

SPORTS & LEISURE

Local duo on U-18 roster

A pair of graduates from the Halton Hurricanes' minor hockey organization have been selected to represent Canada at the World Under-18 Championships next week in Belarus.

Georgetown South's Stephen Silas and Campbellville resident Michael Sgarbossa—both Christ the King Secondary School students—are among 13 Ontario Hockey League players on the Canuck roster.

Although just 17 years old, Silas is already a veteran of international competition, having earned gold medals with Team Ontario last year at the World U-17 Hockey Challenge and for Canada at the 2009 U-18 Memorial of Ivan Hlinka Tournament.

The 6-foot, 190-pound star defenceman was also chosen to play in the Subway Super Series against Team Russia this past fall and recently finished his second season with the OHL's Belleville Bulls, scoring four goals and adding 45 assists in 66 games.

The 17-year-old Sgarbossa, meanwhile, is getting his first taste of major international tournament play.

A speedy 5-foot-11, 165-pound centre, Sgarbossa had 13 goals and 19 assists in 48 games with the Saginaw Spirit after being dealt by the Barrie Colts in November.

Both players are eligible for selection at the National Hockey League Draft in Los Angeles in June.



Champs day action

Nick Hansen of Granite Worx (8) blasts a shot at HELP Safety goaltender Josh Treadaway during the Acton House League's Day of Champs late last month. No result was available from that bantam division championship contest, although to see scores from other Acton and Georgetown Day of Champs' action, please see the Scoreboard section inside today's *Independent & Free Press*. Photo by Donovan Gaudette



Squad continues OMHA dominance

The core of players on the Georgetown Still Waters Dental minor midget AE Raiders have a remarkable track record of winning Ontario Minor Hockey Association championships and recently added another to the trophy case. The Raiders defeated Whitby 3-1 in their best-of-5 OMHA final series, with the last three games decided by one goal, capped by a 4-3 victory in Georgetown to clinch the title. For many of the team members, this year's triumph marked the fourth consecutive OMHA championship and sixth in eight years for the 1994-born group. Coach Darren Abernethy's side was pushed to a fifth-and-deciding game in the OMHA semifinals before knocking off Brampton Youth in another closely contested matchup. Team members (front, from left) are: Ryan Miller, Adam Nakkila. Second row: Ben Shearer, Scott Garvie, Paul Abernethy, Michael Wallace, Michael Larade. Third row: Conor McGucken, Paul Chiappeta, Michael Capostagno, Cal Murphy, Mitchell Copping, Ryan Langley. Back row: Coach Darren Abernethy, manager Wendy Highfield, Alexander Freer, Zach Sutherland, Tyler Highfield, Tom Smith, Nick McKnight, Tom Keating, coach Ray Wallace, trainer Allan Langley. Submitted photo

Twisters hold Day of Champs Sunday

The North Halton Girls' Hockey Association's House League will wrap up its 2009-10 season with the annual Day of Champs' series of games this Sunday at the Alcott Arena.

Action gets underway at 8 a.m. with finals in the atom age group,

with championship and medal games in both rinks for the novice peewee, bantam and senior recreational divisions throughout the day.

For a full schedule, visit the organization's website at www.twisters-girlshockey.com.

Murr tourney tees off May 11

Organizers of the Paul Murr Memorial Golf Tournament are looking for players for the annual fundraising event at the Blue Springs Golf Club in Acton on Monday, May 11.

Over the past 25 years, over \$750,000 has been raised by the

tournament for the Canadian Cancer Society. There are three different tournament packages to choose from for the tourney, which is expected to draw about 270 participants.

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