

Raiders deal Ellis to Orillia Terriers

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Local Junior A hockey fans may have spent some time wondering where good old #10 was last night (Saturday) in their team's match-up with the Oakville Blades.

Well wonder no longer, team scoring leader Ian Ellis is no longer a Georgetown Chrysler Raider.

After nearly a three-year tenure with the Raiders, 20-year-old Ellis was traded to the Orillia Terriers of the Central Ontario Provincial Junior A East Division Monday afternoon. In his last game as a Raider, Ian finished up in style with two goals and four assists last Saturday against the Brampton Capitals.

"I signed the card Monday and I

think it (the trade) was the right decision. Opportunity came knocking and I had to answer," said Ellis, who will now be skating with the first-place Terriers, who are the number one ranked Tier 2 Junior A squad in Canada.

Ian received offers from Barrie and Newmarket of the East Division as well, but chose Orillia who have perhaps the best shot at getting to the Centennial Cup (national championship) in April.

In his first game with his new team, Ian scored a goal and helped Orillia to a 2-2 tie with the Ajax Axemen Tuesday night.

"This is a great opportunity for Ian. He has trucked it out with this team for the last two seasons and now in his last year as a junior, he has a chance to compete for a

national championship," explained Raider President/GM Finn Poulstrup, "This is also a good opportunity for the young players on this team, to get more playing time and experience in the playoffs next month."

In just under three seasons with the Raiders, Ellis collected 168 points (90 goals and 78 assists). This season, Ian is ranked 10th in league scoring with 36 goals and 36 assists. He also competed at the All-Star game in Markham.

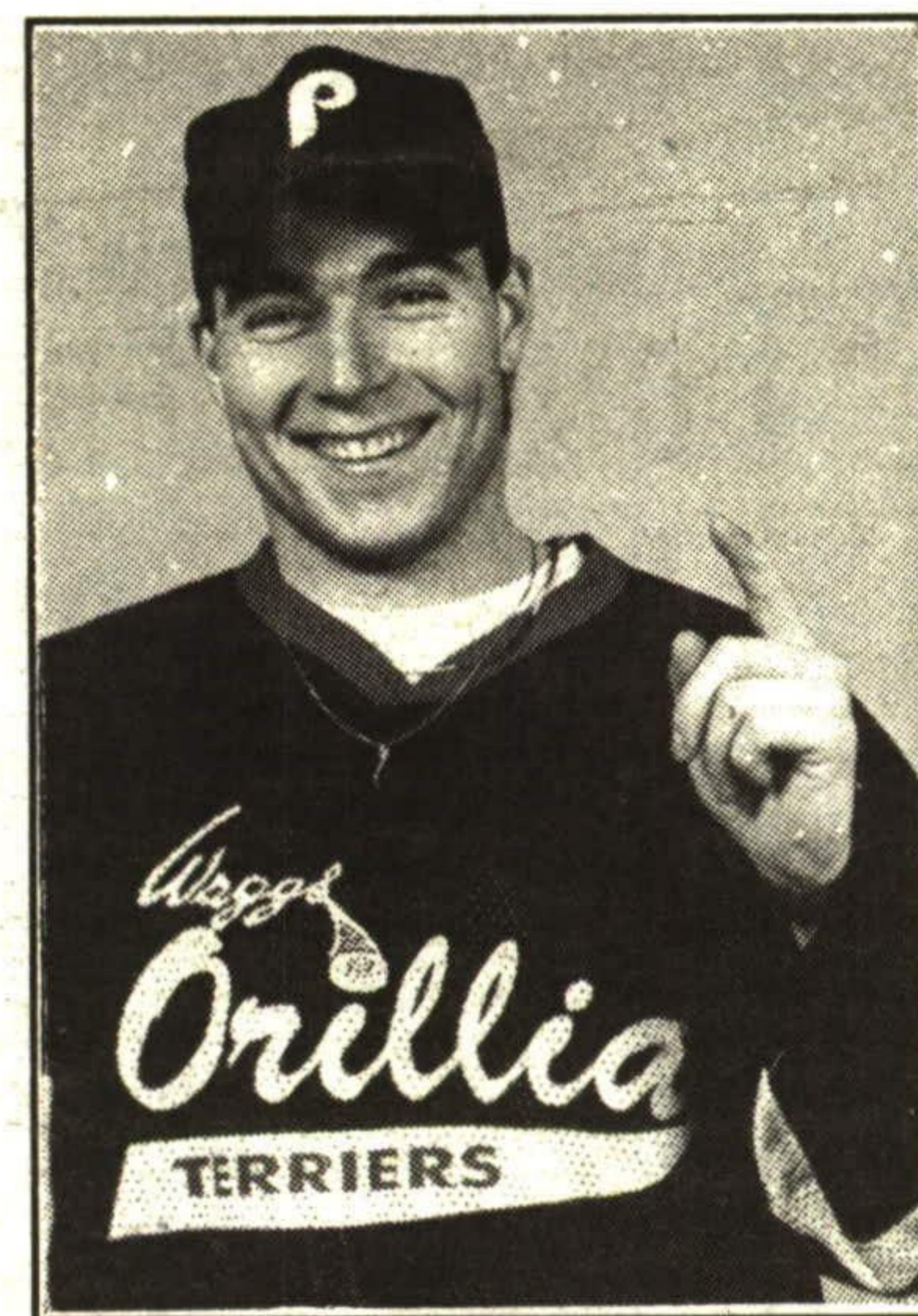
Prior to his days with Georgetown, Ellis played Junior B hockey in London and began his Junior hockey career with the Milton Merchants when he was just 15. However, he says his years with the Raiders were his best so far.

