

Ontario Hockey League All-Star game

Bennett to skate with star-studded line-up

Georgetown's Adam Bennett will be skating in elite company when he dons the blades this coming Tuesday as a member of the Ontario Hockey League All-Stars who challenge the stars of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League in the fifth annual Chrysler Challenge Cup game.

The game will be played out of Cornwall's Civic Complex, starting time 7:30 p.m. and will be broadcast by The Sports Network.

The team was selected by a committee composed of Sam McMaster of the Sudbury Wolves, Dave Draper of the Dukes of Hamilton and coach Dick Todd of the Peterborough Petes.

Todd got the nod as team mentor for guiding the Petes to last season's OHL championship.

Bennett, the 6'4" and 215-pound defenceman for the Wolves should feel relatively comfortable in the all-star surroundings.

Aside from having his own club's general manager, McMaster, on hand, Bennett will be joined by Sudbury teammate Paul DiPietro, the OHL's current leading scorer.

Through 46 league games, DiPietro had scored 42 goals and added 40 assists for 82 scoring points. He should take some of the heat off the all-star squad's rearguard echelon.

Sudbury might have solidified their Memorial Cup aspirations with a recent acquisition.

Sudbury landed Darcy Cahill from Cornwall Royals. The 19-year-old centre apparently demanded a trade and through 38 games had netted 26 goals and 53 assists for 79 points. He stands third in OHL scoring.

The Wolves gave up forward Darren Bell, defenceman Marcus Middleton, 17, and a sixth round pick in the 1990 draft to get Cahill.

The OHL all-stars quite literally boast a star-studded lineup including Mike Ricci of the Peterborough Petes and Eric Lindros of the Oshawa Generals.

Ricci, also an OHL all-star last season, captained the national junior team to the recent world championship in Finland.

Off-injured over the past two seasons, Ricci has been on a scoring spree since his return from Finland.

On Jan. 11 he scored all four goals as the Petes bowed to Memorial Cup host team, Dukes of Hamilton. He collected a pair of assists the next night against London and recorded a hat trick against Owen Sound as Peter-

borough played a gruelling three games in three nights. In a five game stretch he scored 13 goals.

The consensus No. 1 pick in this spring's National Hockey League entry draft, Ricci is currently in fifth place in the OHL scoring derby with 37 goals and 39 assists for 76 points.

Lindros being named to the OHL all-star team is another matter altogether. A number of people have questioned his selection but what the critics didn't know was that executives from the OHL, the QMJHL and the Western Hockey League had agreed that all members of Canada's national junior team gain automatic entry into the respective league's all-star teams.

The Western League all-star game was played Tuesday evening at the Coliseum in Tri-City.

Lindros, the 16-year-old phenomenon, stunned the major junior hockey world last spring by refusing to report to Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, which had plucked him out of the midget draft after Lindros had led St. Michael's Buzzers to the Ontario Junior "B" championship.

Lindros took his hockey wares to Detroit and suited up with the Tier II Compuware squad but the OHL realized that a player of his stature had to grace Canadian major junior ponds.

The league changed its bylaw which had stated a midget draft pick could not be traded for a year (midget draft picks can now be traded within a limited Jan. 1 - Jan. 10 period) and Lindros ended up with Oshawa Generals - a team he had expressed an interest in ages ago.

Aside from Ricci and Lindros, the OHL all-stars boast a number of other notable players.

Centre Jason Cirone, representing Cornwall Royals, was a 1989 third round NHL entry pick of Winnipeg Jets; right wing Mike Craig, representing Oshawa, was a 1989 second round pick of Minnesota North Stars; right wing Steven Rice, representing Kitchener, was a 1989 first round entry pick of New York Rangers; and defenceman Paul Holden, representing London, was a second round 1988 entry pick of Los Angeles Kings.

The QMJHL leads the Chrysler Cup series, 3-1 and won last year's game 5-2 at the Forum in Montreal.



"As I See It"

Colin Gibson
Sports Editor

This year's test won't be any easier for the OHL all-stars as the Quebec team features goaltender Stephane Fiset of Victoriaville, who was brilliant in goal for the Canadian junior world champions. Fiset, who stands 6'1" tall and weighs 175 pounds, was a 1988 second round NHL entry draft pick of Quebec Nordiques.

Still with major junior hockey, most recent rankings by the Canadian Hockey League give short shrift to OHL teams.

The top team in the country, as ranked, is the Kamloops Blazers. The OHL's Ottawa 67's are ranked fourth, the Belleville Bulls are ranked fifth, the Kingston Frontenacs are ranked sixth, the London Knights are ranked eighth and the Sudbury Wolves are ranked 10th.

It's tough living in the shadow of a legend, especially when that legend is your brother and is still adding to the folklore concerning his hockey feats. Just ask Keith Gretzky.

Keith, 22 years old and drafted three years ago out of major junior hockey by Buffalo Sabres might be advised to make out a calling card with the logo "Have hockey stick, will travel."

He was never able to catch on with the Sabres and most recently, Buffalo reassigned Gretzky to Ayr Raiders in Scotland, of the British hockey league.

He had been playing with Phoenix Roadrunners of the International Hockey League and in 23 games, had six goals and six assists.

He began this season with a Finnish second division team and had two goals and 11 assists in 15 games.

Gretzky just might have found his niche with Ayr Raiders, however, as he had two goals and two assists in his first game.

Toronto's SkyDome outbid the Los Angeles Coliseum for the rights to stage Wrestlemania VI on April 1.

Ticket prices are reported to be nearly as high as the roof.

The high level seats will start at \$35 while ringside seats could cost as much as \$150.

Seems to me that April Fools Day is an appropriate date to pick for the "Grunt and Groan" buffoons - especially at those ticket prices.

As I see it, anyway.

Heritage tickets still available

The 13th Annual Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council awards dinner will be staged Monday, March 12, at Holy Cross auditorium, Maple Ave., Georgetown.

The 1990 recipient of the Georgetown Hockey Heritage Award is long-time sportsman and tireless behind the scenes worker, Roy Ward.

Ron MacLean, sportscaster for the CBC production, Hockey Night in Canada, will act as Master of Ceremonies and preside over the gala affair.

The reception at Holy Cross auditorium has been scheduled for 6 p.m. with the dinner to follow at 7 p.m. The award ceremony honoring Roy Ward will follow immediately after the dinner.

Tickets to the 1990 Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council awards dinner are in short supply, according to dinner chairman Dave Kentner but some still are available.

Ticket prices range from \$30 for individuals to \$250 for a table seating eight persons.

More information on the 1990 Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council awards dinner can be obtained by contacting Dave Kentner at either 873-0404 or 846-6639.

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