

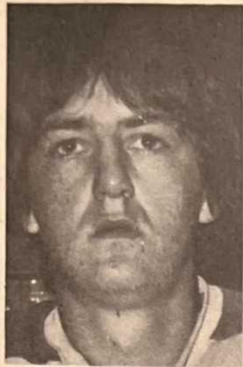
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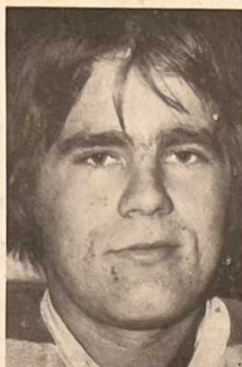
**1975 - 1976
BCJHL LEAGUE WINNERS**

*Good Luck
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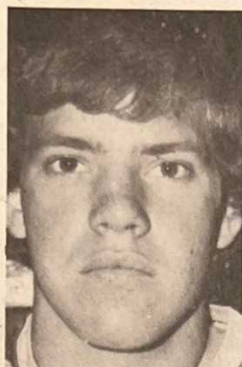
MEET THE VIKINGS



1. **KEITH FERNER** came to Vikings this year from Grand Forks Border Bruins. He started last season with Vikings, but after a dismal start, was sent down. This year has been a different story. The rangy netminder posted the lowest goals against average in the BCJHL and was named to the first all-star team. His brothers Keith and Daryl are both members of the Kamloops Chiefs.



30. **DARRELL FURMANEK** is in his second season with the Vikings. He spent most of last year on the bench behind Jim Scammel, but this season has alternated with Ferner. Known as a clutch goalie, Darrell, along with Keith, gives Vikings probably the best one-two netminding duo in the league. Just 17 years old, Fermie appears to have a bright future ahead of him.



2. **PETER POESCHEK** spent most of the season at forward, a position unusual for the 200-pound, 20-year-old. A defenceman by trade, he was moved up front to give Vikings some muscle on the forward line. He responded with a 20-goal plus season. Captain of the club this year, he has established himself as one of the premier penalty killers in the BCJHL.



3. **GARY GASSOFF** may be the most improved player on the Vikings this season. Gary spent last season on the Vikings' blue line corps and had a mediocre rookie season. However, on the wing this year, Gassoff has become one of the Vikings' sparkplugs. He adds muscle and hustle up front and is particularly at home in the corners. His three older brothers are in the pro ranks.



4. **GRANT SIDNICK** is a home-grown product. Known for his unusual style of aggressive play, Grant has a way of adding excitement to a game. It is no coincidence that when Sidnick took a month off for school in January, Vikings started slumping. He is in his third season with the club, and at 19, has turned into a team leader both on and off the ice. He is a student at Okanagan College.



5. **TERRY ANAKA** scored more goals than any other defenceman in the league this season. Only defenceman to get more points than Terry was Nanaimo's Greg Borbraten. He was selected Vikings' most valuable defenceman last year, and this year he shared that award with Brian Griese. Anaka, 20, played in his second consecutive all-star game this season.



6. **BRIAN GRIESE** shared the top defenceman award this year with his close friend, Anaka. In his fourth season with the Vikings, Brian is considered to be one of the best stickhandlers in the BCJHL. Not known for his overly-aggressive play, Griese is an excellent stick-checker and plays the body when necessary. He eclipsed the 20-goal plateau this season for the first time ever.



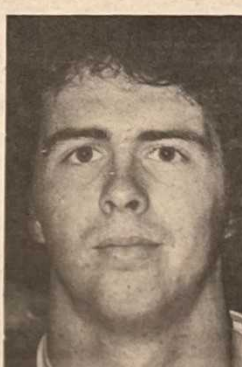
7. **DARRELL BILLSTEN** has been Vikings' Most Gentlemanly Player for the past two seasons. In a time when everyone is talking about hockey violence, Darrell is a prime example of a player who can do a job without being dirty. One of the strongest skaters on the club, Darrell scored 24 goals in his rookie season last year. Medicine Hat Tigers plan on taking a close look at him at camp next September.



