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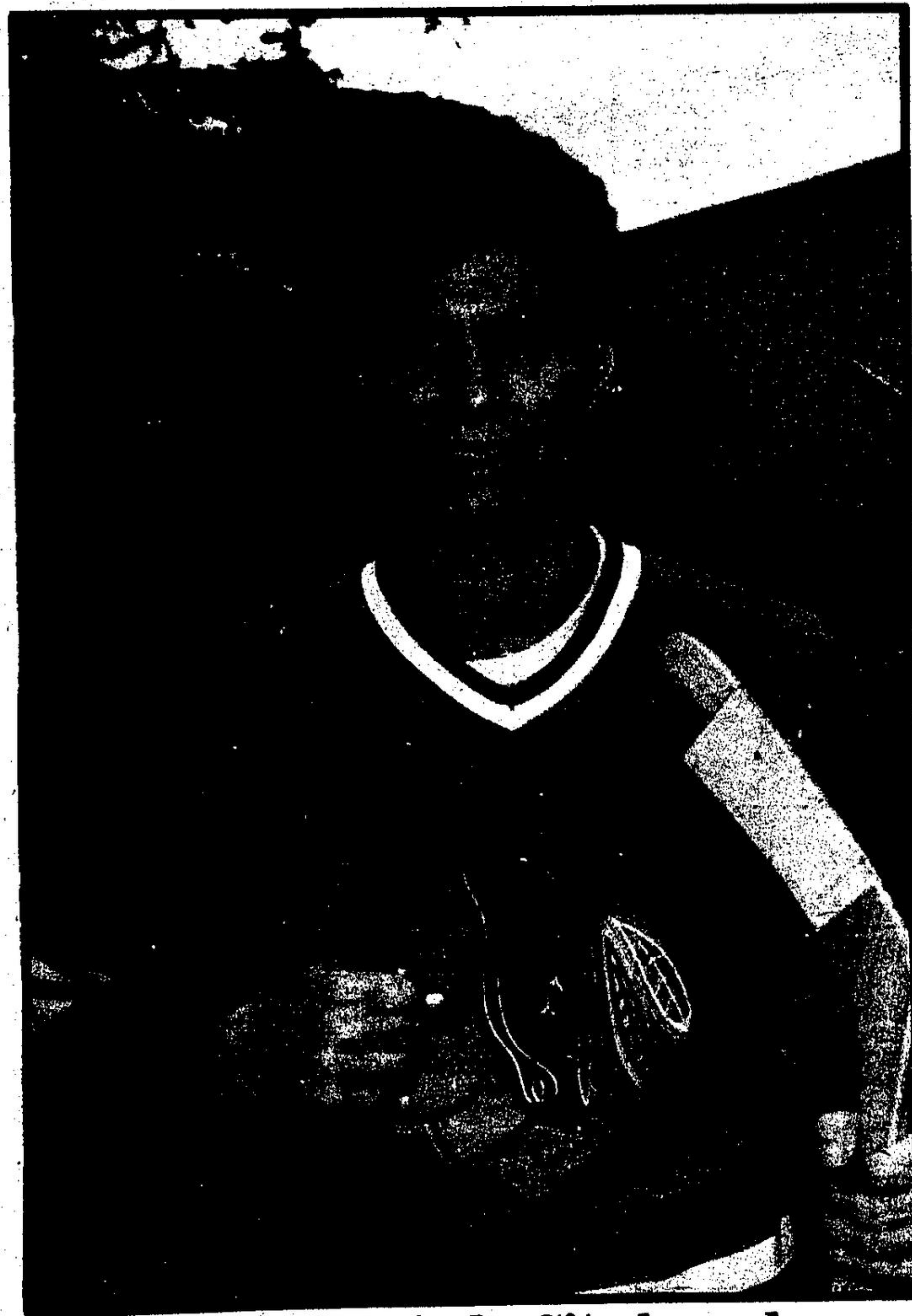
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## Bennett Windy City bound

From the Alcott Arena to Sudbury to the Windy City, Georgetown's Adam Bennett took the biggest single step toward achieving his dream of playing in the National Hockey League Saturday when the Chicago Blackhawks made the former Gemini Jr. B defenceman their first choice - sixth overall - in the first round of the 1989 NHL entry draft in Minnesota.

