



## Darts

### ALEX TOUGH

#### Zone shootout

The Darts Ontario Zone shoots commence on Sunday, 29th at the George & Dragon. Membership usually is refunded by the Halton League to its playing entrants. The format is mixed doubles (male and female) and singles, male and female. Registration and starting times are not known as I write, however, you may count on around 11 a.m. for registration for the doubles and 1 p.m. for the singles.

The Industrial league held their second tourney of the season last Wednesday with the team doubles. There were 26 entries, divided into four round robin groups.

The winners of each group played semi-final ties then the final between the two semi-final winners.

Group 1 winners Mike Hope and Sean Gambles of Hotshots drew Stan Rhynold and Neil Olmstead, Dream Team in semi #1. Al Murphy and Ken Gritten, Ensigns won group #2 in a play off over Brian Hicks and Ray Ackroyd, Westenders. This put them against group #4 winners, Erwin See and self, Hustlers, in the other semi-final. The Rhynold/Olmstead and See/Tough duos pulled off the wins to set up a late, late show final. Two starts of 120 by Rhynold put the opposition in a hole, which did not last too long. See/Tough doubled out first to seal victory in a fine match by 2-0.

The Halton league held the open draw singles tourney last weekend and the winner was Jeff Henderson over Terry Hancock, Dave Scutt and Dave Nicholls in a four player round robin finish.

Once again a poor turn out was evidenced. Only thirty two players took part and all were firing for league bonus point, if nothing else. It was a fine afternoon of darts and of good sporting play all round.

The league had its usual matches on Monday evening and Legion #3 continue to lead from Brackys Boys. Both teams had good results with Legion taking a surprising, 12-1 win over Time Out #1 who were expected to put up a closer fight. Bracky's defeated Royal Pizza by 11-3 to stay in close contention, although nine points adrift. Ravine are third another ten points back. Legion #4 move into fourth and are followed by Royal Pizza, Charleys #1 and Time Out #1.

Match of the week is Charley #1 visit to the Ravine with a close result, 9-6 in favour of the home team.

Ravine opened with taking the two four player team sets with Paul Kirby's and Darlene Wheeler's closing doubles take outs. Off to the singles and Kirby won for the Ravine in the opener. Charleys came back with three in succession, from Neil Olmstead, Kent Davis and Eric Fuller. The match was tied. Dean Raynor beat Sandy Mercer and Ken Gritten lost to Paul Strasburger to leave the match still tied.

In the all-ladies final singles sets, Darlene Wheeler and Kim Smid of Ravine won through. The closing teams sets first and second set went to the visitors to again tie the match. The last two went to the home team for the win.

All in all, a close match.

## Bennett reaches NHL

# Local hockey stars climb ranks

While the NHL referees' strike and the resurgence of the Toronto Maple Leafs are what's getting the headlines these days, six local hockey stars are writing their own history this season — moving up the ranks of competition and bringing their dreams a little more into focus.

### Adam Bennett

For 22-year-old Georgetown native Adam Bennett, the dream of playing NHL hockey (on a full-time basis) was realized early last month when he found a home with the Edmonton Oilers.

After two full seasons with the Chicago Blackhawks' farm team in Indianapolis, Bennett appeared ready to skate with the N.H.L. club this fall but was instead sent back down to play with the Ice.

"At this point, I talked with Chicago management about the possibility of a trade," explained Bennett, from his hotel room in Edmonton last weekend, "Fortunately, Edmonton had a young team in need of defensemen and I was given a fresh start and a chance to play in the N.H.L."

After the trade (which sent Kevin Todd to Chicago) went through, Bennett played seven games with Edmonton's AHL club in Cape Breton and was then called up for NHL action near the end of October.

In 12 games, Adam has scored four points, taken three penalties and registered over 30 shots on net. The highlight of his season so far came three weeks ago when he recorded his first NHL goal against the St. Louis Blues.