"This (Georgetown) is the best

place I've ever played, I had a great time here. It was a little depressing during my last skate with the team Monday night, knowing I wouldn't play with them again."

After the 1993-94 season wraps up, Ellis will consider his future in hockey. He has had a few offers from U.S. schools to play university hockey and has also looked into the possibility of playing in either the Colonial League or across the globe at the international level.

His first priority however, will be helping the Terriers in next month's playoffs. Orillia boasted an outstanding 27-1-2 record prior to their newest acquisition, and Ian Ellis' scoring touch may be that final ingredient needed to give them a league title and a trip to the Centennial Cup.



Ian Ellis looks comfortable in the uniform of his new team, the Orillia Terriers. Ellis will still wear his familiar number 10.

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Bennett hits mark

Georgetown hockey hero Adam Bennett scored his second goal as an NHLer last Tuesday. A 23-year-old defenceman with the Edmonton Oilers, Bennett scored against the Dallas Stars at 8:58 of the third period — unfortunately in a 5-2 losing effort.

While seeing limited ice time this season, Adam has played in 26 games with the Oilers this season and has collected two goals and four assists.

Picking up the pace

After a slow start to the 1993-94 season, local hockey star Jeff Shevalier has picked up the pace and is now ranked 12th in Ontario Hockey League (OHL) scoring.

The 19-year-old Erin native has now scored 65 points (32 goals and 33 assists) in his third season with the North Bay Centennials. He is second in team scoring behind first-year Russian teammate Yachmenev, who has 74 points.

Meanwhile, Jeff's Cents are enjoying a great deal of success and are currently top ranked in Canadian Major Junior Hockey polls.

Heritage dinner

The 1994 Georgetown Hockey Heritage Council's Awards Dinner will be held Monday, March 7 at Holy Cross Church Auditorium on Maple Avenue in Georgetown.

This year the Hockey Heritage Council, headed up by Chairman David Kentner and Selection Committee Chairman Del Beaumont, have selected life-time local resident Karen Harrison as the 17th recipient of the annual award.

Tickets are \$35 each. For further information on the event, contact chairman David Kentner at 873-0404.

Open House

The Cooperative Program Planning Committee of Halton Hills will once again be hosting a Community Open House. This year's event will be the fifth edition of this valuable community organization showcase. It will be taking place on Friday, March 25, 1994 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, March 26, 1994 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Georgetown Market Place Indoor Mall. If you haven't yet received your registration form for this event, and are interested in participating, please contact Joy Thompson at The Recreation and Parks Department at 873-2600, ext 263.



The Acton Redmen junior girls volleyball squad squared off with the Milton Mustangs in a tough battle at Acton High Monday afternoon dropping a hard fought 2-1 decision.

The Mustangs claimed game one 15-10 and game three 15-9. The Redmen claimed game two 15-3.

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Redmen edged by Mustangs

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Despite some solid team efforts Monday afternoon at home, both the Acton Redmen junior and senior girls' volleyball teams took 2-1 losses to the Milton District Mustangs in Halton Regional Richardson Division play.

The junior girls' opened up play and took a 15-10 loss to the Mustangs in their first game. While the home team got some good serving from Heather Trotter and Shondra Stroud and strong net play by Jen McKay, their overall team work in the opening game was disorganized and allowed Milton District to take the lead.

Milton District took a 3-1 lead in the second game but Acton stormed back with great serving by Jackie Jahn and Jamie Davies and solid hitting by McKay, Trotter and Yvonne Hendry and collected 14 unanswered points for a 15-3 win.

