

# Vikings host league leaders

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Vernon Vikings Coach Joe Tennant was happy last week when he acquired wingers Jeff Boychuk and Jack Lefley from the parent Medicine Hat Tigers.

But, Tennant is even happier this week that the two players are here because of injuries last week to several key players.

The injury-riddled Vikings play host to league-leading Kelowna Buckaroos Wednesday and as Tennant said, "It is tough to play the Bucks with anything but a full set of soldiers."

At least three Vernon forwards will miss the game. Captain Greg Walmsley picked up a cracked cheek bone in a fight Sunday when the Vikings met Merritt. One of the team's top scorers, the 190 pound winger will be out until at least Christmas.

Left wing Darrell Booth, out with a back and neck injury, has already missed the last six games and will not dress Wednesday.

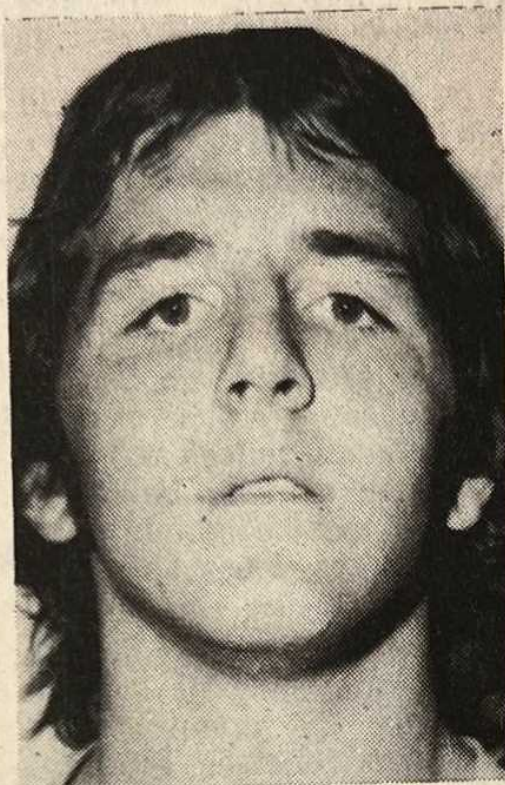
Centre Bill Ranson who picked up a broken nose last week will probably be out of the line-up for another week.

However, Brad Schultz, who missed the last three games with the flu, will be back against Kelowna.

Boychuk has moved onto a line with Dwight Bailey and Marty Stein while Lefley has taken Booth's spot with Grant Sidnick and Darrell Billsten.

Walmsley's position, with centre Ron Areshnekoff and Gary Gilchrist, may be filled by defenceman, John Scammel. That line's style is a hitting game and Scammel loves that type of hockey.

In 30 games this season, Kelowna has lost only five



GREG WALMSLEY  
... cracked cheek

times, twice to the second-place Vikings. Bucks have defeated Vernon three times so far this year.

Tennant was particularly pleased with the play of Lefley during his club's two victories over the weekend, against Merritt and Nanaimo.

He said, "Lefley is a big, hungry winger who can handle himself and will help us a lot."

**GOALPOSTS:** Vernon's farm club, Grand Forks, won only once in 10 games at the start of this season. But since they received player help from the Vikings, including goalie Keith Ferner, one month ago, Grand Forks has been the hottest team in the Kootenay International Junior B League.

# Sports

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## Busy weekend for pup reps

Vernon pup reps dumped Enderby 9-2 in exhibition minor hockey action Monday in Enderby.

Greg Kowal scored three times for the winners while Tom Day added a pair. Tom Wells, Kevin Savitsky, David Wensley, and Kevin Miskosky notched one each for Vernon.

G. Hawries and T. Burstyk replied for Enderby.

Sunday, the pup reps suffered a 2-0 loss to the Vernon

games, Vernon Sport and Marine battled to a 3-3 tie with Archie Fleming, Elks dumped Butcher Boys 3-1, and Geniers fought to a 4-4 draw with Tradeland.

Steve Schmidt, Mark Deshane, and Kevin Allen connected for Sport and Marine while Andy Smith, Dwayne Otto, and Robert Bare replied for Flemings.

Greg and Doug Wurz along with Steve Hesketh scored

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# VERNON VIKINGS

## HOCKEY SCHEDULE

### HOME GAMES                      JANUARY

Wednesday, Jan. 1 .....	Kelowna at Vernon
Friday, Jan. 3 .....	Penticton at Vernon
Saturday, Jan. 11 .....	Nanaimo at Vernon
Wednesday, Jan. 15 .....	Merritt at Vernon
Saturday, Jan. 18 .....	Kelowna at Vernon
Saturday, Jan. 25 .....	Penticton at Vernon
Friday, Jan. 31 .....	Bellingham at Vernon

### FEBRUARY

Saturday, Feb. 8 .....	Kelowna at Vernon
Wednesday, Feb. 12 .....	Nanaimo at Vernon
Sunday, Feb. 16 .....	Langley at Vernon
Saturday, Feb. 22 .....	Penticton at Vernon
Wednesday, Feb. 26 .....	Penticton at Vernon

### MARCH

Saturday, March 1 .....	Chilliwack at Vernon
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**Keep this schedule of home games handy, and make a point of attending regularly, and cheering on our team.**

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