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Penfold gets crack at F2000—for a day

lex Penfold isn't sure what the future holds except that he'll be A going there fast.

Penfold was one of 10 drivers from across Canada selected to participate in the Sunoco Ron Fellows evaluation test at Mosport International Raceway. The 17-year-old got his first chance to get behind the wheel of a Formula 2000 car. The recent one-day evaluation didn't leave him much time to get accustomed to the new car, which is radically different than the shifter carts he drove all summer.

The carts have a much lower center of gravity, literally scraping the ground as they whiz around the track. Also, the engine is in the back of a cart. In the F2000, the engine and the majority of the car's weight is in the front making a huge difference in cornering.

"They compared it to throwing a dart backwards," Penfold said. "When you throw it, it will swing around to get the weight in the front."

To complicate matters further, it rained heavily on the test day. Penfold wasn't happy with his performance and he wasn't one of the two drivers selected for Bridgesport/Firestone Driving Academy.

"I felt bad at the end because I knew I could do better," he said. "But when I spoke with (Fellows) he really encouraged me and said he was really impressed based on my experience."

Penfold plans to do some ice racing in the winter and next season would like to race in the Fran Am Formula Renault series. The move to open wheel racing will depend on sponsorship, an aspect of the racing game Penfold is becoming more involved with.

"They gave me some tips (at the evaluation day) on how to market myself," he said. "I'd rather drive but you can't do that without the money."

If open wheel racing is not in the cards, Penfold will go the super pro division in shifter carts. Despite engine troubles in the second half of the season, Penfold finished third in the Shifter Karts USA (SKUSA) standings this year.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer



Alex Penfold tries his hand at F2000 racing during a recent one-day evaluation at Mosport.

Submitted photo



Sneaking in the back door

Notre Dame's Matt Hart centers the puck while Georgetown Rebels' goalie Adam Baxendale slides across the net to get in position. Notre

Dame handed Georgetown a 9-0 defeat in Wednesday's Halton boys hockey game.

Photo by Ted Brown

Veltman thrilled with chance to represent Canada at world junior field lacrosse tourney

onships and even won one at the midget level.

But next year he'll get his first opportunity to pull on a Canadian jersey to represent his country after being selected from more than 300 players for the national under-19 team. Veltman will play for Canada at the World Junior Field Lacrosse Championships in Baltimore, Maryland in July.

"It's a great feeling and a great honour to play for Canada," Veltman said. "Especially with my uncle (Jim Veltman) playing for Canada this year (at the world box lacrosse championships)."

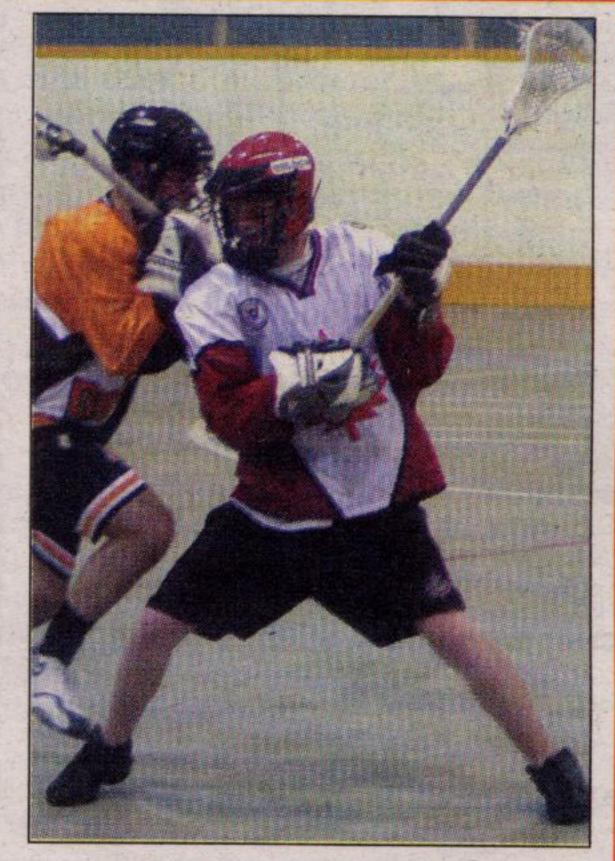
Coming off a successful box lacrosse season in which he led the Halton Hills Bulldogs to with-

aryl Veltman has played in a goal of a bronze medal at the in national champi- Founders Cup, Veltman struggled at the first selection camp.

"I didn't play my best. I wasn't thinking field lacrosse. I was still thinking box lacrosse," he said. "But they knew who I was and what I could do."

A conference MVP award and a first overall selection in the Ontario Lacrosse Association Jr. A draft, earned Veltman a second look. At the second camp he settled into the role of midfielder, moving back from attack.

"At attack you need stick skills around the net but at midfield you're all over the field," said Veltman, who is attending Salisbury School in Connecticut. "You're playing offence and defence and it feels like you're



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contributing more to the team."

Veltman said Salisbury's spring schedule will lead right into the Canadian training camp prior to the worlds, meaning there will be not adjustment from the indoor to outdoor game this time around.

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