The 6-foot-4, 206-lb. member of the Ontario Hockey League's Sudbury Wolves was the first defenceman selected in Saturday's draft. Bennett's agent, Anton Thun of Toronto, said the 18-year-old should become, "a mainstay," with Chicago in years to come. (Herald photo by Paul Svoboda - Jersey courtesy of Time Out Roadhouse)

## NHL's Hawks take Bennett sixth in draft

By PAUL SVOBODA  
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The city of broad shoulders and Adam Bennett.

It seems like a perfect match. Georgetown's 6-foot-4, 206-pound favorite son will get a chance to see just how perfect that match is next fall when he attends the National Hockey League training camp of the Chicago Blackhawks.

Chicago made Bennett its first pick, sixth overall, in the first round of the NHL entry draft Saturday at the Met Centre in Bloomington, Minnesota.

"I'm extremely happy to be going to Chicago," said Bennett on Monday back in Georgetown. "It was a toss-up between me and Jason Herter (U.S. collegiate star defenceman) prior to the draft as to who would go to Chicago. I think they (Chicago) enjoyed my personality more."

Indeed, Bennett was ranked sixth among North American prospects by the NHL's Central Scouting Bureau prior to the draft and seventh overall with the addition of European players. Herter was ranked third but ended up going eighth to Vancouver Canucks with Bennett being chosen as the first defenceman in the draft.

Although he wasn't certain until he heard his name called by Chicago Saturday, Bennett admitted as early as last Wednesday afternoon that his "gut feeling" was he would be picked by the Hawks. A successful meeting with Chicago brass Friday confirmed his thoughts.

"I had a meeting with Chicago (general manager Bob Pulford, coach Mike Keenan and chief scout Jack Davison) Friday and it went extremely well," explained Bennett. "I saw lists on the flight down to Minnesota where I was rated lower, but I got my confidence back after the Friday meeting. Afterwards, I told everyone I thought I was going to Chicago."

As the draft unfolded the first three picks went generally according to the scenario considered most likely by experts.

Quebec Nordiques opened the lottery by choosing number one ranked Swedish sensation Mats Sundin, New York Islanders next took Western League super-scorer Dave Chyzowski and Toronto Maple Leafs selected Ontario League centre Scott Thornton of the Belleville Bulls third.

Winnipeg Jets, drafting fourth

had interviewed Bennett in the Manitoba capital earlier this spring but they opted for high-scoring pivot Stu Barnes, another Western Leaguer.

In fifth spot, New Jersey Devils, another team that had hosted Bennett prior to the draft, went for American junior forward Bill Guerin.

"I thought the first three picks were set going in," said Bennett. "It ended up with what Winnipeg would do. I wasn't overly surprised"

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## Town councillors take aim at local press

By DONNA KELL  
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In what amounted to an attack on the local media and a defence of the town's actions, town councillors said Monday night that the problems at the Highland Games were blown out of proportion.

"I was a little surprised at the papers this week and the comments there," Mayor Russ Miller said.

"I thought that things had gone reasonably well" at the Highland Games held June 10.

Mayor Miller was responding to comments from the Highland Games committee headed by Keith Spicer and from local councillors who said they received negative feedback from those attending the games in the Fairgrounds. There was a threat that this 14th season would be the last time the bagpipes and tartan-clad Scotsmen would gather in Georgetown to march and compete for prizes.

Some councillors said last week that crowds at the games were saying the town, and the mayor, did not want the games to return to Georgetown next year.

"I felt very bad because we want the Highland Games here," said Mayor Miller. "They draw tourists to the area."

Coun. Marilyn Serjeantson said that the press had focused on the bad comments coming from town councillors about the Highland Games. Coun. Joe Hewitt claimed that he was misquoted as saying that crowds at the games thought the mayor let them down.

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