This set up an exciting third and deciding game which eventually saw the Mustangs win 15-9 and claim a 2-1 match victory. Trotter and McKay helped spark an Acton comeback half-way through the third game before Milton took control again and got the win.

Also turning in solid efforts on the volleyball court Monday were Shelley Hand and Nicole Hargrave.

"I didn't think we played all that badly. We just missed about a dozen serves in the first and third games, and you're not going to win games that way," said junior Redmen head coach Bob McKay.

The senior girls' also turned in a strong performance but fell 2-1, winning the first game 15-7 and then going down 15-6 and 15-5 in the next two games.

The juniors improved to 3-2 on the season Wednesday afternoon with a 2-0 victory over the E.C. Drury Spartans of Milton, winning 15-8 and 15-4.

Meanwhile the seniors played well but fell 2-0, in 15-6, 15-11 decisions. They are still looking for their first win.

Athletes of the Week



BETH HENDERSON

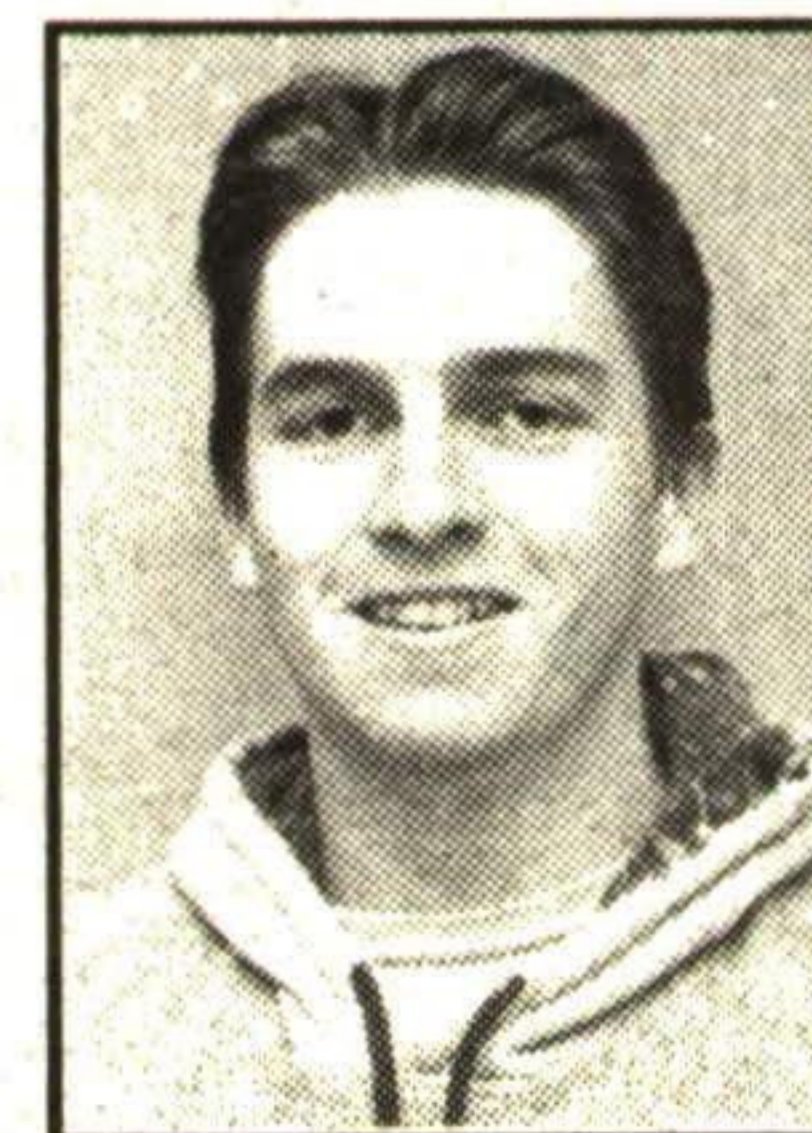


SHAWN HOPKINS

Beth Henderson and Shawn Hopkins are the Acton High School Athletes of the Week. Henderson, a grade 10 student, plays midget girls volleyball. Hopkins is a member of the junior boys basketball team. The grade 10 student scored 18 points in a recent game against the M.M. Robinson. The Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week are Mike Lumber and Melissa Archdekin. Mike was chosen for his efforts as point guard on the senior Rebels basketball team, while Melissa, a setter on the midget Rebels volleyball team, has helped the undefeated team through two tournament wins.



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