



Atom AA Winterhawks capture OMHA championship title

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With 17 consecutive road wins heading to Barrie Saturday morning, the atom AA Winterhawks weren't

exactly intimidated by the notion of playing in their opponents' barn. Especially not with a sizable traveling fan base behind them and two-games-to-one lead in the best-of-five OMHA championship.

And a number of missed-scoring chances early on did little — if anything — to faze the late-season road warriors. Two powerplay goals in the second period and flawless cage work by Elliott Dorsett combined to give

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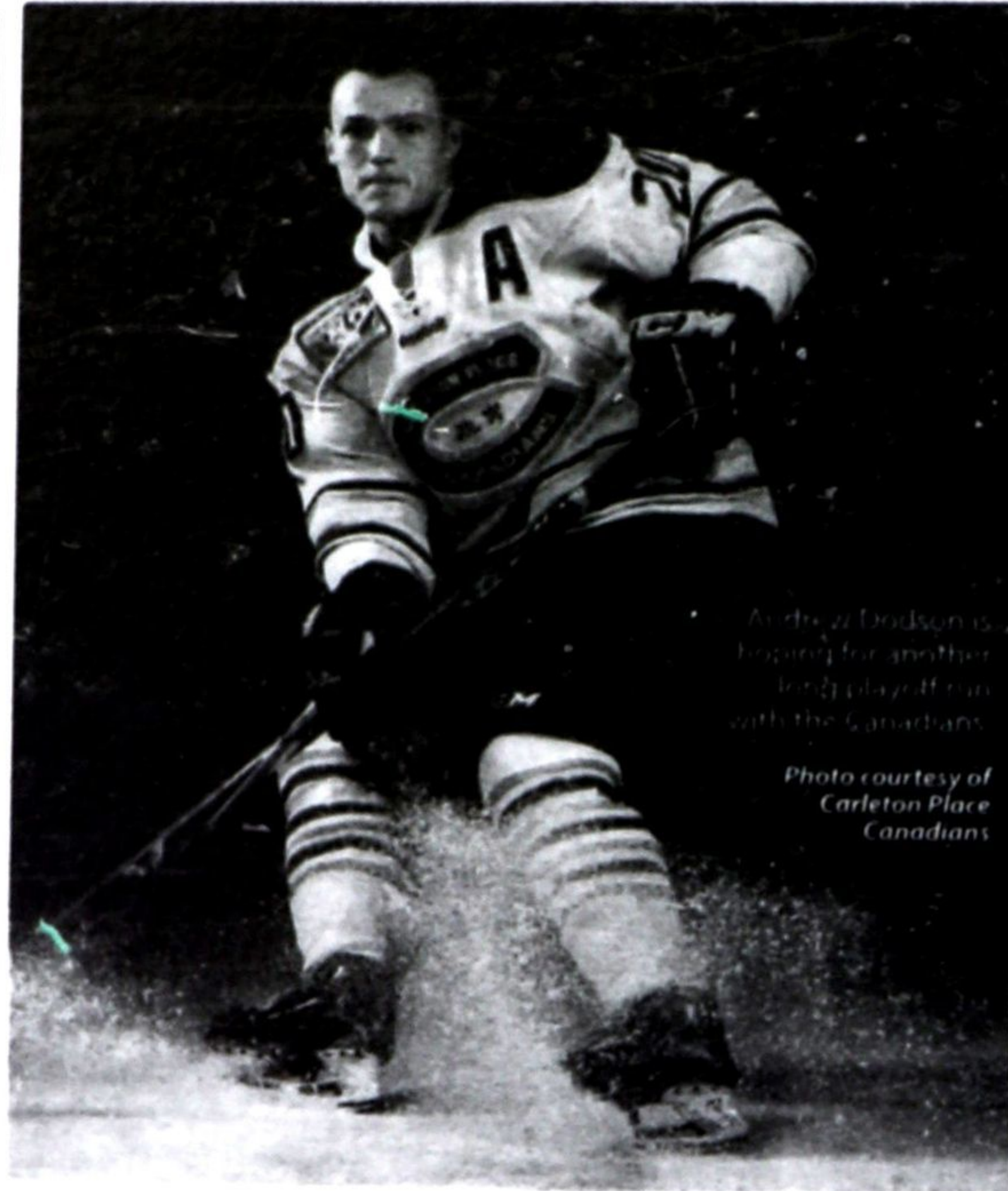
Dodson eyes another title run with CP Canadians

Winger among CCHL's top scorers; looking to help team make fourth straight trip to RBC Cup

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A self-professed late bloomer on the ice, Andrew Dodson offers no hint of resentment as he recalls being largely overlooked as a young junior hockey prospect.

"I was one of the smallest guys (on team) growing up and I was never really one of the best players. After midget, I tried out for a number of Jr. A and Jr. B teams and was cut by pretty much all of them," admitted the 20-year-old Miltonian. "I think I've proven people wrong."



Andrew Dodson is hoping for another long playoff run with the Canadians.

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That's no hollow sentiment, given how far the 5-foot-9, 180-pound winger has come in the Central Canada Hockey League (CCHL). Jumping at the chance to join the Ottawa-area Carleton Place Canadians with longtime minor hockey teammate Brett Everson (now

with Hawkesbury Hawks) four years ago, Dodson has overcome a modest start and no shortage of adversity to now captain the four-time defending CCHL champions and three-time defending Fred Page Cup (Eastern Canada) champs.

Quarterfinal defeat follows 'adventure' trip to nationals

Abraham and Queen's Gaels take three days to get to Fredericton

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The 2017 U Sports men's hockey championships were awfully memorable for Spencer Abraham and the Queen's Gaels.

But not for anything that happened on the ice.

Last Thursday's quarterfinal outing at the hands of the host and now two-time national champion University of New Brunswick Varsity Red followed a three-day odyssey to Fredericton through a blizzard.

"It was an adventure," said Abraham, a third-year defenceman from Campbellville. "Three days without skating, 72 hours on a bus eating fast food and sharing a double bed with three teammates for two nights because there weren't enough hotel rooms. To get up at 4 a.m. yesterday (last Thursday) and drive eight hours and play the best team in the

country in their rink was definitely not ideal.

"But I've never been prouder of a group of guys. No one complained, no one sulked. We did our best."

Arriving just hours before game time, Queen's got an early goal from Abraham before falling 5-1.

UNB evened things up just 47 seconds after Abraham opened the scoring at the 2:21 mark, and took control with three second-period goals inside a five-minute span.

Before heading out for the nationals, the Gaels got a surprise visit at practice from Tragically Hip members Gord Sinclair and Paul

Langlois, head coach Brett Gibson's golfing buddies in Kingston.

Named an OUA First-Team All-Star for the second straight year, Abraham was Queen's Player of the Game last Thursday.

He had three goals and 13 assists in 22 regular season games and added four assists through the playoffs — including one in a 4-3 Queen's Cup loss to the York Lions — leading up to the national championships.



Spencer Abraham

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