

## VIKINGS LOSE TOP PROSPECT

Vernon Vikings, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, lost a top prospect on Wednesday.

Winger Chad Bodnar, who started last season with the Kelowna Jr. Canucks, left Vikings' camp and has decided to attend college. Bodnar looked good in scrimmages this week and was given a good chance of making the Vernon club.

Meanwhile, on the positive side, rookie centre Bernie O'Neil was one of five players who arrived in camp on Wednesday — and he looked good. O'Neil also seems smooth with the puck and could land the third centre position behind veterans Cam Torgeson and Darryl Wilkinson.

Two big local prospects impressed Coach Sheldon Bloomer. Glen Foster moved back to defence from wing and looked much more at home. Right wing Dave Schneider lacks skating fitness, but might turn out to be an excellent digger.

Two more players arrived in camp Wednesday, pushing the total number of newcomers back up to nine. Bloomer has been trying to get down to four or five so he can get a good look at them.



VERNON VIKINGS' COACH Sheldon Bloomer gives some pointers on playing the puck along the

boards to veteran Cam Torgeson. Vikings' training camp, which has been running all week in

Enderby, shifts to Vernon on Saturday. (Daily News Photo)

## MEET THE COACH

# Bloomer possesses wealth of experience

When Sheldon Bloomer took over the job of coaching the Vernon Vikings this year, he brought a good deal of experience with him.

Bloomer grew up in Winnipeg and played minor hockey there, turned pro with the New York Rangers in 1948, and played six years in the American Hockey League. For the next 10 years, he played senior hockey with the Winnipeg Maroons, won the Allan Cup — the senior amateur championship Cup of Canada, and toured Europe twice with the team, playing against both the Russians and the Czechoslovians.

**LIKES RUSSIANS**  
Bloomer said, "I've seen pro and European hockey and I like a combination of both — this is what I want to instill in my players. I like European hockey centres around puck control — they just don't give it away or pass blind and because of this the Russians play a good entertaining type of hockey."

This is not the first time Bloomer has coached — a hockey team. He moved from Edmonton where he was active in minor and juvenile hockey to Kelowna a year ago and helped with minor hockey there.

"I've played a lot of hockey and I thought I could do something for the club here," he said. "I can work on kids providing they work with me."

Bloomer said he will take a fairly authoritative but positive approach to the team. "They

will have to work or they won't be here. However, every player will have to be treated a little bit differently. I'm not going to baby anyone, but I will deal with them on an individual basis," he said.

"I hope to have a happy, hard-knocking, good hockey team but they will have to work. Discipline is going to be tough but to me it's all shown where fights will have to occur but not unless they're necessary."

B.C. Junior Hockey League because of the small rink the team will have to develop a good defense, first and foremost. He also will be working on manoeuvrability and developing a couple of good scorers.

"I like puck control and good tough hockey but nothing dirty," he said. "But I believe there will be situations arising where fights will have to occur but not unless they're necessary."

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## Levy questions airlift of cuts

MONTREAL (CP) — Coach Marvin Levy of Montreal asked Canadian Football League teams are doing a disservice to their fans, their players and themselves with mid-season airlifts of National Football League cuts.

"I don't get as excited as other people do about NFL cuts," he said Wednesday. "But the team has several NFL players in camp as it prepares for a game against the Argonauts in Toronto on Sunday."

"What's the difference? It's going to be our 33 players against their 33. What we don't know about the new players will be offset by what the new guys don't know about the Toronto system."

"I'm not though, that there's some element of unfairness to the league and the fans who have this type of gross turnover of personnel. Just talking off the top of my head, I'd say there should be a limit on additions to a roster — say five new players per team."

## Calgary graduate inks pact

VANCOUVER (CP) — Centre Dave Morrow signed a two-year National Hockey League contract Wednesday with Vancouver Canucks, giving the team a clean sweep of its top five junior draft choices.

Morrow, 20, played defence until his final season as a junior. He scored 29 goals and had 72 points last season for Calgary Centennials of the Western Canada Hockey League.

He was taken in the fourth round of the NHL amateur draft by the Canucks who had two choices in the round.

