

'A REAL BATTLE FOR VETERANS'

Viking rookies shine

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MEDICINE HAT —

Medicine Hat Tigers of the Western Canada Hockey League broke training camp

today and their number one farm team Vernon Vikings left for home with 40 players.

Tigers' coach Jack Shupe made his final camp cuts this morning and said he plans on

keeping five members of last year's Vikings among the 24 players he will keep on his club's roster until the end of September.

Forwards Ron Areshneoff,

Gary Gilchrist, and Brad Schultz, defenceman Owen Lloyd, and goalie Jim Scammel stayed in the Hat when Vikings' coach Joe Tennant left for home today.

The 40 players that Tennant left here with will be joined by about 20 others when Vikings open their camp on Saturday.

The Vernon coach will have only three days to pick a team before Vikings open their exhibition schedule Monday against Kelowna Buckaroos.

Twelve players who finished last season with the Vikings have been cut by the Tigers but Tennant feels only about six will make this season's Vernon club.

REAL BATTLE

He said, "We have so many good rookies coming it's going to be a real battle for all the veterans."

From the 60 players at Vernon's camp, 15 will be assigned early next week to Vikings Junior B farm team in Grand Forks.

Shupe said, "A lot of the Vernon kids look good but I was disappointed with a few. I thought Gary Gassoff and Darryll Billsten would have shown better."

"Areshneoff and Gilchrist haven't shown too much either but we think they'll come around so we're going to give them a longer look."

Lloyd and Schultz impressive in game

MEDICINE HAT (Staff) —

The stacked Blue team hammered the White team 9-4 Tuesday night before 1,600 fans in the Medicine Hat Tigers inter-squad game.

Seventeen members of last year's Vernon Vikings were among the 48 players who took part in the game.

Tigers' veteran Brian Hill led the Blues' attack with three goals while Jack Lefley, Elmer Ray, Darcy Wilkinson, Gary Benson, Tom Bast, and Robbie Jacobson added singles.

Jeff Boychuk scored twice for the White team while Greg Carroll and Darrell Booth

notched one apiece.

Both clubs used a different goalie in each period. Ex-Viking Jim Scammel allowed two goals in one period for the Blues while Darrell Furmanek was beaten four times in one period for the Whites.

GOOD CHECKS

Tigers' veteran line of Hill, Ray, and Don Murdoch collected a total of nine points.

Most impressive of last year's Vikings were defenceman Owen Lloyd and winger Brad Schultz. Lloyd threw several good checks while Schultz fit in well on a line with Tiger veterans Morris Lukowich and Carroll.

Among the best-looking rookies scheduled to head for Vernon were Wilkinson, Rich Simpson, Dean Pratico, Bob Putman, and Clyde Goodswimmer.

SPORTS BRIEFS

VENUE DECIDED

MINSK, U.S.S.R. (CP) —

The 1977 world Graeco-Roman wrestling championships will be held at Gothenburg, Sweden, the international wrestling federation decided Tuesday. Also the same year, the world freestyle championships will be held at Ismir, Turkey, and the world sambo championships in Spain.

RETIRES FROM TENNIS

IRWIN WINS

HAMILTON (CP) — Tom Irwin of Moncton, N.B., shot rounds of 72 and 75 Tuesday to win the Canadian Professional Golfers' Association assistant pro tournament by four strokes. Irwin had a three-round total of 216 to pick up \$1,000, an invitation to the 1976 CPGA tournament and an exemption into next year's Canadian Open. Pat O'Donnell