

Vikings lose veteran wing

Veteran right wing Grant Sidnick will no longer be playing with Vernon Vikings on a regular basis.

Sidnick, in his third year with the Vikings, decided to return to college this month and has found that playing hockey, as well as going to school, is too much of a burden.

Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant said, "We hate to lose Grant as a regular, but he has signed a junior B card and will be available to us in emergencies."

"I imagine he will play some games with us during the remainder of the season and playoffs."

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Sidnick is off to his best start this year. With one-half the season completed, he has 12 goals and 32 assists for 44 points, third on the team.

Tennant said, "I don't plan on bringing in a replacement because even with Sidnick gone, we still have 19 players."

Sidnick, 19, played minor hockey in Vernon before joining the Vikings in the 1973-74 season.

Meanwhile, rosters are frozen on Jan. 10, and Vikings appear content to go with what they have.

Tennant said, "The club we have here has taken us to first-place, and lost only twice in the last 24 games, so I can't see any reason to make a change."



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In an attempt to cutdown on long lineups at home games, Vikings are offering a reduced advance ticket price for the final 10 league games.

Tennant said, "We hope this project will reduce the mad rush at the door for tickets just prior to game time. Also, anyone taking advantage of this package gets first chance at playoff tickets."

The package will include admission to 10 games, beginning Feb. 1. For further information phone 542-6117.