"It was really nice, it was just a slapshot from the point that trickled through his (Curtis Joseph's) pads," Bennett explained, "Things have been going great here, we're not winning a lot of games but I'm gaining confidence and I feel positive I can play the rest of the season here. I'm not going to give them a chance to send me back to Cape Breton."

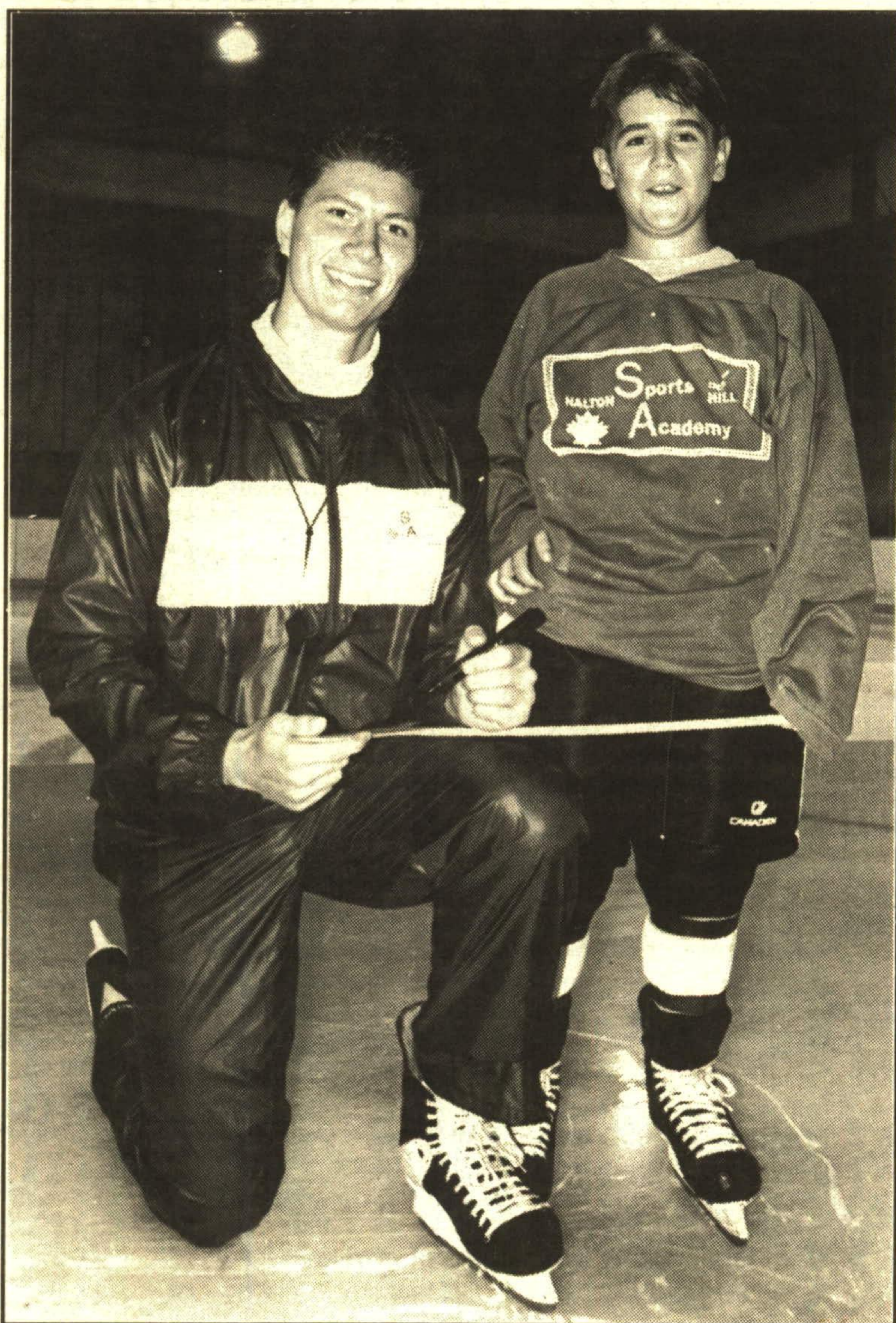
### Daryl Filipek

Also moving up a level of hockey this season was Acton's Daryl Filipek, who recently finished up a successful four-year stand at Ferris State University in Michigan and is now competing in the AHL with the Hamilton Canucks (part of Vancouver's organization).

