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Rookie Mark Chaplin, sophomore Andrei Shurupov and third year star Dan Cleary.

Bulls' lineup reflective of global nature of Ontario League

It might be called the Ontario Hockey League but that doesn't mean the OHL is strictly for Ontario players. Just look at the Belleville Bulls:

Andrei Shurupov is from Moscow, Russia.

- Nikos Tselios and Dennis Hayes were born and raised in the USA; Tselios

from Chicago and Hayes from Connecticut.

— Daniel Cleary, Mark Chaplin and Wes Swain hail from the shores of New-

foundland.

- Kory Cooper spent his boyhood on Prince Edward Island.

- Stephen Lafleur is a native of Hull, Quebec.

The Bulls are reflective of the international and cross-Canada flavor of the OHL which for years has promoted players from not only Ontario but the Maritime provinces, Quebec, western Canada and the USA. In recent years, with the addition of the CHL's Euro Draft, players from the Czech Republic, Russia, Sweden, Slovakia, Norway, Germany and Italy have found roster spots on OHL clubs.

In essence, the OHL is another example of the global nature of modern hockey. Borders have come crashing down with political changes in Eastern Europe and as more and more nations increase their involvement in the game of hockey.

