

# Dye will be on bench when Vikings host Abby

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Vernon Vikings remain coachless today after a prospective candidate turned down the job.

Vikings' General Manager Vern Dye said he had a good candidate lined up, but unfortunately, due to job and personal commitments, he was unable to accept the post.

Dye said, "I'll be talking to a couple other guys today and we hope to have the situation resolved soon."

In the interim, Dye will run the bench while players Gary Gassoff and Jack Lefley handle practices.

**NEW BICYCLE**

Meanwhile, Vernon has a special promotion lined up for Saturday night when they host Abbotsford Flyers. Children in attendance at the game will have an opportunity to win a new bicycle.

Dye said, "I hope we have a big crowd on hand. Abbotsford has an exciting club and we'll need the fans behind us."

Kevin White will be back in the line-up Saturday after sitting out a five-game suspension. However, defenceman Brad McDonald is listed as a doubtful starter because of a knee injury picked up two weeks ago.

**WILLS GONE**

In Kelowna, the Buckaroos received some bad news Thursday. League scoring champion Mike Wills has been called up by New Westminster Bruins of the WCHL. Wills, who scored 132 points last year, was again leading the loop this season with 24 points in eight games.

In BCJHL play Thursday, Abbotsford edged Nanaimo Clippers 4-3 and Bellingham Blazers dumped Kamloops Braves 8-5. A scheduled Merritt-Vernon game was postponed and will be played next Tuesday in the Nicola Valley city.