

Stephen Silas finding his legs in the ECHL

With his U Sports career as a member of the Waterloo Warriors recently coming to a close, another door has opened for local resident Stephen Silas.

The 6-foot-1, 210-pound defenceman signed with the ECHL's Missouri Mavericks earlier this month and has a goal in five games so far.

Several pro teams were interested in the durable two-way blueliner, who holds the former OHL Belleville Bulls franchise record for games played at 324.

The 24-year-old didn't miss a game in his four years at Waterloo, registering 16 goals and 47 assists in 111 games, and plans to finish his legal studies degree while playing for the Mavericks.

It all came together pretty quickly, Silas told the University of Waterloo Athletics

website.

Once we got eliminated from the playoffs, a handful of teams reached out to me.

I narrowed down my search after speaking with (Warriors head coach) Brian (Bourque), my family, and my professors. Everything just kind of fell into place.

A fourth-round draft pick of the Colorado Avalanche in the 2010 NHL Entry Draft, Silas feels he can help the Mavericks make the ECHL playoffs and catch the eye of some pro scouts.

I'm hoping to continue my hockey career next year, whether in North America

or overseas, said Silas. I view this opportunity as a sort of way to establish myself within the professional ranks, and I hope it can offer me an extended future in hockey.



STEPHEN SILAS



The Halton Hills Thunder pose for a team shot after taking home the Tri-county Bantam title.

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Thunder makes noise at tourney

The Halton Hills Thunder Minor Bantam AE team won the Tri-county Finals on March 19.

The team won game four in an exciting overtime 3-2 win to take home the hardware in front of a hometown crowd in Acton.

Acton Curling Club receives a \$250K cash boost

Members of the Acton Curling Club Renovation Finance/Grant Committee recently learned that they had received a \$250,000 Ontario150 Community Capital Program grant.

The grant, in conjunction with the significant savings from the Members Annual Building Fund, will help the club make much-needed renovations to its 50-year-old building's main floor and lower level.

Over the past eight years, the club's Renovation Finance Committee has been working towards its goal of making the needed renovations that would make the curling club fully accessible.

Funds will be used to upgrade the building's electrical system and plumbing system. New accessible washrooms/change rooms will be added as well.

In addition, the grant will help with the creation of a new meeting room, along with buying a new heating and air conditioning system.

We are very proud to report we will further be using the funds to build an accessible ramp to enter the building, the ice surface area and the installation of a lift that will provide full accessibility through-



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out the entire curling club, said Madelene Reed, the club's past president.

The project is scheduled to begin the week of April 17 and expected to be completed by the beginning of November 2017.

Early in the fall, the club will be inviting the community to a large celebration for its 50th anniversary and will be recognizing the contribution of the Ontario150 grant.

New members are also welcome. For more information visit the website www.actoncurlingclub.com



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