hockey, we must get the other lines scoring again like they were earlier in the season."

Stiff opposition for VSSS

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