

Huge forward is coming back

Vernon Viking's General Manager Vern Dye announced today he expects centre Rick Simpson to arrive for training camp this weekend.

Simpson, who scored 17 goals with Vikings last season, now weighs a whopping 207 pounds.

Dye said, "Rick was one of the last cuts from Medicine Hat and we were certainly happy when he said he'd come back to Vernon."

Vikings' training camp opens Saturday morning. Vernon will take on Kelowna Buckaroos in two exhibition games next week, Tuesday in Enderby and Wednesday at the Civic Arena.

TWO WINS

Meanwhile, if a quick start is any indication, Penticton Vees could be the team to beat in the B.C. Junior Hockey League this season.

Vees have won both their

Road hockey season starts

Vernon Men's Road Hockey League kicked off its inaugural season with two games Thursday at the Centennial Rink.

In the opener, Vernon Lodge Tigers blanked Raiders 4-0. Gary Holte scored two goals for the winners while Gary Gilchrist and Rick Horsley added singles.

In the other game, Sixty-Niners bombed IDEC Engineering 10-1.

Jim Wilson and Willy Madden scored three goals each for the winners.



JIM SCAMMEL
... with Vees

exhibition games to date, including an impressive 9-1 victory over Maple Ridge Bruins on Thursday. That game featured numerous brawls in the true Bruin tradition.

Penticton has a small, but experienced and speedy club. Included on their roster is ex-Viking centre Gary Huth. Huth led Vernon in scoring last season and Vees are currently trying to make a deal for his services.

In goal, incumbent Pat Murphy is joined by another ex-Viking, Jim Scammell. Scammell was Vernon's starting netminder in the 1974-75 season. Last year, after being cut by Medicine Hat, he played for Norwes Caps and was named outstanding goalie in the Pacific Coast Junior League.