

## Prapavessis is a draft day Star

Dallas selects Oakville blueliner  
in fourth round of NHL draft

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From the time he answered the call just before noon Saturday, Michael Prapavessis' phone was much like his play this season — impossible to ignore.

"I don't think my phone stopped buzzing for three or four hours," the 18-year-old defenceman said after being drafted by the Dallas Stars in the fourth round of the NHL entry draft.

The previous week had crawled by for Prapavessis. His nerves kept him up at night as all the possibilities ran through his mind. By the time the big day arrived, he didn't want to be like so many other players his age,

nervously watching TV, or hunched over a computer hitting the refresh button.

So Prapavessis and his brother worked off some of the nervous energy at a driving range.

"I didn't want to be sitting around waiting," he said. "I just wanted to get my mind off it."

He didn't completely shut it out, though. He still answered his phone when it rang. It was his dad, calling to let him know he had been drafted by Dallas.

"They caught me by surprise," said the Oakville native. "I had talked to quite a few teams but Dallas was not on the radar at all."

But the Ontario Junior Hockey League's defenceman of the year was certainly on the Stars' radar. He had 54 points in 47 games added 15 more points in 19 playoff games as he led the Patriots to the league title. He was again named the top blueliner at the RBC Cup, the national Jr. A championship.

After selecting just two defencemen with its nine picks last year, Dallas loaded up this time around. Prapavessis, taken 105th overall, was the third of six blueliners chosen by the Stars.

"I try not to read too much into that," he said. "All I know is they like me as a player and I'm going to work hard over the next four years."

Prapavessis has committed to RPI and the Stars  
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Oakville's Michael Prapavessis was drafted in the fourth round, 105th overall, by the Dallas Stars in the NHL entry draft Saturday after a season in which he was named the Ontario Junior Hockey League's top defenceman and led the Toronto Lakeshore Patriots to the league championship.

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## Trenholme named Ontario youth boxer of the year

By Ian Colpitts  
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Caitlin Trenholme likes to share a story about how she tried to skip out on her 17th birthday party last year to train at HUF Gym in Port Credit.

Although everyone close to her appreciated the commitment shown by the young boxer, they urged her to take a day off to enjoy herself.

"Me and my friends were splitting it, so I said I wouldn't go and told them to have fun, but my mom said I was going," said Trenholme, an Oakville native who has trained at HUF since 2010.

"She wanted me to have fun and said I could fight another weekend, but I wanted to fight now."

It's that kind of dedication that led to her being named Ontario's Youth Boxer of the Year earlier this month at Boxing Ontario's annual general meeting.

Trenholme feels she's in great company considering the list of previous winners. Mary Spencer and Mandy Bujold, both of whom won gold at the 2011 Pan Am Games to go along with several national titles, won the award many years ago.

Trenholme is quick to give credit

to her main coaches, Olga and Andrew Heron.

"I know they really support how often I'm in here," she said. "Olga really cares about me and trains me well and so does Andrew. I know that comes from the respect they have for how often I'm in here."



Oakville's Caitlin Trenholme was named the province's youth boxer of the year by Boxing Ontario. The provincial and national youth champion hopes to represent Canada at the 2016 Olympics in Brazil.  
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Last year, Trenholme won the provincial and national youth championships and earned a spot on the youth national team. Earlier this year, the senior national team brought her along for a week-long training camp at the United States Olympic Training Centre in Colorado.

Trenholme trains so hard because she wants to represent Canada at the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. Women's boxing made its first appearance in the Olympic program at the 2012 Games in London, where Spencer was the only woman to don the maple leaf.

Trenholme realizes that women's boxing isn't taken all that seriously yet and she wants to help change that perception with her actions.

"I know we don't have the best reputation right now," she said. "A lot of people think we shouldn't be boxing and that's not fair. We train just as hard as the guys and we deserve to be there."