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league-record 71-goal season and 140 points in 51 games.

He continued to be a prolific scorer at the University of New Hampshire, where he led the team in scoring three straight years and captained the team to a Hockey East title in his senior year.

His play with the Wildcats got him drafted by the Nashville Predators in the ninth-round pick — “a round that doesn’t even exist anymore,” Haydar says with a laugh.

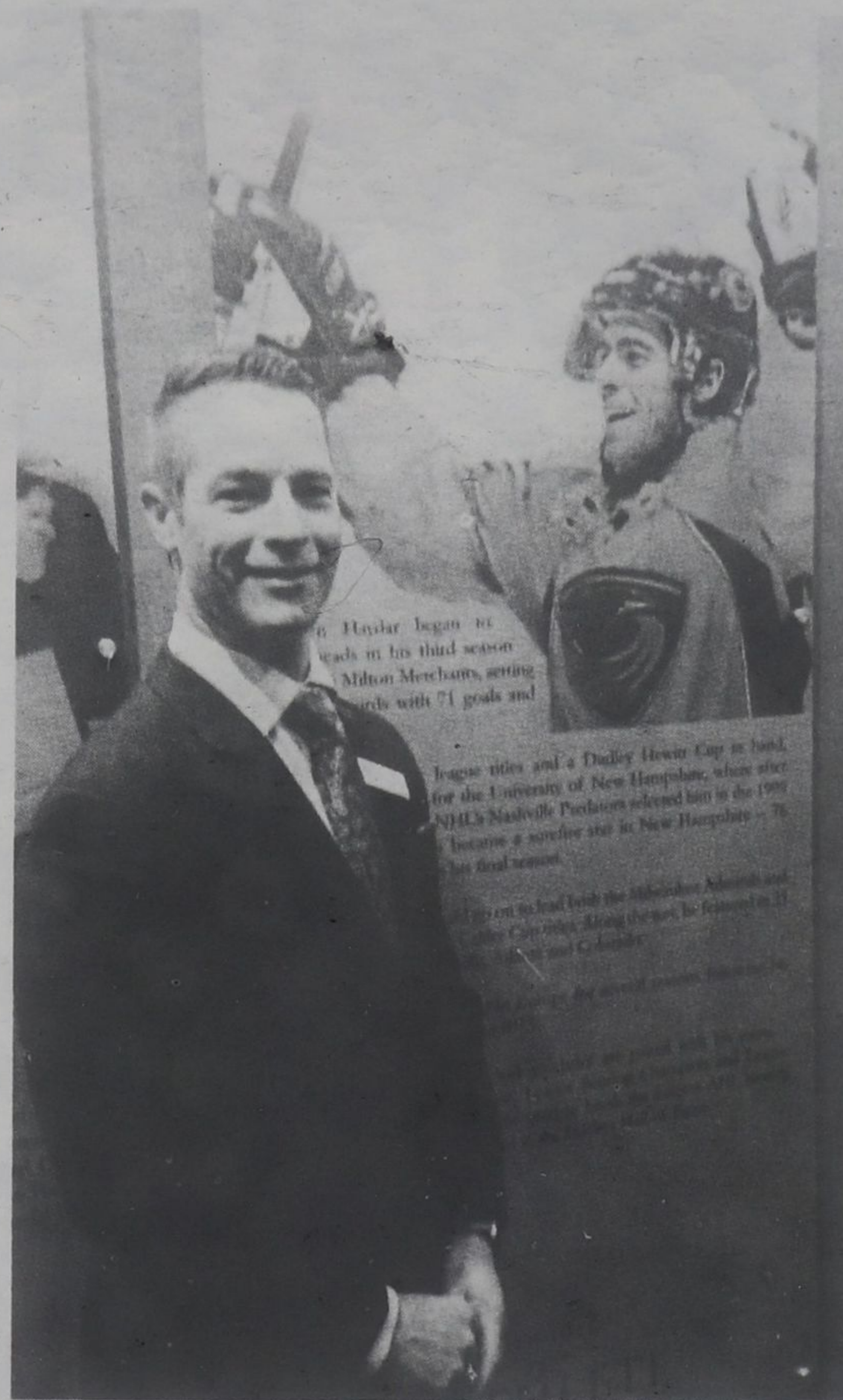
Haydar went on to play 11 years in the AHL, racking up an impressive list of accomplishments. He ranks 10th all time in the league in assists (496) and 14th in points (788).

He set a league record with points in 39 consecutive games. And he was so prolific that he is the all-time leading scorer for two franchises, Chicago and Milwaukee, which will retire his number in February.

But he was even better when it mattered most. He is the AHL’s all-time leader in playoff goals (63), assists (80) and points (143).

