

Holland picked in 11th round

A total of 217 players were drafted in 18 rounds Tuesday in the annual National Hockey League amateur draft.

Vernon's Ken Holland, who spent last season with Medicine Hat Tigers, of the Western Canada Hockey League, was picked in the 11th round by Toronto Maple Leafs.

However, Holland plans on spending one more year in junior hockey before turning pro.

Holland told the Daily News he decided to play another year of junior, no matter how high he was picked.

He said, "I think you need at least two seasons in tier one competition before you are ready for pro." Holland was a rookie with the Tigers last year.

The Vernon native will be one of four 20-year-olds on the Tigers next season.

INELIGIBLE

WCHL's leading goal scorer, Don Murdoch, of Medicine Hat, who spent two seasons in Vernon, is only 18-years old and was not eligible for the draft.

Three of Holland's team-



KEN HOLLAND
... back to junior

mates, Barry Dean to Kansas City, Bryan Maxwell to Minnesota, and Greg Vaydik to Chicago, were selected in the first round.

Brad Gassoff of Kamloops Chiefs, older brother of Gary who played with Vernon Vikings last season, was picked in the second round by Vancouver Canucks.

Canucks first pick in the draft was high-scoring winger Rick Blight of the Brandon Wheat Kings.