



DEFENCEMAN OWEN LLOYD (number 7 dark) tries to go around **Brian Griese** during Tuesday's intra-squad game at the Medicine Hat Tigers training camp in the Alberta city. Coming over to give Griese a hand are **Dwight Bailey**, 18, and **Peter Poeschek**, six. Lloyd is the only one of this group who stuck with the Tigers.

(Medicine Hat News Photo by Frank Webber)

Vikings' camp to open with about 60 players

About 60 players will hit the ice at the Vernon Civic Arena on Saturday morning when Vernon Vikings open their training camp.

Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant is returning from Medicine Hat Tigers' training camp with about 40 players, and those hopefuls will be joined in Vernon by another 20 youngsters from throughout the province.

Any Okanagan players, aged 16 to 18, interested in trying out with the Vikings, are asked to attend a local tryout Saturday morning at 7 a.m.

BIG SURPRISE

Defenceman Owen Lloyd, who played last season with Vernon, surprised and shocked everyone at the Tigers' camp on Wednesday.

After being told by Medicine Hat Coach Jack Shupe that he had made the team, the 195-pound Lloyd informed Shupe that he was returning home to finish his high school education.

Tennant, Shupe, and another ex-Viking Don Murdoch, who now plays for the Tigers, all talked with Lloyd and assured him he could attend school in Medicine Hat this year rather than returning to North Vancouver.

Tigers are very high on Lloyd and last report was that he was going to remain in Medicine Hat.

TRADING BLOCK

Several of last year's Vikings have been put on the trading block by the Tigers after they failed to make the club. Jeff Boychuk, Dwight

Bailey, Grant Sidnick, Darrell Booth, Gary Gassoff, and Jack Lefley have been offered to the other Western Canada Hockey League teams.

If they are not picked up, Sidnick, Lefley, and possibly Gassoff will return to Vernon this season. However, the other three are not included in

Tennant's plans.

Terry Anaka, Peter Poeschek, Brian Griese, Darrel Furmanek, and Darrell Billsten are the only members of last year's Vernon team definitely returning here. Herb Smith was given his outright release.

Tennant feels he has enough

good 16 and 17 year olds that some of the veterans are expendable.

Among the 60 players at Vernon's camp are 15 who will be assigned to their junior B affiliate in Grand Forks. Vikings will keep 20 players and the remaining 25 will be cut.

Union and management hoping to end strike

NEW YORK (AP) — The National Football League and its rebellious players' union reached agreement today following a 13-hour negotiation session in an effort to put five striking clubs back to work and ensure that this weekend's opening games are played.

W. J. Usery, director of the federal mediation and conciliation service, announced a memorandum of agreement between the NFL Management Council and the players' union at 9 a.m. EDT

and a delegation of four persons headed for Boston. There, they were to try and persuade the striking New England Patriots to accept the offer.

Details of the agreement were not announced. But one part of it guarantees a full offer from management on a new labor contract by next Monday.

In the delegation going to Boston were Sargent Karch, executive director of the management council; players' union head Ed

Garvey, and player representatives Doug Van Horn of New York Giants and Richard Neal of New York Jets.

PATRIOTS THE KEY

Sources said Neal and Van Horn were to recommend the agreement to their teammates, who form two of the striking clubs. Key to ending the six-day-old strike that threatens the regular NFL season were the Patriots.

The Boston Globe reported that the Patriots, meeting in a four-hour session that broke up at 1 a.m. this morning, had rejected a management proposal that would have put them back to work. However, both sides seemed optimistic that the latest labor problem might be nearly solved.

Usery said the agreement affects all 26 clubs. In addition to the Giants, Jets and Patriots, the other striking clubs are Washington Redskins and Detroit Lions.

Time running out for the Orioles

By ASSOCIATED PRESS
Time, the newest member of the Boston Red Sox lineup, keeps moving up in the batting order.

games of the Red Sox, the same position they were in before they landed in Boston. The Red Sox have 10 games left, the Orioles 11.

Boston's "magic" number