

Record number of Hurricanes' products on OHL rosters

Local players in the 'O'

There are currently more local residents on rosters of Ontario Hockey League teams than ever before and most of those are not just playing bit parts.

Most are graduates of the Halton Hurricanes' AAA program. Grabbing the most attention is Georgetown's **Jason Dickinson**, the 2013 first-round pick of the Dallas Stars, who has returned for a fourth season with the OHL's Guelph Storm and was named the club's captain earlier this month. The 19-year-old centre was also selected for the OHL all-star team that will face a Russian squad in the Subway Super Series game to be played in Peterborough Nov. 13.

His younger brother, **Josh Dickinson**, was one of the final cuts at the Sudbury Wolves' training camp and the 16-year-old forward is playing at home with the Jr. A Raiders for a year of seasoning.

Here's an update on how the other OHLers from Halton Hills are faring this season:

- After a breakout 54-point season last year, 19-year-old centre **Josh Sterk** has five goals and seven points in 11 games so far with the first-place Oshawa Generals.

- Left-winger **Connor Brown** was dealt to the Saginaw Spirit in the off-season after netting a dozen goals for the Ottawa 67's last year. The 19-year-old was named assistant captain of the Spirit and has two goals to this point.

- Centre **Jacob Harris** is the oldest of the homegrown products and enters his fourth campaign with the struggling Sudbury Wolves, who are off to a 1-9 start.

Known as a dependable two-way player, Harris, 19, has zero points so far and missed a couple of games after getting drilled into the boards from behind in a 6-1 loss to Sault Ste. Marie.

- **Matthew Kreis** was the Barrie Colts' first-round pick in 2013 and after showing some promise in his rookie campaign for head coach Dale Hawerchuk, the 17-year-old left winger scored his first goal of the season Saturday in a 7-4 win over Windsor.

- Matthew's twin brother **Mitchell Kreis**, a defenceman who played for his hometown Jr. A Raiders last year, signed with the London Knights and practises with the OHL squad, but is suiting up for the London Jr. B Nationals in the meantime.

- Rookie **Michael McNiven** is caught up in a netminding triumverate in Owen Sound. The Attack is carrying a pair of veteran stoppers, meaning that the 6-foot-1, 210-pound 17-year-old has played in just one game this season, a 25-save, 8-2 romp over Sudbury Oct. 10.

- Dickinson isn't the only local on the defending OHL-champion Storm. At 6-foot-4 and 245 pounds, fellow CtK grad **Aleks Rapp** made the team with an impressive training camp and the 17-year-old right-winger is nimble for his size. He's pointless in 10 games this season.

- Another rookie, 17-year-old defenceman **Matt Mercer**, has played in five games for the Ottawa 67's and brings a commanding presence to their blueline at 6-foot-3 and 225 pounds.



Jr. Rebels remain undefeated

Jamie Budnikas drives for an easy layup in the fourth quarter of the Georgetown Rebels' 35-15 victory over the visiting Notre Dame Fighting Irish Tuesday afternoon in Halton high school Tier I junior girls' basketball action. Mara Caldwell led the 7-0 Rebels on the afternoon in scoring with 10 points and Lauryn Anderson added eight more in a well-balanced GDHS attack. A pair of undefeated Tier I teams will meet in Burlington next Thursday as the Rebels and Nelson Flames match up in the final regular-season contest for both. In Tuesday's senior game, GDHS was edged 30-26 and the Rebels are now 2-6 on the season.

Photo by Eamonn Maher

Skate Canada sectional meet hosted by GSC next weekend

The Georgetown Skating Club will co-host the 2015 Skate Canada-Central Ontario Sectional Championships Oct. 30 to Nov. 2 at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex.

The Central Ontario section extends from Pickering to Oakville, Toronto to Owen Sound, Midland and Orillia, consisting of more than 100 clubs. Champions at this competition go on to represent Central Ontario at the Skate Canada Challenge competition and the Canadian Tire Skate Canada national championships.

Canadian and World champions

who started at these sectional championships include three-time world champion Patrick Chan, three-time world champion Elvis Stojko along with Petra Burka, Brian Orser and Paul Martini and Barbara Underhill.

"We are very excited to have the opportunity to showcase our new arenas, expanded shopping mall and the Town of Halton Hills to the many competitors, coaches, family members and officials who will be attending over the four days," said GSC vice president Lisette Logan.

The event is open to the public.

Giles 9th at OFSAA Golf Festival

A round of seven-over-par 80 put Georgetown Rebel Kristen Giles in a tie for ninth place at the Ontario Secondary School Athletic Associations' Girls' Golf Festival in Windsor last week, five shots back of the winner.

In a field of more than a hundred golfers, Christ the King's Jennifer

Knox also fared well, placing in a tie for 21st following a round of 84.

The OFSAA Boys' Golf Championship was contested over 36 holes in Stratford and GDHS's Gray Potter cracked the top 20, finishing tied for 12th with seven other golfers at three over par after rounds of 72-73.

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