

Hardie signs with QMJHL's Oceanic

A teenager who wasn't drafted by an Ontario Hockey League team, local resident Daniel Hardie has earned a roster spot in Quebec with the club that Sidney Crosby got his start at the major junior level.

The 18-year-old forward and graduate of the Halton AAA Hurricanes minor organization signed with the QMJHL's Rimouski Oceanic earlier this week as a free agent after a superb rookie campaign with his hometown Georgetown Jr. A Raiders.



DANIEL HARDIE

Hardie followed up his 20-goal, 28-assist performance in 45 regular-season games with

with the Raiders last season with a dozen goals and six helpers in Georgetown's playoff run to the Ontario Junior Hockey League final against Trenton.

The 5-foot-9, 173-pound Christ the King Secondary School graduate scored in an exhibition contest for the Oceanic last weekend in a 5-3 victory against the Victoriaville Tigres.

Hardie joked on his Twitter account that being selected in a ball hockey league this summer was the first time he'd been drafted by any team.



TEAM OF THE WEEK: For the second year in a row, the same group of Georgetown Mustangs captured the Golden Horseshoe Soccer League Cup championship, this time earning the Elite 16 girls' title. The Mustangs edged Oakville 1-0 in Milton recently to earn the League Cup. To get to the final, Georgetown's under-16s defeated North Mississauga 1-0 in June and Niagara Region 2-1 earlier this month. Team members (front, from left) are: Daniella Marino, Monica Oram, Elizabeth Anderson, Lucia Oram, Ashleigh Wilson, Sophia Castellano. Second row: Assistant coach Neil Anderson, Chantel Partap, Shayla Williams, Karley Talbot, Samantha Vertolli, Isabella Andrade, Hannah Gowland, Lindsay Quinn, Rachel Carson, Jessica Fernandes, Elyse Armstrong, assistant coach Joao Ngoma, head coach Howie Oram. Absent: Gemma Patey. *Submitted photo*

Fall golf a time for experimentation

By Cory Gentes
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The fall season is heating up, with Patrick Reed winning the Barclays to take the lead in the FedEx Cup and Ariya Jutanugarn looking to win LPGA player-of-the-year honours after her win in Canada.

There is plenty of golf left to be played and especially in our neck of the woods where fall traffic tails off and course conditions are still great.

Fall golf is some of my favourite for getting out and enjoying the scenery and maybe playing a few new courses you haven't tried.

I just returned from a quick holiday back home in Northern Ontario and it is always fun to go back to my home course and have a kick at it.

One thing I have learned is to play my game and not play the number on the scorecard. Case in point: The 8th hole at Ontario's most northerly 18-hole golf course is a very tight 261-yard par 4.

The hole is short but is literally cut out of the northern forest and demands a straight tee shot or a lay up to something you can hit straight on your second.



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The green is a postage stamp and if you miss the fairway on either side you are looking at bogey or worse. I have made my share of birdies on this hole but also some others. On this visit I took a par and walked away with a smile.

When you get out this fall to some of those courses you haven't played before or ever try and play your game and not worry so much about the number on the card.

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