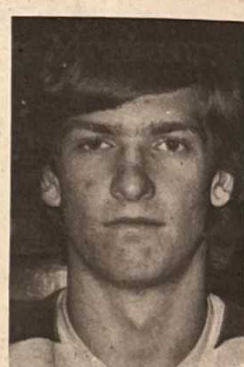
8. **KEN OULTON** is probably one of the top 16-year-old hockey players in the province. From Smithers, Kenny came to Vikings shortly after the season started. He possesses a good shot from the point, as his 12 goals prove, and is excellent at defending on one-on-one breaks. Although a little small for a defenceman, he makes up for his lack of size with thinking. Could be a great one next year.



9. **STEVE DANSHIN** was selected Rookie of the Year on the Vikings this season. Steve came to Vernon from Grand Forks where he was second in the Kootenay International Junior B League in scoring. He centres Vikings' highest scoring line and scored more than 30 goals himself this year. A fine stickhandler, skater, and playmaker, Danshin is expected to be wearing a Medicine Hat uniform in 1976-77.



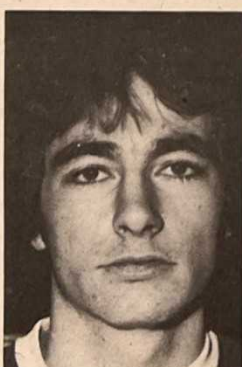
10. **KEN STROUD** led the Vikings in game-winning and game-tying goals this season. Perhaps the fastest skater on the team, he has left many a defenceman in his tracks as he pours on the after-burners. He possesses every quality needed of a hockey player — speed, size, a good shot, natural ability, and desire. Stroud is one-third of Vikings' top line along with Danshin and Halasz.



11. **DARCY WILKINSON** is one of the few players gifted with natural scoring ability. One of the top scorers on the Vikings this year as a rookie, Darcy, like Billsten, very seldom takes costly penalties. He ran into a slump in January and February, but Coach Joe Tennant feels he will come out of it in time to be one of the key players in playoffs for Vernon.



12. **RICK SIMPSON** got off to a slow start this season, but the big rookie has been improving every game. Just 17, Rick already tips the scales at more than 190 pounds. When he decided to keep Simpson, Tennant said, "Rick is going to be one of our players of the future." After the Christmas break, Simpson started scoring goals more regularly, and could be a star next season.



14. **CALVIN HALASZ** was one of the final cuts from Medicine Hat's camp this season. But, he intends to make sure that doesn't happen again. After a fast start, the 17-year-old winger talled off in mid-season and went into a slump. In mid-February the scoring touch came back and Calvin has been terrorizing goalies around the league in recent weeks. Like his linemates, Calvin scored more than 30 goals.



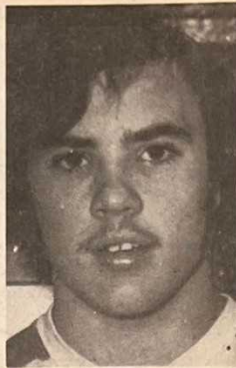
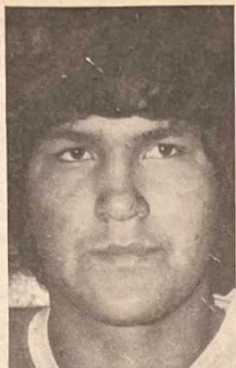
15. **GARY HUTH** led the Vikings in scoring this year from start to finish. He picked up 99 points last year with Chilliwack Bruins, and although he didn't quite hit that total this season, he had a better all-round year. Why did he come to Vernon? He says there is just one reason, "Joe is the best coach in the league." Huth is a student at Okanagan College.

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16. JACK LEFLEY has established himself, over the past two seasons, as one of the most rugged performers in the BCJHL. Although you won't find the 195-pound winger in the league's top 10 scorers, any coach in the league would love to have Jack in his line-up. A great digger and penalty killer, Lefley also handles himself well when fisticuffs are involved.

