

# Several veterans return to Vikings

Vernon Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye and Coach Gerry Wenman returned late Tuesday from Medicine Hat with about a dozen good-looking hockey players.

If the acquisitions to date are any indication, Vikings will have an experienced team, with a sprinkling of rookies and local players.

Dye told the Daily News he is happy with the cuts he was able to pick-up from Medicine Hat Tigers' training camp.

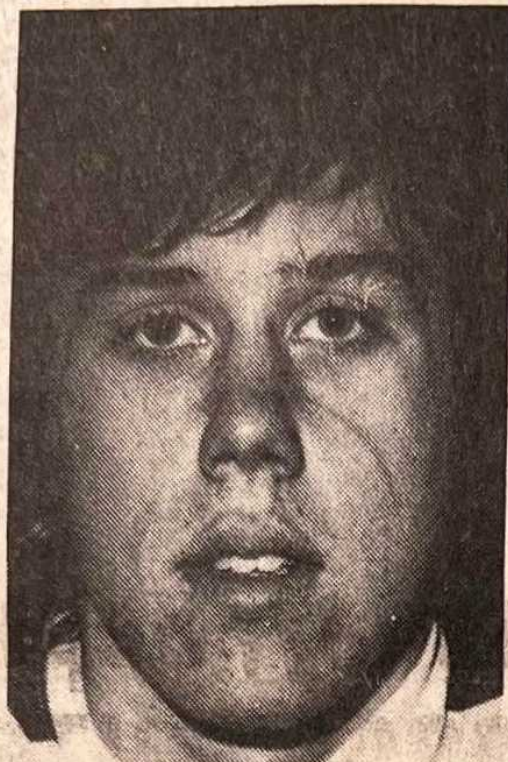
Dye said, "We've got some good players here and we expect a few more Thursday after tonight's intra-squad game."

## FIVE RETURN

At least five of last season's regulars have indicated they will be back in Vernon this year. Defenceman Ken Oulton and goalie Keith Ferner were cut by Tigers while defenceman Gary Gassoff was released by Calgary Centennials.

Veteran wingers Jack Lefley and Grant Sidnick, both 20, did not attend tier one camps but indicated they will be on the ice Saturday morning when Vikings open their camp.

Dye said, "Nine of our veterans are still at the Hat, and there appears to be a good



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chance we may get three of them back."

There are two, 17-year-old defencemen playing in the intra-squad game Wenman hopes to get his hands on. Lionel Williams and Brad McDonald, who both played junior B last season in Grand Forks, have been impressive and would help fill the gaping hole in Vikings' defence corps.

Veteran defenders Terry Anaka, Brian Griese, and Peter Poeschek are overage

this season while Brian Maser is a shoo-in to make Tigers.

Promising rookies coming to Vernon's camp include 6'3" defenceman Doug Berg, 190-pound winger Barry Lang, and three speedy left wings, Greg Bay, Sid Drew, and Brian Smith.

## SEVEN LOCALS

Dye is hoping to carry seven local players this year, and if Tigers' camp was an indication, Jim Misener and Rob McLean should land two of those spots.

About 45 players are expected at Vikings' camp. Anyone interested in boarding prospects for a few days is asked to phone 545-1770 or 542-9931.