“It comes with playing for good teams with great players,” he said. “The majority of the organizations I played for were run very well. That’s why we play team sports — to raise a trophy with our teammates at the end of the year. Those were definitely special moments.”

His career eventually



Steve Leblanc / Torstar
Darren Haydar joined the Milton Sports Hall of Fame Thursday.

took him to Europe for three years, but Haydar returned home to Milton where he now lives with his wife Sara and his three sons.

He’s paying it forward, coaching and teaching kids skills.

And just as it did during his hockey career, Milton

continues to support him.

Diagnosed with multiple sclerosis toward the end of his career, Haydar has staged a golf tournament the past three years, raising more than \$170,000 for MS research.

“I’m proud of that and proud of the community for supporting it,” he said.

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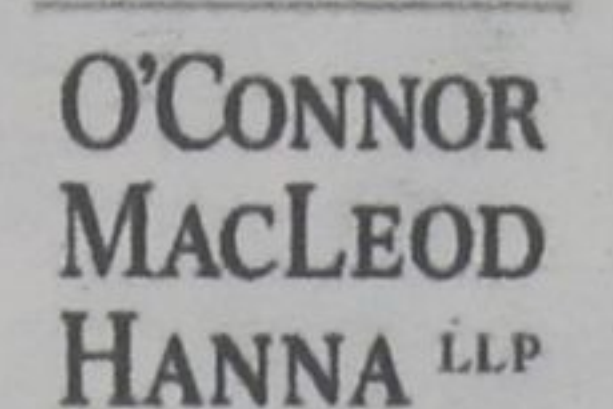
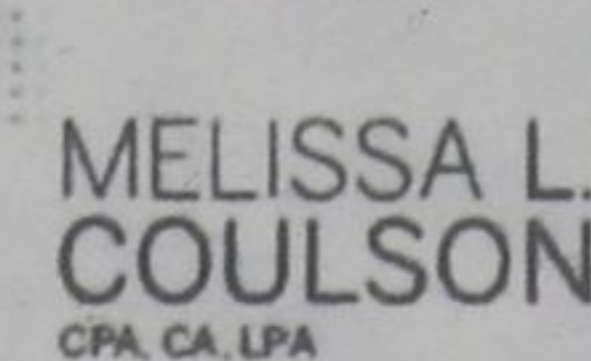
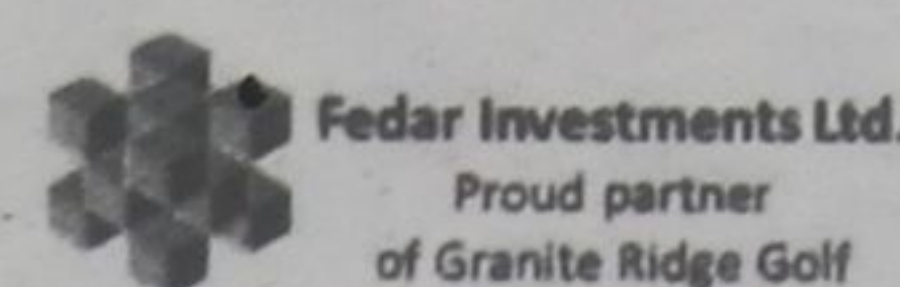
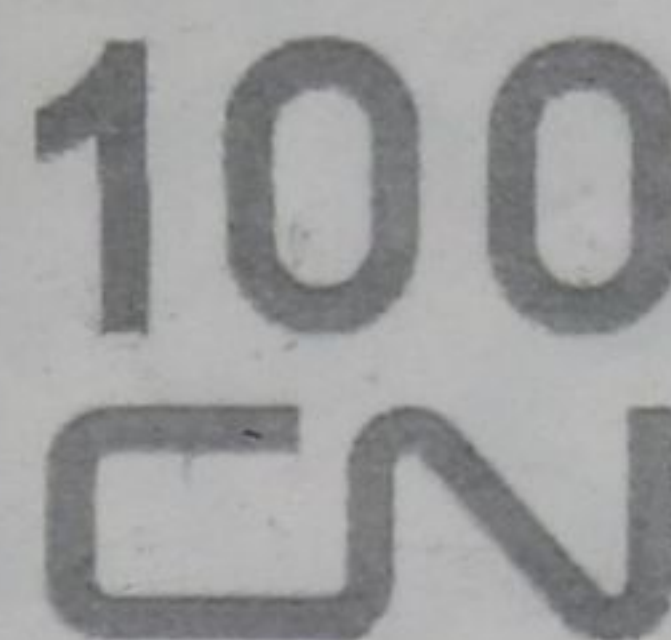
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