Previously signed to NHL contracts by the Canucks were left winger Jere Gillis of Sherbrooke Beavers, defenceman Jeff Bandura of Portland Winter Hawks and goaltenders Glen Hanlon of Brandon Wheat Kings and Murray Bannerman of Victoria Cougars.

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BRUCE BARNARD ... encouraging

## 17 people enter tourney

Bob Collins called the low net score in the Electrical Contractors Association Golf Tournament held recently at Tillikum Golf Area.

Low gross was recorded by Joan Weeks.

Seventeen people took part in the tourney, with a total attendance for the event of 80.

Under the lights, a mini-golf tourney was played. Winners were Karen Litsenberger and Paul Ekering. Runners-up were Oliver Ingram and Joan Weeks.

## VSSS drops opener

Vernon Senior Secondary School AA soccer team kicked off its exhibition season Wednesday with a 4-3 loss to National Hotel Blues of Okanagan Senior Soccer League.

Despite the loss, VSSS Coach Keith Brooks was elated at the outcome against the more experienced Blues.

Brooks said, "I'm very pleased for a first showing. Although there are some positions still to be decided on, we did very well to keep the score close."

The Vernon coach singled out Mike Connelly for his outstanding performance in the VSSS goal.

Sam Salko led the high school squad with two goals while Jeff Chandler added a single.

Next exhibition game for VSSS will be against a native Indian team next week.

## REMEMBER WHEN

By THE CANADIAN PRESS

After 18 seasons with Montreal Canadiens, Maurice (Rocket) Richard announced his retirement 17 years ago today — in 1960. Then 38, the great right-winger had scored 564 goals in 978 scheduled games of the National Hockey League and 82 goals in 153 playoffs. His record of 90 goals in a 56-game season in 1944-45 was then a season's record.

## LOOK BACK FIVE YEARS

SEPTEMBER, 1972

The interior trap shoot championships held at Kelowna saw top flight gunners from many parts of Canada and the U.S. on hand for the three-day event.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

**FEEL CORRECTION**  
Vernon Kokanee Swim Club registration fee is \$18 this year, not \$10 as stated in the Daily News on Wednesday. The fee includes a clean sweep of the payment to the Canadian Amateur Swim Association.

**FINAL DAY**  
Today is the final day of registration for the Vernon Pre-season Hockey Training Camp. Entry fee is \$17 for the two-week, 10-hour program. Youngsters aged 12 to 16 are eligible. Registration will be accepted until 8 p.m. at the Recreation Complex.

**SUNDAY HIKE**  
Vernon Hikers Club will be taking a trip on Sunday to Mount Vieward. Departure time from the city hall parking lot is 8 a.m. New hikers are welcome.

**ON SALE**  
Vernon Vikings' discount season tickets are now on sale. Tickets can be purchased at Dye's Recreation or the Longhorn Pub.

**CORE COURSE**  
The Conservation and Outdoor Recreation Course (CORE) gets under way on Monday at Clarence Fulton Junior Secondary School, at 7:30 p.m. Graduation from the course is required for new hunters who wish to obtain a licence. The class lasts eight sessions, on Mondays and Wednesdays.

**PETERBOROUGH BIDS**  
PETERBOROUGH, Ont. (CP) — Peterborough submitted a bid Wednesday for the 1981 Canada Summer Games. Mayor Cam Watson presented to the Ontario government a proposal with an anticipated capital expenditure of \$3,178,000, including the use of an Olympic-size portable swimming pool rather than construction of a more expensive permanent facility. Peterborough is the 14th Ontario city to bid.

**COMMON WIN**  
TOKYO (AP) — Giorgio Chinaglia, Jadranko Topic and Nelsi Morais each scored a goal as New York Cosmos of the North American Soccer League defeated the all-Japan squad 3-1 Wednesday night before 35,000 spectators. Japan's biggest soccer crowd ever.

**TWO SIGNED**  
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Gaelic Gary Innes and forward Frank Spring have signed by Indianapolis Racers of the World Hockey Association. Ron Ingram, the team's coach and director of player personnel, said

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