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Hudson heads to Oilers in trade

BY DOUG HARRISON
It's time for a fresh start, says former Acton Minor Hockey star Mike Hudson.

The 26-year-old Rockwood native was swapped straight-up from the Chicago Black Hawks prior to Monday's National Hockey League trading deadline to the Edmonton Oilers for 30-year-old defenceman Craig Muni.

"It was hard to take at first," said the lanky centre in a telephone interview Tuesday from Chicago, "because I realized I wasn't going to a playoff team, but to a young and rebuilding one."

After five rumour-filled years with Chicago, Hudson can now

concentrate on hockey rather than what team courts his services.

"I was talking with (Oiler general manager, Glen) Sather and he's going to just let me go out and play my game," said Hudson, who racked up seven points (one goal, six assists) in 36 games this year.

"You get used to the rumours," Hudson continued, "but nothing prepares you for the final impact."

"I had five years (in Chicago) and I'm proud of what I did."

Upon his arrival in Edmonton, the personable Hudson will join former teammates Igor Kravchuk and Dave Manson, along with Shayne Corson, with whom he played Jr. A.



TERRIFIC TYKES: McIntyre Fuels' Joey Brunelle (right) and A & S Engraving's Matt Chapman battle for the puck in a Tyke House League game Saturday at Acton arena. A & S took the game 4-3 behind Matt Bronizewski's four-goal performance. McIntyre Fuels' Brunelle answered with two in a losing cause. (Mike Albano photo)

Nellis wins consolation

If it wasn't for an untimely penalty and a shaky defence, the Nellis Construction Novice I rep hockey squad could very well have won a weekend Plattsville Tournament.

But a consolation championship is better than no championship, though.

Seven Acton players were credited with goals in their 13-2 dismantling of Seaforth in the final.

Steve Barends found the net four times, Jason McGuire three and Ryan Weatherall twice, while Ben Williams, Andrew Pembleton and Mike Dube chalked up singles.

In the opener against Clinton, Acton jumped out to a quick 4-1 lead, but found themselves locked in a 5-5 tie just as fast.

It remained a tie as both teams

prepared for an overtime finish.

Acton took a penalty in the extra period and as a result, failed to get a shot on net and Clinton responded with a goal on their first.

Nellis took it on the chin in their second game by a 6-1 score.

Meanwhile, the team looked strong in all aspects of their contest on Sunday in Kitchener in an exhibition contest against an AA club, winning 3-1.

Williams opened the scoring on a three-way passing play from Weatherall and Pembleton.

After Kitchener squared matters at one apiece, Pembleton scored from David Brooks and Mike Dube to make it 2-1 Acton.

Pembleton scored his second off a Barends pass to make it 3-1.

Lindsay, Stanhope, Bonus pot three each

PEEWEE

In a Pee wee exhibition game, "Dino" Protopapas scored two goals for M & M Pro Sports, but it wasn't enough as Georgetown Rent-All edged them 5-4.

Jim Dickinson and Shane Sero scored the other goals.

Chad Edwards with two, Bryan McAnsh, Brett Timakus, Robbie Bonus and Shane Sero had assists.

Brad Williamson scored four goals, but was unable to get his Craigwood Farms teammates to pull the trigger in an 8-4 loss to Georgetown Murray Motors.

Blair Williamson with three, Curtis Archibald (a pair) and Bryan Coles set up the Craigwood goals.

ATOM

In a low-scoring affair, Mike Smith and James Mashinter had a goal each for Mr. Mugs in a 2-1 clipping of Mike & Al's Transport.

Smith and Adam Bosch assisted on the Mashinter marker.

Mike Hastings with help from Dan Stanhope and David White scored the lone Mike & Al's goal at the Community Centre.

Joey Zinke had the natural hat-trick and two assists for Nellis Construction in their 5-2 handling of Mike Luty Transport on Saturday in other Atom play.

Ryan Bowen and Jeff Gordon with Nellis singles also scored.

Alex Zinke with three, Joey Zinke with two and Bowen all had helpers for Nellis, which got good goaltending from Chris Scully.

D.J. King and Nathan French answered for Luty Transport.

French, Joey Thompson and Ben Reynolds had assists.

NOVICE

Turning their play up a notch, the Acton Branch 197 Legion Maple Leafs pummelled the MacMillan's Whalers, 10-2.

Adam Lindsay led the way with

six points (three goals, three assists), while Jason Bonus had three goals and two assists and Chris Stanhope found the net three times.

David McEnery rounded out the scoring with a single marker.

Assists went to Stanhope, Joey McGrath with three, Jonathan Hicks with two, Michael Lee, Alex Adwan and goalie Josh Bowen.

Paul Schiller and Shane Haslam replied with goals for MacMillan's.

Haslam and teammate Tom Wilson had helpers.

In the other contest, MacKenzie-Chapman Kings edged Galvcast 6-5 in Acton on Saturday.

Mike Rowsell netted three goals and Eric Sousa a pair in the loss.

Rowsell also had two assists in his five point day. Derek Scott and Dan Hastings had singles.

Mark Pawlak scored twice and added an assist for the winners. Also potting goals were Kurtis Bosch with two, Jason Chapman and Graham Rhynold.

MacKenzie-Chapman assists went to Tyler Chapman, Shane Kilgour and Rhynold with two, Pawlak, Tyler Chapman, Justin Lockerbie and Jason Chapman.

TYKE

In Tyke play, A & S Engraving's Matt Bronizewski outscored Joey Brunelle of McIntyre Fuels North Stars 4-2 in a 4-3 A & S win.

Keith Gilmour had the other North Star goal, unassisted.

Andrew Robitaille, Nick Newby and Joel Graydon assisted.

In a two-goal effort, Colin Sheehan helped Acton Terminal Warehouse to a 4-2 doubling of Goy Transport.

Mark Boycott and Mike Borg also contributed goals.

Assists for A.T.W. went to Borg, Sheehan, Brendan Sheppard, Mike Bentley, Joe Dunbar and Sean Brophy.

Matt Gardener and Kyle Winters had goals for Goy.

Shawn Gobin fed a pass to Gardener for their first goal.

Al & Al's Red Brand Meats, blessed with balanced scoring, squashed Best Transfer 5-1.

Tyler Holmes with two, Tim Pembleton, Candice Anderson and Darryl Wright had Al & Al's goals.

Pembleton with two, Holmes, Wright and Anderson had assists.

Dylan Jacobs, from Paul Drexler, scored the Best goal.



BEST BEAT: Best Transfer's Blaine Murry (left) challenges Al & Al's Red Brand Meats' Kyle Strong for the puck in a Tyke House League hockey game Saturday at Acton arena. Al & Al's trounced Best 5-1. Tyler Holmes had two goals for the winners. (Mike Albano photo)

Andy's in a close one

The wait was worthwhile for the Acton Andy's Restaurant Novice II rep hockey team.

The local squad is now off to Championship Day this weekend in Waterloo, following their exciting 3-2 win over Grand Valley in Hub semi-final action on Saturday.

Andy's will be playing the winner of the Guelph-Cam-

bridge series in the one-game final contest.

Andrew Forbes, John Field and Nick Mastro (the game-winner), scored for Acton in the game, cancelled last Tuesday because of an unexpected snowstorm.

Jeff Payne, Jon Newby and David Preston had assists in the game.