

Horoscope

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 10 TO 16, 2008

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

February 11 Sheryl Crow February 11 Jack Benny



ARIES

You want to change some things in the way you live. This is possible. You will be very satisfied. Trust yourself.



TAURUS

You really need to express certain things, something you have never done before. It will free you spiritually. You gain more insight during this period in your life.



GEMINI

You need to feel safe emotionally. You want people to trust you. You absolutely love being close to your loved ones.



CANCER

You must reflect on your love life. You have great inner energy. You know what you need to really enjoy life.



LEO

You are entering a period during which making some changes could improve all aspects of your life. You are concerned about how you affect others.



VIRGO

You want to feel appreciated. You have a great sense of balance and, at this time, it tilts in your favour. Everything in your life requires your attention.



LIBRA

You believe in your good intentions. Unfortunately, not everyone can share your life. Everything will get better in a little while.



SCORPIO

You are deeply drawn to wonderful things. You are more likely to recognize what is good for you, which helps you greatly.



SAGITTARIUS

You must make sure that past events do not recur in your life. Only pay attention to the things that are good for you.



CAPRICORN

You are quiet and contemplative. You see things in your own way. Your spirituality is very important to you.



AQUARIUS

You like to express your feelings. You are not afraid to say how you really feel. You value your initiative.



PISCES

You will experience unusual events at work. This may become quite demanding. Still, you must confront everything with a lot of determination.

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Tyler Wise, goaltender for Georgetown's novice AE Raider minor hockey team, works out with teammates on the skating treadmill at the Ultimate Hockey Training facility on Guelph St. Several teams have used the gym as a supplement to their on-ice workouts through the season. Photo by Eamonn Maher

Father keeps late son's dream alive by offering kids off-ice training facility

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Even with a prospective buyer at his door, Rick Chisholme says that his late son's memory and love of hockey kept him from selling the family's Guelph Street athletic facility in Georgetown just prior to the Christmas holidays.



MATT CHISHOLME

Ultimate Hockey Training opened last May on Guelph St. in Georgetown and had steadily been building a clientele base around its state-of-the-art Woodway Blade skating treadmill and RapidShot shooting lane within the 3,000-square-foot training facility.

Rick's 21-year-old son Matt was the manager of the operation, which was gaining popularity among several locally-based youth hockey teams and drew other elite players from outside the area as well.

But early on the morning of Nov. 9, 2007, tragedy struck the Chisholme family. Matt was driving home, heading northbound on the Tenth Line within a mile of his house, when he lost control of his truck and crashed into trees that lined the road.

Witnesses said it appeared Chisholme's Ford F150 pick-up swerved to avoid hitting an animal crossing the road.

"This was my son's dream to build something like this for the eight-to 14-year-olds who are trying to develop their hockey skills and this is the last piece of Matt that we have left," said Rick, a fruit importer.

"We've been very busy since we re-opened and all of the teams have come back, and more. We're going to work at this as long as it takes to make this into what Matt and I envisioned when we started out."

Travis Bland, Matt's best friend and hockey teammate at the age of eight, now manages Ultimate Hockey Training and is trying to pursue a pro-

fessional lacrosse career. He said that one of the most difficult things he's had to do was head off to the training camp for the National Lacrosse League's Minnesota Swarm a day after Chisholme's funeral, which was attended by over 1,000 people.

"We hung out together all the time, pretty much every day, and it's going to take a while to sink in about what happened," said Bland.

Rick Chisholme added that his son had planned to take marketing courses at Georgian College in January but was also intrigued about becoming a firefighter after Matt and Bland rescued a friend last August who had been injured in the Speed River in Guelph.

The father added that he'd like to turn Ultimate Hockey Training into a non-profit operation, offering scholarship funds to young athletes in Matt's memory.

Kevin Doran, coach of the Georgetown novice additional entry rep Raiders, said that the UHT facility

produced immediate results for his players and has proven to be a good team-bonding exercise when they visit the gym.

"You can't replace on-ice instruction but the treadmill is great because it helps the kids stretch out their stride and gives them endurance," said Doran.

"My son's been coming here for the past three or four months and he doesn't get as tired as he used to. On the ice, you can coast, but with the treadmill, there's no standing still. It also allows the coaches to focus on skating technique. When I'm on the ice at practice, I can't get down to their feet level. Here, you have an eye-level look at their skating and then you can take that out on the ice. Our practices are now structured differently because of it."

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Travis Bland (left) and Rick Chisholme of Ultimate Hockey Training in Georgetown oversee a workout on their Woodway Blade skating treadmill recently. Chisholme said he considered selling the business after his son Matt's death in November but has since re-opened to provide a training ground for young hockey players in the area. Photo by Eamonn Maher