17. CLYDE GOODSWIMMER was named Most Popular Player on the Vikings this season. His unorthodox and aggressive style delight the fans at home, and infuriate the fans on the road. Clyde, 17, hopes to be joined by his younger brother on the Vikings next season. That is if the elder Goodswimmer doesn't stick with the Hat. His brother is playing Junior B in Edson, Alta., and is reportedly bigger than 190-pound Clyde.

GRAND FORKS BORDER BRUINS boasted several fine young players on their junior B roster this season.

Unfortunately Bruins were recently eliminated from playoffs in the Kootenay-International Junior B

League, but luckily for Vikings, Bruins' players are now available to Vernon for playoff duty. From left,

Barry Lang, Blair Donnelly, Jim Misener, and Ken McNabb may see duty with Vikings.



18. BRIAN MASER has changed from a big, tough kid, into a big, tough hockey player. Maser, 17, tips the scales at 212 pounds and boasts one of the most impressive fighting records in the BCJHL; he claims no defeats. Brian has improved immeasurably and reminds local fans of Owen Lloyd, the punishing defenceman who graduated to Medicine Hat this season.

19. DREW TUMBACH is like lightning when he streaks down the right wing. A native of Medicine Hat, Tumbach hit the 20-goal plateau in his rookie season this year. Tennant feels with a year under his belt, Drew will be a top-flight performer next season. Because of his speed, he is a fine two-way winger, able to cover up for mistakes.

VIKINGS HOCKEY

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE



**Vernon Vikings vs
Chilliwack Bruins**

- Game 1**
FRIDAY, MARCH 12th
Vernon Civic Arena, 8 p.m.
- Game 2**
SATURDAY, MARCH 13th
Vernon Civic Arena, 8 p.m.
- Game 3**
FRIDAY, MARCH 19th
In Chilliwack
- Game 4**
SATURDAY, MARCH 20th
In Chilliwack
- Game 5 (if necessary)**
TUESDAY, MARCH 23rd
In Vernon Civic Arena, 8 p.m.
- Game 6 (if necessary)**
THURSDAY, MARCH 25th
In Chilliwack
- Game 7 (if necessary)**
SATURDAY, MARCH 27th
In Vernon Civic Arena, 8 p.m.

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AWARD WINNERS

Vikings recently held their annual Awards Banquet and Dance, honoring this season's top performers. Award winners were, from left, most

popular player Clyde Goodswimmer, co-winner of best defenceman Terry Anaka, most gentlemanly player Darrell Billsten, rookie of the year Steve Danshin,

most valuable player Keith Ferner, unsung hero Ken Oulton, and co-winner of best defenceman Brian Griese.

(Daily News photo)

Little violence this year anywhere in the BCJHL

Hockey violence is on the minds of all sports fans this year, but one league where rough-stuff has not been a problem is the B.C. Junior Hockey League.

Certainly the league has not been without its altercations, but as far as bench-emptying brawls go, the BCJHL has avoided such useless activities.

This incident, in the picture below, took place at a game in

Nanaimo in early January. Although things look bad from this angle, only four players were actually involved.

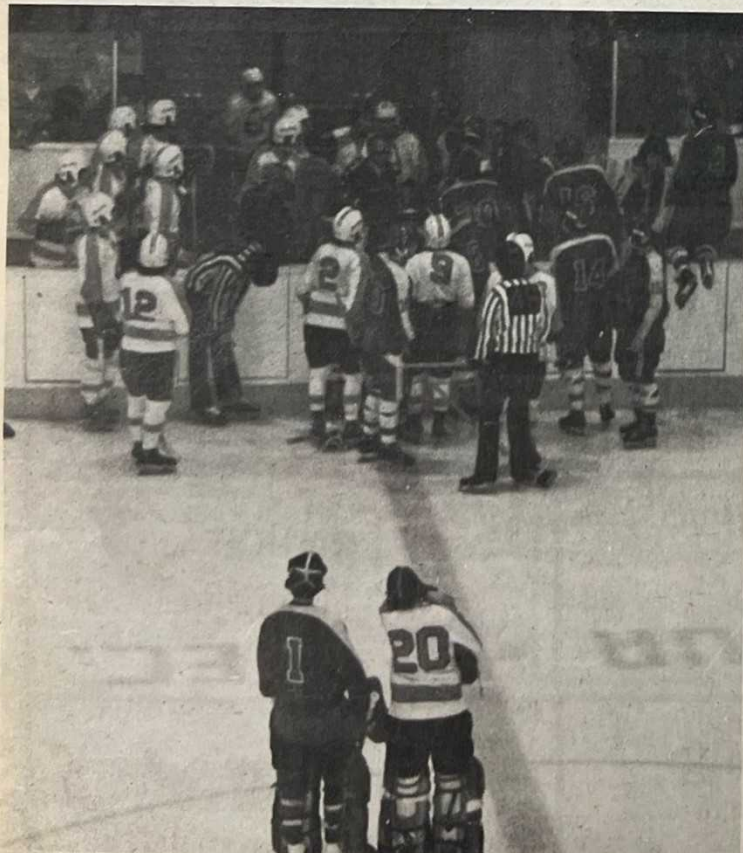
BCJHL President Bryan Couling and the league governors have frowned on any unnecessary brawling. In fact, heavy fines, suspensions, and probations have effectively curbed these activities.

