

# Healthy Shevalier 12th in OHL scoring race

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In September, Jeff Shevalier picked up where he left off during the 1992-93 Ontario Hockey League (OHL) playoffs. Injured.

But four months later, the Acton Sabre product and North Bay Centennials left winger has traded bumps and bruises for some healthy numbers.

On Monday, the 19-year-old Shevalier was 12th in the hunt for

the Eddie Powers Memorial Trophy, which is presented to the OHL's leading scorer. He has racked up 35 goals and 38 assists for 73 points in 45 of the 47 Centennials' games.

## Went to world junior camp

At his current pace, Shevalier, a fifth-round choice of the Los Angeles Kings in the 1992 National Hockey League entry draft, will close out this season three points shy of the 113 he totalled last year.

Shevalier broke his right wrist in the first round of last year's OHL playoffs. He was invited to the Canadian world junior team's first camp in August, played well and then broke his left wrist during the Centennials' training camp.

And three weeks into the regular season, he was high-sticked and suffered a bruised retina.

But the healing process is easier when you're on a winning team — the Centennials led the OHL on Monday with a 34-9-4 record — leading the team in power-play goals and most importantly, enjoying the drive to the arena each night.

## 'Having more fun this year'

"I'm having more fun this year," beams the 6-foot, 185-pounder. "Everybody is so loose. You go to the arena to have a good time. People are watching you play — fans and scouts."

Shevalier is delighted with the 20 to 25 minutes of ice time he

gets each game, especially when a game is close with two minutes left and he knows he'll be out there.

The third-year Centennial is handling the puck more this year and attributes it to keeping focussed on his role as a goal scorer and having talented linemates.

At 5-foot-9, 159 pounds, pesky second-year centre Stefan Rivard hits everything in sight to open up ice for Shevalier. And converted defenceman Paul Doherty either dumps the puck in the opposite corner for the big winger or finds his stick on the ice.

"If the team wins, everyone does," says Shevalier, who expects to sign a contract with the Kings near the end of this season.

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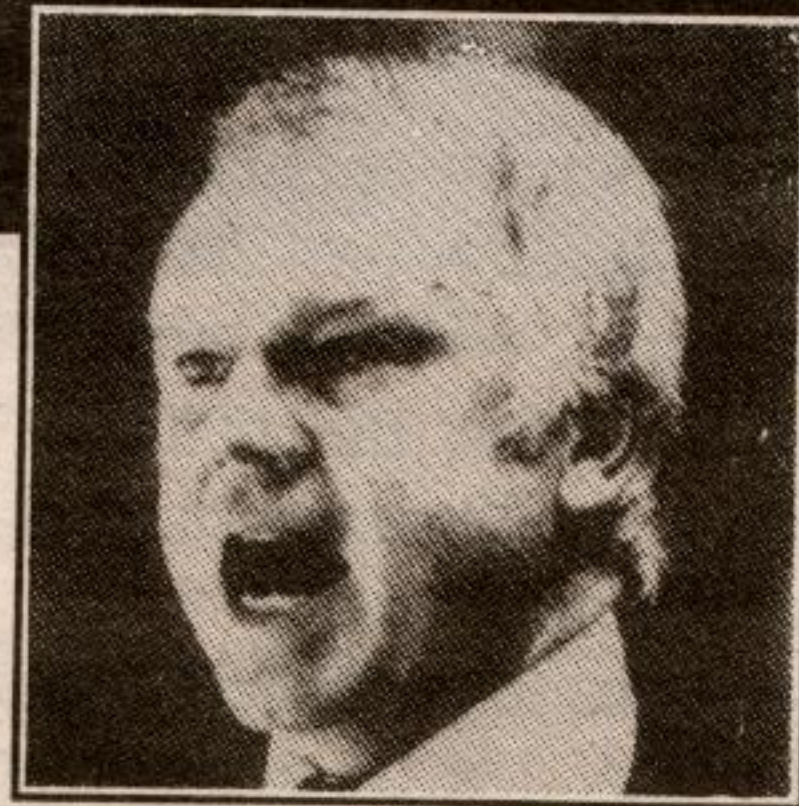
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## "Doctor" Eddie Shore

Billy Sweeny, who won the scoring title for Eddie Shore, had a sore ankle one time. Shore gave him the infamous hot and cold treatment. He put Billy's foot in a cold ice bucket and then boiling hot water. The ice, believe it or not, was the ice that the zamboni picked up from the rink. It was filthy and Billy got an infected ankle.

Another little gem: Brian Kilrea, who was the captain of the team, had cracked ribs. Eddie made him sit in a hot tub until Brian passed out. Eddie called him gutless for passing out. Eddie also made Brian play with a jaw broken in two places.

Eddie gave me the hot and cold treatment for a broken toe. Needless to say, after one treatment, I jammed my foot into my skate and forgot about the toe. The treatments were worse than the injury!

The money of hockey was a big thing with Shore. Eddie would suspend players for "indifferent play" even though they hadn't played in a month. Just Eddie's way of keeping the payroll down.

When Wayne Larken had been promised a bonus for making twenty goals, he was benched when he reached 18 goals. Brian Kilrea was benched the last two games when he was going for the scoring title. He lost the title by a point.

More tales from the rink next week!



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## Canes fall in semi-final at tourney

The Halton Hurricanes Minor Atom AAA hockey team recently returned from Peterborough, having bowed in the semi-finals in the 100-plus team tourney.

In the semi-final match, Hurricane player and Erin resident Casey Woodman assisted on his team's lone goal with under a minute to play and an extra attacker on the ice against Richmond Hill.

Acton's Kyle Lodberg was outstanding in the 2-1 loss.

The Canes gained a bye to the semis, despite a 5-1 loss to the hosts in their third game.

Acton resident Brandon Valente

assisted on the lone Hurricane score.

Lodberg recored the shutout in Game 2 as Acton dumped Stouffville 3-0.

Lodberg was supported by a quartet of defencemen, which included Acton's David Brooks.

Woodman set up the Canes' first goal and Brooks help set up the third.

In Game 1, Valente potted the winning goal with less than three minutes remaining for a 2-1 win over a Central Ontario club.

Woodman, who assisted on Valente's marker, tied the game 1-1 in the second period.

## Petkoff pots lone Cane goals

The Halton Major Atom Hurricanes were blown away in three games at the recent Silver Stick hockey tournament.

Acton's Joel Petkoff scored the Canes' only two goals in losses to the Toronto Red Wings (4-0), Ottawa (3-0) and 4-2 to Chicago.

Last Wednesday, the locals travelled to Barrie, tying 3-3.

Petkoff scored the Canes' second goal and assisted on the third.

In a sluggish contest in St. Catharines last Tuesday, the Canes dropped a 5-1 decision.

The Hurricanes' record sits at 22-2-6.

Their next home game is Saturday in Georgetown at Alcott Arena at 2:30 pm.

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