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Vikings depart on gruelling trip

Vernon Vikings, of the B.C. Junior Hockey League, left this morning on the first road trip of the 1974-75 season.

The trip will see Vikings play four games in four days, starting tonight in Chilliwack, against the Bruins.

Friday they meet Langley Lords, Saturday Nanaimo Clippers, and Sunday, Vikings take on Bellingham Blazers.

Vernon, 0-1, could have a tough trip. Coach Joe Tennant has an extremely young, and inexperienced, club. For most players, this is their first gruelling road trip.

Lords trounced Vernon last week, and reportedly, all coast teams have strong units this season. Hardest part of the journey for Vernon could come Sunday when they face the big, tough, Bellingham Blazers.

Vikings held their own against the Blazers in a pre-season game in Vernon, both on the scoreboard and in fisticuffs. But, at the Blazers' home, and after four days on the road, Vikings could have their hands full.

Winger Gord Lyons did not go on the trip. He quit the club this week so he can devote more time to college.