"It's been really exciting so far this season and things have been going good," said the 23-year-old rear guard, "Compared to university hockey in the States, everything is a notch higher at this level."

Filipek says he had a good training camp with Vancouver and is now focusing on helping out Hamilton, who sits in fourth place in the Southern Division with a 7-11-1 record.

His best memory so far of professional hockey came October 29



Halton Hills area hockey talents are off to a good start this season, injuries aside. Adam Bennett, (above) at the Halton Hills Hockey School this summer, was traded by the Chicago Blackhawks to Edmonton and seems to have found a home in the Oilers line-up.

when he was moved up to the wing and scored two third period goals to give his team a 5-4 victory over the Rochester Americans.

"That was just a great game for me. It was the first time I'd played forward in about 10 years."

### Trent Cull

Also working blue line duty from Halton Hills this year is Georgetown's Trent Cull, who is

team's 1993 training camp.

"I thought I turned in a good training camp with Boston and my next goal is to sign on with a team in the IHL or AHL. More and more over age players are getting pro-hockey contracts these days so I'm confident this is still within my reach," Cull stated.

In 19 games, Cull has recorded a dozen assists and is hoping to help

currently enjoying his third season with the North Bay Centennials, The Cents have rebounded from a dismal 1992-93 campaign and now sit atop the Leyden Division with a 14-4-3 season record.

Property of the Los Angeles Kings, 19-year-old Shevalier has picked up where he left off last year and had scored 10 goals and 15 assists in his first 16 games.

"We had a good draft this spring and with four strong lines I'm not getting quite as much playing time as I did last season."

On the down side, Jeff broke his wrist in the middle of the Kings' training camp and was unable to play the first four games of the season as well. He also broke his other wrist in playoff action last spring and his team fell to Kingston in opening-round play.

However, Shevalier is back in action and is looking forward to this year's World Junior Championships, which are being held over the Christmas holidays in Czechoslovakia.

"I've been playing pretty good since returning and I should be part of the team next month," said Jeff.

### Mike Hudson

Former Acton Minor Hockey graduate Mike Hudson this season has had its share of ups and downs.

He was traded from the Chicago Blackhawks to the Edmonton Oilers near the end of last season but didn't fit into the Oilers plans this year.

After seeing limited ice time with the Oilers, the Rockwood native was shipped to the New York Rangers, where he was reunited with former Chicago coach Mike Keenan.

Hudson didn't get much of a chance to show what he could do in the Big Apple, earning a couple of assists in three games before a hand injury sidelined him.

He only recently returned to the Rangers line-up and counted an assist in New York's 5-4 win over Montreal on Tuesday. The Rangers recently ran their unbeaten string to 14 games, and are right behind the Toronto Maple Leafs in the battle for top spot overall in the NHL.

### Brian Hayward

After a successful 11-year tenure in the NHL, Georgetown native

Brian Hayward is enjoying success in the broadcaster's booth as the color commentator for the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim.

