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Winger taken in ninth round

Otters keen on Georgetown's Armonas

Adam Armonas had turned to watch TV when his mom tapped him on the shoulder. Turning around he saw his name on the computer screen. The wait was over.

Figuring he'd be waiting at least another four rounds before being selected in Ontario Hockey League (OHL) draft—which was conducted over the Internet—Armonas was pleasantly surprised to see his name show up beside the Erie Otters.

"It still hasn't completely sunk in," Armonas said after Erie took him in the ninth round. Making his selection even better was that Erie, which is just one win away from the OHL championship, had traded many of its draft picks so Armonas was just the fifth selection made by the Otters.

"It's a good thing to go to a strong team," said the 6-foot, 190 pound winger. "I think I'll learn more with them."

Armonas isn't getting ahead of himself though. For now, he

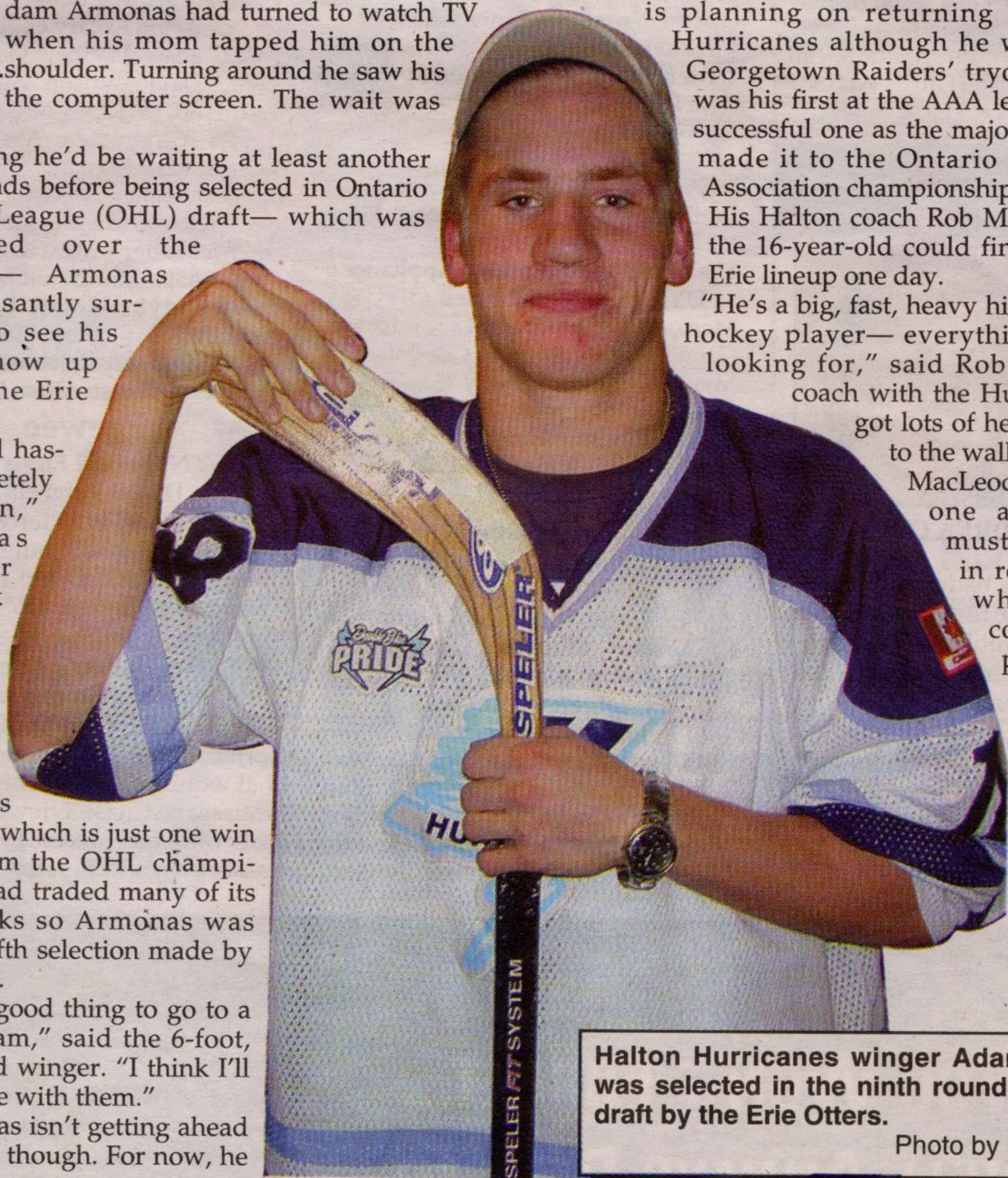
is planning on returning to the Halton Hurricanes although he will attend the Georgetown Raiders' tryouts. Last year, was his first at the AAA level but it was a successful one as the major bantam squad made it to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association championship tournament.

