

BUT, JUST FOR VISIT

# Ex-Vikings return to Vernon

Ex-Vernon Vikings Ken Holland and Gary Gilchrist returned home this week for a three-day visit.

Both players said they are enjoying playing hockey with Medicine Hat Tigers, but admitted its nice to be in Vernon for a while.

Holland, in his second year with the Tigers, was drafted last year, as a 19-year-old by Toronto Maple Leafs, of the National Hockey League.

But, Ken told the Daily News he didn't look forward to the prospect of being buried somewhere in the minors.

Holland said, "They had four goalies they rated higher than me at camp, so I probably would have ended up on their second farm team. So, I thought I would be further

ahead to play another year in Medicine Hat."

Ken is sharing the goaltending duties there this year with Pete Peters, an 18-year-old rookie. Peters goals against average is 4.1, while Holland's is 3.9.

The diminutive netminder said, "I haven't thought too much about next year yet. I guess I'll go to Toronto's camp again if no teams in the World Hockey Association show interest in me."

Gilchrist, a 19-year-old winger, has had problems scoring this season but has been playing well.

Gilchrist said, "I've only got 11 points so far, but I'm starting to get more scoring chances now."

Just prior to Christmas,



**KEN HOLLAND**  
... second year

Gilchrist was reunited with centre Ron Areshnekoff. The duo, along with Greg



**GARY GILCHRIST**  
... playing well

Walmsley, formed Vikings' most potent line last year. Their other linemate this year is Brian Hill.

Gilchrist said, "I feel a lot more comfortable playing with Areshnekoff. I think the second-half of the season will be much better for me."

## LARGE TOTAL

Despite his lack of scoring, the 195-pound winger has one outstanding statistic. With the first-half of the season just completed, Gilchrist has 101 minutes in penalties.

Both Holland and Gilchrist worked out with the Vikings while in Vernon and complimented the local club for their size and skating.

Gilchrist said, "I wish our team here last year had the spirit and ability this team does."

## TIGERS HERE

Local hockey fans will get a chance to see the Tigers in action, on Feb. 3, when they

travel to Vernon to play an exhibition game against the Vikings.

Besides Areshnekoff, Gilchrist, and Holland, other ex-Vikings on the Medicine Hat squad include Don Murdoch, Cliff Lane, and Owen Lloyd.

Tigers are currently in third-place in the Western Canada Hockey League's Western Division, but Holland thinks the club can improve on that standing.

He said, "I think we should be able to catch Kamloops for sure, and maybe give New Westminster a good run. We haven't lost in 10 games now and the team seems to be jelling as a unit."

After the game here Feb. 3, Tigers have three days off until they meet the Chiefs, in Kamloops, on Feb. 6.

# Tribute to Barry



One of the brightest young goaltending prospects in the B.C. Interior, Barry Dinwoodie, of Armstrong, died in a hit-and-run accident on Christmas night.

The mishap occurred near a gas station in Armstrong.

Dinwoodie, just 16, impressed Vernon Vikings' Coach Joe Tennant so much, at training camp last September, that he sent the little goalie to Vikings' farm team, Grand Forks Border Bruins.

Although Bruins have run into problems this season, Barry had been enjoying a good season. With either Darrell Furmanek or Keith Ferner slated to move up to Medicine Hat next year, from the Vikings, Dinwoodie likely would have been playing junior A hockey here next season.

While in Grand Forks, Barry was living with the Bunn family. This letter, reprinted from the Grand Forks Gazette, gives you an idea what the Bunn family thought of Barry.

It also says a lot for the youth of today, that they are not all bad.

The letter read:

"It has been a long time coming and I am sorry I have waited this long to express my feelings.

We, the citizens of Grand Forks, have read and heard many times in the past three months criticism of our Border Bruin hockey team.

They have been called imports, outsiders, animals and many things other than what they really are.

They are young men trying to fulfill their dreams and goals in life. They have displayed courage, manners, integrity, love and affection. They have shown myself, my family and many of you people that they are worthy of your support and admiration.

There is an air of sadness in our household as this letter is being written, because on this Christmas Night we received word that one of these fine young men has been killed in an automobile accident.

The young man's name is Barry Dinwoodie, although I wish his name was Bunn, because I would have been proud to have him for a son.

In just three short months we have learned to love this young man and accept him into our home and also into our family. We feel grateful for the time we had together to laugh, work and play. We also feel very proud that we extended the hand of friendship to welcome Barry to our town.

I would like to say to you parents that, if when your child is 16 years old, he or she can be of the same calibre as Barry was, you have done a very fine job of raising him and you also can be as proud of him as we and Mr. and Mrs. Dinwoodie are of Barry.

And to you local boys that are participating in hockey, if you work as hard, and follow your dreams and can be as good as Barry was, I know that there will always be a spot on the Border Bruins lineup for you.

And the next time my friends and fellow citizens, you have the chance to welcome a hockey player from out of town into your home and into your heart I encourage you to do so because if you are half as lucky as we were you will find the rewards uncountable.

I know I am not alone in my feelings as there are many others that have taken the time to know and love all the players on our team. I also know that there are many that didn't like the way the game was played so have not tried to improve it, but just don't come out to support it. To these people, I extend an invitation from Barry to come to the games and support the team and be as proud of your town as they are by putting on that hockey sweater that says I am playing for Grand Forks.

Our support is with these fine young men and our memories of Barry will last forever."

**Bob, Jan, Beverly and Shelley Bunn**