While brawling seems to be a way of life in the Western Canada Hockey League,

Couling says, "Our league doesn't need that kind of garbage."

Fans attending Vikings' home games have seen no more than 10 fights during the entire season. That would barely be one period of activity at a WCHL game in New Westminster.

Couling says, "Good, fast, hard-hitting hockey is the objective of this league, not intimidation."



A LITTLE EXTRA ACTIVITY

Back the Vikings They're Tops

By IRENE DeRILLE
A loyal fan from Armstrong

I back the Vikings they're tops,
So let's pull out all the stops.
We are the best we are the kings,
So let's make the rafters ring.

We went to see Vernon play Kelowna the other night,
There were not many fans there and it just ain't right.
These teams play hockey that is second to none,
We go to most home games and always have fun.

On Friday the Chilliwack Bruins will be here,
So come on and back Vikings with a cheer.
We have a team that can go all the way,
Our Terry Anaka is one of the best today.

Our goalies Furmanek and Ferner stop all the shots,
With Gassoff, Griese, and Huth giving all they've got.
Poeschek and Wilkinson, young Sidnick and Stroud,
All playing good hockey, so holler loud.

Tumbach, Maser, and Halasz each filling their spots,
Simpson, Lefley, and Oulton all mean a lot.
Then Billsten and Goodswimmer pass the test,
The manager and coach, Joe Tennant is the best.

We have a fine team, they win their share,
It must hurt them to see those seats empty and bare.
So come on out and back the Vikings, our boys,
When they win the trophy, we will share their joy.

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WITH THE TIGERS

Six ex-members of the Vernon Vikings are now proudly wearing the uniform of the Medicine Hat Tigers. Tigers are locked in a battle with Kamloops Chiefs for second-place in the Western Canada Hockey

League. From left, the ex-Vikings are Gary Gilchrist, Ron Areshnekoff, Cliff Lane (injured when this picture was taken), Kenny Holland, Owen Lloyd, and Don Murdoch. Murdoch is currently leading the WCHL

in goals and is second in the league in scoring. Areshnekoff is considered to be one of the leading candidates for rookie of the year on Tigers.

(Daily News photo)



NUMBER ONE FAN

Vikings' number one fan, without doubt, is Mrs. Dennison. A hockey fan since 1906, she seldom misses a home game. Coach

Joe Tennant and the club paid tribute to her at the team's recent awards banquet and dance.

**Roly Sammartino
... Vikings' trainer**

Vernon Vikings' veteran trainer Roly Sammartino was born in Trill, B.C., home of the former world champion Trill Smoke Eaters.

As a youngster, Roly played goal in the minor hockey, and became active in basketball and lacrosse.

In basketball, during the war years overseas, he helped the Canadians beat the U.S. Army for the European Championship. In lacrosse, he played for Trill, Vancouver,

North Shore Indians, Victoria Shamrocks, and Vernon Tigers.

For the past two seasons, he has been commissioner of the Interior Lacrosse Association.

