

BUCKS HAVE PROBLEMS

Vikings' training camp opens in Medicine Hat

Vernon Vikings open their training camp on Thursday, in Medicine Hat, Alta., in conjunction with their Western Canada Hockey League affiliate, the Tigers.

About 130 players will hit the ice Thursday morning, but only 20 of those will be staying with Medicine Hat.

From the remaining group, Vernon Coach Joe Tennant will be bringing about 40 players back here to try out for the Vikings.

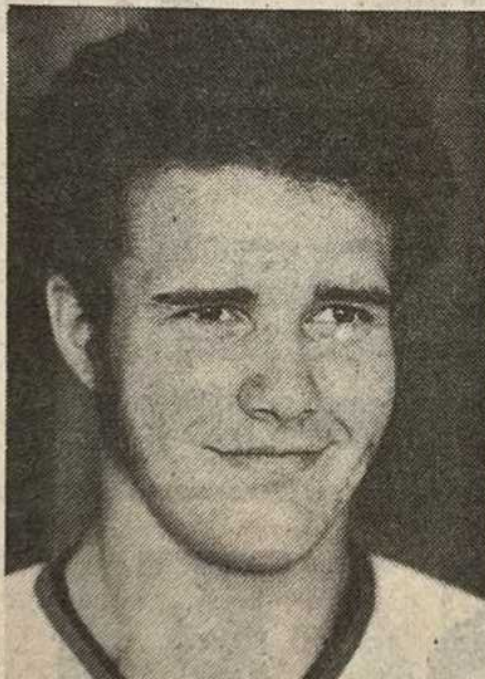
Tennant told the Daily News there are a lot of good prospects at the Tigers' camp who could end up in Vernon.

The Vernon coach said, "We have a good nucleus left from last season, and with the new players going to camp, we should have a good club."

Meanwhile, Vikings' arch-rivals, Kelowna Buckaroos, are having their problems.

Because of the civic strike in Kelowna, the Bucks are practicing whenever ice is available in Osoyoos.

Kelowna, the defending Interior Division champs, will



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have a lot of new faces this year.

Bucks have lost at least 10 players from last year's team.

Archie McKinnon, Bill Haynes, Dale Turner, Duane Monteith, and Marcel VandeGraaf are too old, goalie Jerry Nekrasoff won't be back, and three players have been given scholarships.

Defending league scoring champion Doug Berry and defenceman Gord Gibson will be attending the University of Denver while the other goalie, Bill Stankoven, has gone to the University of North Dakota.

Berry's high-scoring linemates Perry and Mark Schaar are back this season, but Mark's hockey future is questionable.

The speedy winger has tension problems which could greatly hamper his play.

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