His Halton coach Rob MacLeod believes the 16-year-old could find a spot in the Erie lineup one day.

"He's a big, fast, heavy hitting aggressive hockey player—everything the OHL is looking for," said Rob MacLeod, his coach with the Hurricanes. "He's got lots of heart and he'll go to the wall for the team."

MacLeod said if there is one area Armonas must improve, it is in reading the ice, which he said is common among players that age.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



Halton Hurricanes winger Adam Armonas was selected in the ninth round of the OHL draft by the Erie Otters.

Photo by Herb Garbutt

Kearns sparks AHS

Krista Kearns earned a second-place finish at the 13th Annual Cardinal Carter Track and Field Meet in Etobicoke.

Kearns placed second in the junior girls discus with a throw of 26.97m. The Acton High School student was also fifth in the shot put with a throw of 8.28m. More than 2,300 competitors from 113 schools took part in the meet.

Meghann Williams took third place in the senior girls javelin with a throw of 25.90m and eighth in the shot put with a distance of 7.54m.

Dawn Brunschwiler was fourth in the junior girls triple jump with a jump of 9.17m and was eighth in the junior girls 400m with a time of 71.1 seconds.

Ryan Lindo cleared 1.65m to pace fifth in the junior boys high jump. Troy Ethier was eighth in the junior boys triple jump with a leap of 10.71m. At Acton's previous meet, the York University Invitational Indoor Track and Field Meet, Lindo placed sixth in the junior boys high jump, again clearing 1.65m.

Mustangs reach quarterfinals

The van Wissen Garden Centre Boys Under-11 Mustangs reached the quarterfinals of the West Niagara Invitational Soccer Tournament on the weekend.

The Mustangs, the only Second Division team to make the final eight, opened the tournament with a 2-2 tie. Kamil Burghardt and Erik van Wissen scored for Georgetown. The Mustangs ran into Dixie, last year's Premier Division champions, in their next game and were handed a 12-1 loss. Troy Breen did manage to score the first goal allowed by Dixie this season.

Burghardt scored twice to lead the Mustangs to a 5-2 victory over Niagara B, a victory that helped the Mustangs advance to the playoff round. van Wissen, Travis Wright and Mitchell Racinsky had the other Georgetown goals.

In the playoffs, Niagara blanked the Mustangs 4-0 to eliminate them from the tournament.

58 teams vying for titles

Sixth annual Hawks softball tournament kicks off today

The Halton Hills Hawks will be looking to soar above the competition at the Sixth Annual Hawks Re/Max Spring Tournament.

The tournament, the largest one-weekend girls softball event in the province, will feature 58 teams vying for top honours in eight divisions, both tier I and II.

Beginning Friday, when Halton Hills Councillor Bob Inglis throws out the first pitch at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds B Diamond to Sunday when the finals are played, there will 142 games played on 12 diamonds. The finals being played on Sunday at noon and 2 p.m. at the

Fairgrounds, Limehouse, Glen Williams and Hornby.

Halton Hills will have five entries in the tournament, one in each of the mite, squirt II, novice II, bantam and midget divisions. The other divisions will be midget II, bantam II and novice.

The schedule for the five Halton Hills teams are as follows:

Halton Hills Mites

Saturday, 8 a.m. vs Oakville (FGSC)

Saturday, 11:30 a.m. vs. Kitchener (FGSC)

Saturday, 3 p.m. vs. Brampton (FGSC)

Halton Hills Squirt II

Friday, 6:30 p.m. vs. Mississauga

North (GS1)

Saturday, 8 a.m. vs. Guelph (FGBn)

Saturday, 11:30 a.m. vs

Chinguacousy (FGBn)

Saturday, 6:30 p.m. vs. Mississauga

South West (FGBn)

Halton Hills Novice II

Friday, 6:30 p.m. vs. Burlington (HU)

Saturday, 9:45 a.m. vs. Mississauga

South West (HU)

Saturday, 1:15 p.m. vs. Stratford (HL)

Saturday, 8:15 p.m. vs. Ancaster (HU)

Halton Hills Bantam II

Friday, 6:30 p.m. vs. Burlington (FGB)

Saturday, 9:45 p.m. vs. St. Catharines (FGB)

Saturday, 1:15 p.m. vs. Leaside (GW2)

Halton Hills Midget

Friday, 6:30 p.m. vs. Stratford (GW1)

Saturday, 8 a.m. vs. Kitchener (GW1)

Saturday, 1:15 p.m. vs. Milton (FGB)

Saturday, 6:30 p.m. vs. Chinguacousy (GW2)

Diamonds: Fairgrounds B (FGB); C (FGC); Barn (FGBn); Senior Citizens (FGSC); Glen Williams (GW1, GW2); Hornby Upper (HU); Lower (HL).

A complete schedule, is available by

visiting the Hawks Web site:

www.icomm.ca/hawks.

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