He is in his fifth season with the Vikings, and is not only a trainer to the players, but also a friend.

Roly had a serious heart operation earlier this year and was away from the club for two months. But, he is recovered now and back in action.



VIKINGS' ALL-STARS

Eight members of the Vikings, along with Coach Joe Tennant, were selected to represent the Interior Division in the annual all-star game, in January in

Nanaimo. Vikings' all-star were, from left, back row, Steve Danshin, Ken Stroud, Jack Lefley, and Calvin Halasz. Front row, Gary Huth, Terry Anaka, Ten-

nant, Keith Ferner, and Brian Griese. Coast Division, led by seven members of the second-place Nanaimo Clippers, won the all-star game.

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SAYS JOE TENNANT

“This is the best team I’ve coached”

By **DON KENDALL**
Daily News Sports Editor
The 1975-76 edition of the Vernon Vikings is a team which will not be forgotten for many years to come.

Besides giving Vernon its first league title since 1971-72, Vikings shattered numerous B.C. Junior Hockey League records along the way. A lot of hard work went into the formation of this club and Coach Joe Tennant deserves a great deal of credit for his efforts, because it wasn't easy.

When Tennant took over the Vikings last season, it wasn't long before he met with stiff criticism. He has always been a believer in, "If you want to be a hockey player bad enough, you'll be dedicated." Dedication is the key work in Tennant's coaching and he found some players in Vernon last season who did not fit into the category of dedicated.

CUT FOUR
Before the season opened, he released four of the club's better players. But, he formed a contending team, which made it to the Interior finals.

Even though he weeded out some of the bad apples last year, he did not get all of them. Three players who finished last season in Vernon, were not invited back this year.

He now says, "We don't have a bad kid on our club. They are all boys I would be proud of to have for sons."

Tennant calls this club the best tier two junior A team he has ever coached. Joe said, "We don't have any stars, but we have a perfectly balanced team effort."

Babe Pratt, who was recently in Vernon, jokingly called Tennant a liar. Pratt said, "Joe's had some pretty good clubs in his day, and one or two of them were better than this team."

SEVERAL PROS
Over the years, Tennant has coached Joe and Jim Watson, Jerry Holland, Wayne Bianchin, Gregg Sheppard, Bob Nystrom, Kelly Pratt, Gary Howatt, Don Ashby, and several other players in the pro ranks. But, he insists, this is his best team.

Medicine Hat Tigers' Coach Jack Shupe said this is the best team he has seen in Vernon.

Shupe said, "They have six or seven players who should be up with us next season."

They have a real nice team here."

Most prestigious record the club set was last weekend when they eclipsed the 92-point mark, the most points any team has recorded in a BCJHL season. The old record was held jointly by the 1970-71 Kamloops Rockets, coached by Tennant, and the 1974-75 Kelowna Buckaroos.

Other records broken this season include most home-ice wins, most consecutive home-ice wins, most shots on goal in a game, and most 20-goal scoring defencemen — two.

A lot of players blossomed over the season into good junior A players. Gary Gasso changed from a mediocre defenceman into one of the finest checking and

digging forwards in the BCJHL. Brian Maser became a good defenceman and Keith Ferner is now a top-notch goalie.

Speaking of Ferner, Keith along with Darrell Furmanek, finished one-two in the league in goals against averages.

After a 66-game schedule, what do the players think of their team? Here are a few

quotes:
Jack Lefley, "I learned more here in a week than I did anywhere else in a whole season."

Terry Anaka, "This is a great team, I'm sure we're going to win it all."

Darrell Billsten, "It's an honor to be on this team."

Brian Griese, "After four years, it's our turn."

Gary Huth, "There is no doubt who the best coach in the league is — Joe."

PLAYOFFS START
With playoffs only a few days away, a whole new season is about to start. Tennant, and his team, are confident they can go all the way.

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HEAD SCOUT

Jim Gardner of Vancouver has been Vikings' head scout for the past several seasons. Besides spending countless hours recruiting players, Gardner also helps out a training camp each September. Tennant said, "Without Jim, and our other scouts, a team like this wouldn't be possible."

