



Young Timmy Hodgins won the "Most Improved Player" award in the Tyke division due to a lot of hard work on his part. He was thrilled to be presented the award by N.H.L.er Paul MacDermid, of the Hartford Whalers.

in fact, he got so excited when Hartford scored one of their goals, his Dad said "he threw his pop up in the air, covering a nearby spectator."

But the best part was to come following the game when Paul's parents were able to get Joey, his dad and the rest of the Chesley spectators into the Whalers' lobby, where Joey obtained the autographs of five players, including Paul's.

Although Joey does not play hockey himself, (he is a bit unsure of being on skates just yet) his mother said he gets the newspaper every morning to check the hockey statistics to see where each team is in the standings.

"Through the MacDermids' generosity we were able to get the autographs," Joey's Dad concluded, "and of course, Joey was really thrilled about that."

**Popular target:** Paul MacDermid of the Hartford Whalers fires the puck past Leafs goalie Ken Wregget in a game in Hartford last night in which the Whalers, who now qualify for the playoffs, seemed to be scoring almost at will. Whalers had six goals before Leafs even got on the board.

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Seven-year-old Joey Cosgrove, son of Dr. Roger and Marilyn Cosgrove, proudly shows off his autographed hockey program. Mary Golem Photo

## Young Chesley fan's dream comes true in Toronto

By Mary Golem

A seven-year-old Chesley boy experienced 'a thrill of a lifetime' during the Christmas holidays. Joey Cosgrove, son of Roger and Marilyn Cosgrove, was given two tickets to a Maple Leaf hockey game - a Christmas present from his grandparents. What Joey did not realize at first was that the tickets were for a Hartford Whalers-Toronto Maple Leaf match-up. Hartford just happens to be Joey's favourite team. The reason: Chesley native Paul MacDermid, son of Don and Georgina MacDermid of Chesley, wears Number 23 for the Whalers.

So, on December 28, Joey, his dad (as well as other Chesley residents including Paul's parents and brother, Peter, and friends, George Maxwell, Les Kingston, Scott Reid, Phillip Cumming and Terry Sweiger) travelled to Toronto for the game - a game Hartford won 6-3. MacDermid, who plays right wing, got an assist on one of the goals that night. "He came close a couple of other times and even hit the goal post," Joey said. Joey was obviously very excited about being at the game.