

# Edwards rebounds from Achilles' tendon injury

BY DOUG HARRISON  
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Canadian Junior long jump champion Brent Edwards recently

strained his right Achilles' tendon while preparing for upcoming competition.

"I was lucky I didn't tear it," the Acton resident says. "I missed two events, but it's back to normal now."

The 18-year-old jumper, who is also the provincial high jump champ, figures he could have competed in the second meet — a University of Toronto event — but coach Carl Georgevski advised against it.

"There were some athletes from the States there and I wanted to see how I would fare against them. I think I

could have won, since the best jump was 6.40 metres." A healthy Edwards jumps around 7.19m.

Edwards sustained the injury in a rather harmless fashion. The back of his foot was a little tight, so he started stretching and ran a couple of times.

The tendon acts as an elastic band and if it's stretched too far — as in Edwards' case — the athlete is forced to shut down training.

For the past week, Edwards has been doing take-offs and monitoring the last couple of steps of his run, which are the concern with a tendon injury.

"The layoff didn't pull me back too much," says Edwards, who figures he would have jumped only four or five times if healthy.

"It's weird. My take-off foot is my left, so if any foot was to be tight it should have been the left."

Edwards' big test was on the weekend when he ran 200m in a relay at the University of Toronto Track Classic at York University and the Ontario indoor relays and all-comers track championship.

The Ontario Juvenile-Senior championship goes this weekend at York, while the Bantam-Midget-Junior (BMJ) Ontario championship runs Feb. 19 and 20.

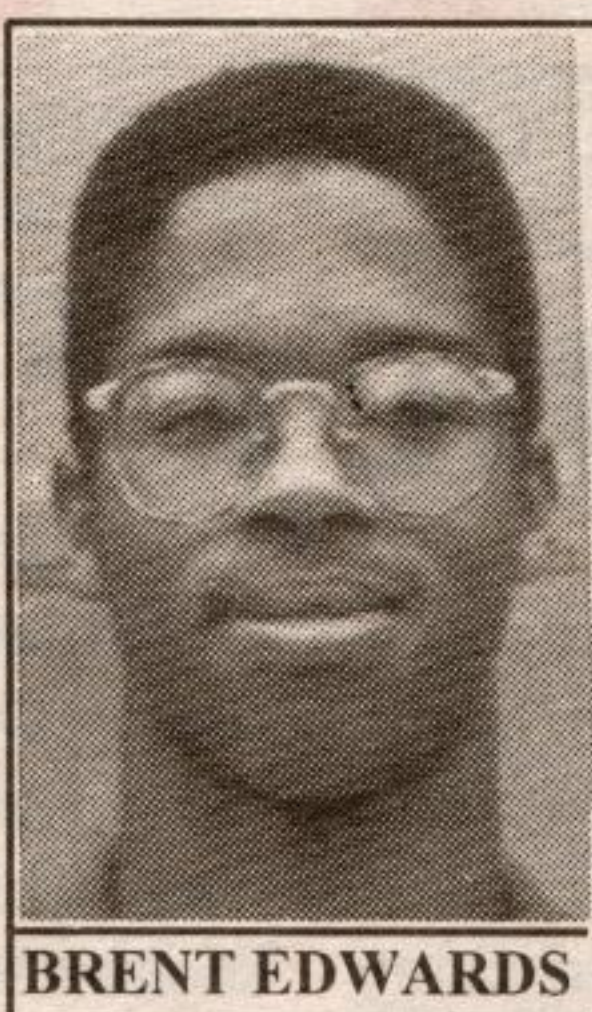
"I would like to go over 7m at the BMJ meet," Edwards reveals. "If I continue where I left off last

year (7.19m) it's a good indicator of my training."

Edwards will be abandoning the cold weather here for Florida sunshine in March for training purposes. Qualifying for the World Junior Outdoor track championship set for late June in Lisbon, Portugal, begins next month.

Edwards feels he will get accustomed to the hot weather and he has three months to jump the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) standard of 7.45m twice in order to qualify.

"At the end of last year," admits Edwards, "I didn't have a good landing or extension. If I can get my feet up another 20 to 30 centimetres and qualify in March, I'm capable of 7.60 or 7.70m."



