

Several new players workout with Vikings

Anyone who strolled into the Vernon Arena Tuesday at noon would have sworn the Vernon Vikings were holding training camp all over again.

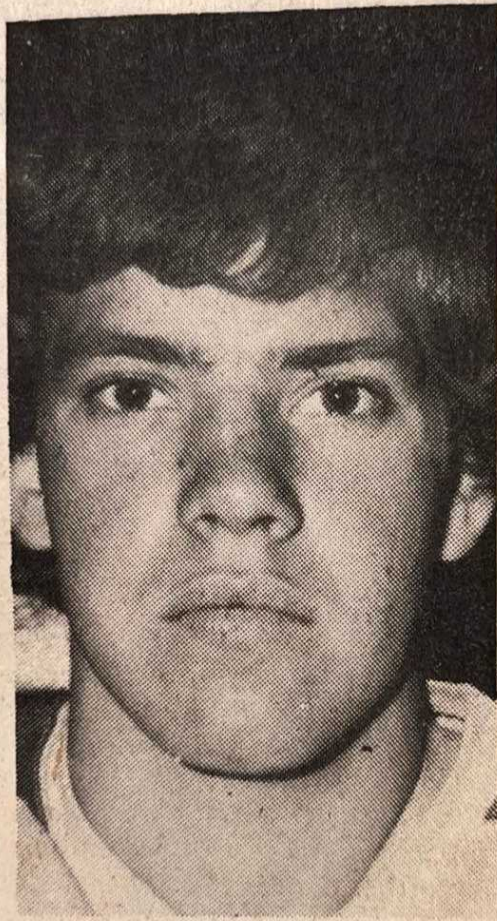
Vikings had 23 players on the ice and they were all working as if fighting for spots on the team.

Coach Joe Tennant told the Daily News there are players arriving in town just about every day asking for tryouts.

He said, "I guess everyone wants to be with a winner. But, the good thing is, new guys keep the veterans on their toes."

MAY STICK

One player on a tryout who might stick with the Vikings is defenceman Jim Misener, of Vernon. Misener started the season with Taber, of the Alberta Junior A Hockey League, but was traded to the Pass Red Devils and refused to report.



PETER POESCHEK
... on big line

Tennant said he will probably take a look at Misener in one of the weekend games against Kelowna Buckaroos.

Speaking of the Bucks, the Kelowna squad won its fifth consecutive game in fine fashion Tuesday by thumping Merritt Centennials 12-3.

However, Tennant says his club will cool off the red-hot Buckaroos.

Vikings host Kelowna on Friday, and travel to the Regatta City Saturday.

Tennant said, "We'll see how good the Buckaroos are when the going gets a little rough."

BIG LINE

The colorful Vernon coach united perhaps the biggest line in B.C. Junior Hockey League history in practice Tuesday.

The unit, with Rick Simpson between Peter Poeschek and Jack Lefley, averages 196 pounds.

Lefley, just back from an injury which kept him out of action for six weeks, was skating well in practice and was eager to mix it up in the corners despite the wire mask, attached to his helmet, to protect his broken jaw.

Dryden faces Soviets tonight

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