

# Tennant has problem of cutting down roster

Coaching a junior hockey team is often pictured as a position of glory, controlling 20 young players hoping to make a future in hockey.

At the end of the season, if a team is a winner, the coach is hero. If the team loses, the coach is a bum.

Vernon Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant is in the midst of the job coaches hate the most. He is trying to cut his roster to 20 players from the 80 he started with here six days ago.

Tennant made two tough cuts Wednesday, reducing the roster to 27.

Released were centre Bill Ranson and winger Bruce Wood.

## THIRD TRY

For Ranson, it was his third try with the Vikings. He made the club last year and stayed for half the season. However, he fell a victim of the numbers game and was cut in January.

Wood split last season between Vernon and their farm club in Grand Forks.

Tennant described both players as nice boys and hard kids to cut.

Vikings leave on a three-game road trip Friday morning and Tennant plans on



GRANT SIDNICK  
... skating now

being down to 22 or 23 players by then. Vernon plays its season opener Friday night in Langley.

**GOALPOSTS:** Forward Grant Sidnick started skating Wednesday and is expected to be ready for the road swing. He suffered a back injury last week and hasn't scrimmaged all week . . . Ex-Vikings goalie Ken Holland has decided to return to Medicine Hat and play another year of Junior A with the Tigers. Holland, 20, was trying out with the Toronto Maple Leafs and feels he would have made one of their farm teams but thought he would be better off to play junior . . . Another ex-Viking, Eddie Johnstone was cut by New York Rangers this week and assigned to their farm team in Providence.

## Gymnastics class registration today

A gymnastics program for junior, senior, and advanced participants will begin Oct. 6 at Coldstream Elementary School.

Instructors for the course,

sponsored jointly by the Vernon Parks and Recreation and North Okanagan Regional District Recreation Departments, will be Helen and Sandy Glennie.

The Glennies