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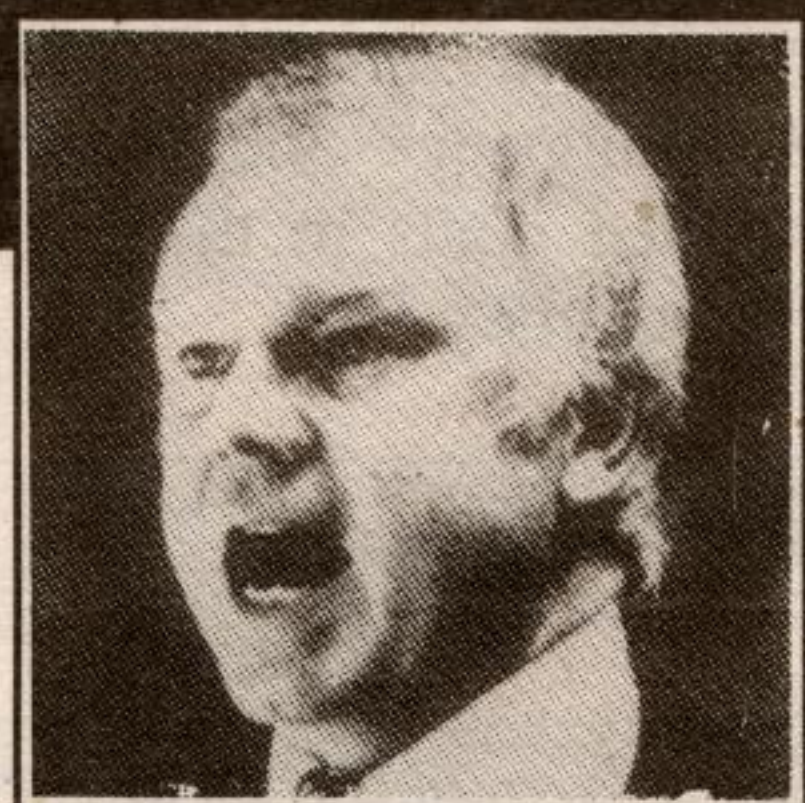
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## What discrimination!

Good news folks, the NDP have suspended their ban on hiring white, English males and now they will have the same chance as aboriginals, women, francophones and any other minorities when they apply for jobs in the government.

Sure, anybody can apply for a job, but whose application do you think they are going to file under "G" for garbage when the time comes for the actual hiring? If I was a minority I would resent the fact that I am not good enough to get the job on my own. Sure, I know in the past they had a hard time getting jobs, but does that justify the government reversing the discrimination and reversing the backlash?

We are a strange nation. This country, whether some people like to admit it or not, was carved out of the wilderness by white males. The next time a Remembrance Day parade goes by, make sure you check out the white males. It is fellows like these and their comrades who gave their lives so that you can read this paper in the safety of your home.

I have a friend whose son always wanted to be a policeman. Some guys wanted to be hockey players, but he liked the police and the law. He entered the Academy and studied and studied. He was in the top three of his class. At the end of the exams (where there were about 50 applicants) the group were told that they were only hiring four people and two would be women regardless of their results in the exams. So my friend's son, even though he was in the top three of 50, was told "tough luck". He's paying the price of being a white, Anglo Saxon male in Canada.



## Shevalier shines in CHL All-Star game

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He was given the nickname "Filler" by his All-Star teammates, so Jeff Shevalier decided to make it stick.

A centre with the Ontario Hockey League North Bay Centennials, Shevalier filled the net, scoring two goals and assisting on another in the OHL-Western Hockey League All-Stars' 9-7 win over the Atlantic-Quebec Juniors in last Tuesday's Canadian Hockey League All-Star classic.

The speedy Shevalier was asked to pack his bags in a hurry after being notified the night before the game he was filling in for Detroit Junior Red Wing player Todd Harvey, who was suspended for kneeling a player in a league match.

Shevalier, an Acton Sabre product, was paired with two standout OHLers, Jason Allison of the London Knights and Aaron Gavey of the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds for the game in Moncton, New Brunswick. The potent trio combined for seven points.

"They did everything but put

the puck in the net," says Shevalier, who has 40 goals and 41 assists for 81 points in 51 league games.

They didn't need to score with the 6-foot, 185-pound Shevalier finding mesh.

"It was fun," the 19-year-old Erin resident understates. "I wasn't worried about winning. It was nice to relax and not worry about North Bay."

Unlike his Atlantic-Quebec opponents, says Shevalier.

"They were really intense. They double-shifted their top line, while we ran four lines throughout the game," he says. "It didn't matter because they had a bad defence."

Shevalier's two markers were both scored under a minute into both the opening and third period.

The diligent third-year centre opened the game's scoring at 26 seconds, backhanding the puck through the opposing goalie's pads during a goalmouth scramble.

Shevalier's second goal also came from a goalmouth crowd.

For his three-point performance, Shevalier won OHL-WHL Player of the Game honours.

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