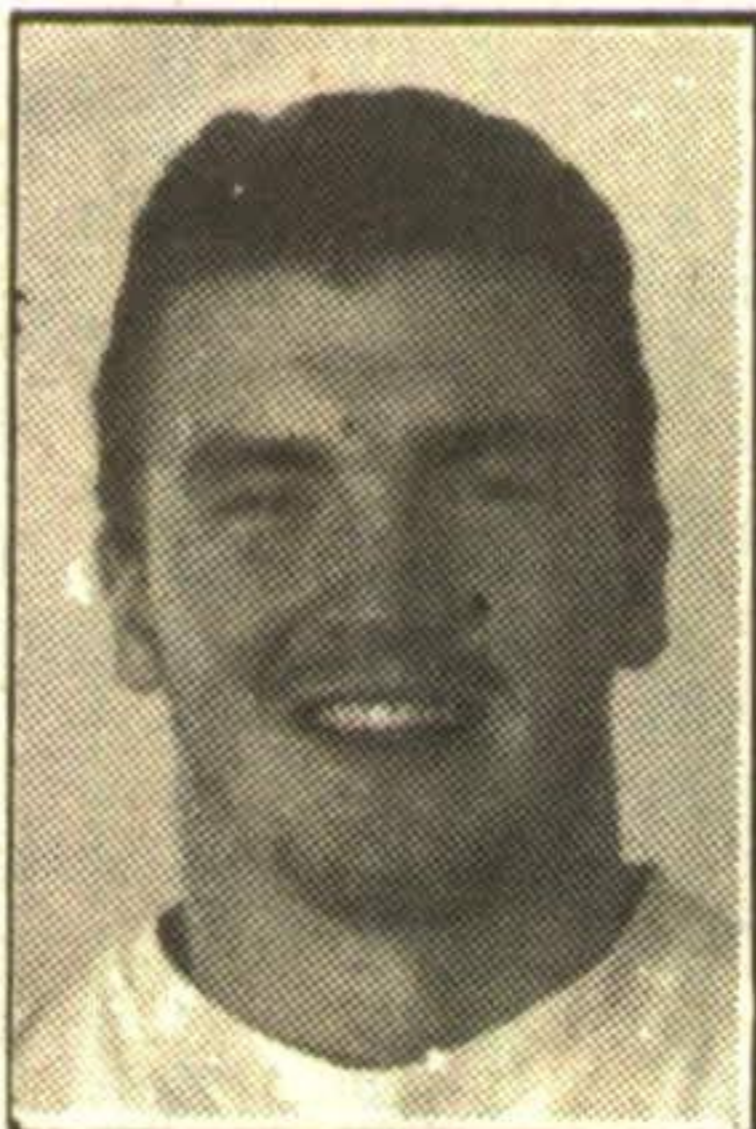
The star goaltender of the Winnipeg Jets and Montreal Canadiens in the 1980s finished out his playing career in San Jose and

officially retired this September. Along with his broadcasting duties, Hayward is also the Ducks' goaltending consultant and has played a key role in the expansion team's success this season. The Ducks have won their last four.

## Local hockey talents making their mark



DARYL FILIPEK



TRENT CULL



JEFF SHEVALIER



MIKE HUDSON



BRIAN HAYWARD



ADAM BENNETT

back for his fourth season of OHL hockey and his second with the Kingston Frontenacs - who hold third place in the Leyden Division.

The 20-year-old signed a tryout agreement with the Boston Bruins late last month and was part of the

Kingston make a return trip to the Leyden Division finals this coming spring - and possibly take the All-Ontario title.

### Jeff Shevalier

Standing in his way however, will be Erin native Jeff Shevalier who is

## Athletes of the Week

Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week are Vicki Hardstaff and Martin Sommer. Vicki was chosen for her outstanding performance on the midget Rebels volleyball team which finished fourth in Halton. Martin was chosen for his contribution to the senior Rebels volleyball team, which won the Halton championship and went on to GHAC. Acton High School Athletes of the Week are Heather Trotter and Derrick McIntyre. Heather was chosen for her solid performance on the junior basketball team in the recent invitational tournament held at the school. Derrick was selected for his strong play on the midget volleyball squad.



VICKI HARDSTAFF



MARTIN SOMMER



HEATHER TROTTER



DERRICK MCINTYRE