



# SPORTS

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

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Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

Chase Trull is set to tackle the Major-Junior hockey world this season with the Erie Otters. Other Milton-area players jumping up to the OHL are Daryl Knowles and Dan Rogers — who'll compete with St. Michael's and Owen Sound respectively.

## Local trio ready for challenges of OHL

By **STEVE LeBLANC***The Champion*

Milton's Major-Junior invasion is set to begin.

This season the local hockey community will enjoy its greatest representation in recent memory within the Ontario Hockey League (OHL).

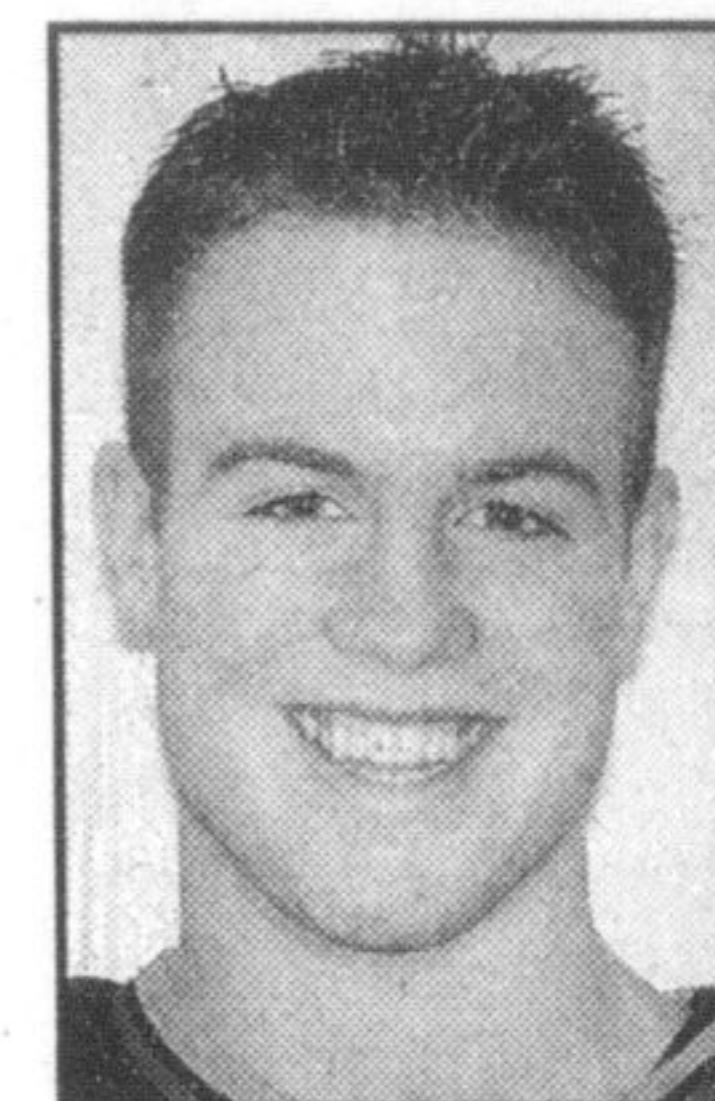
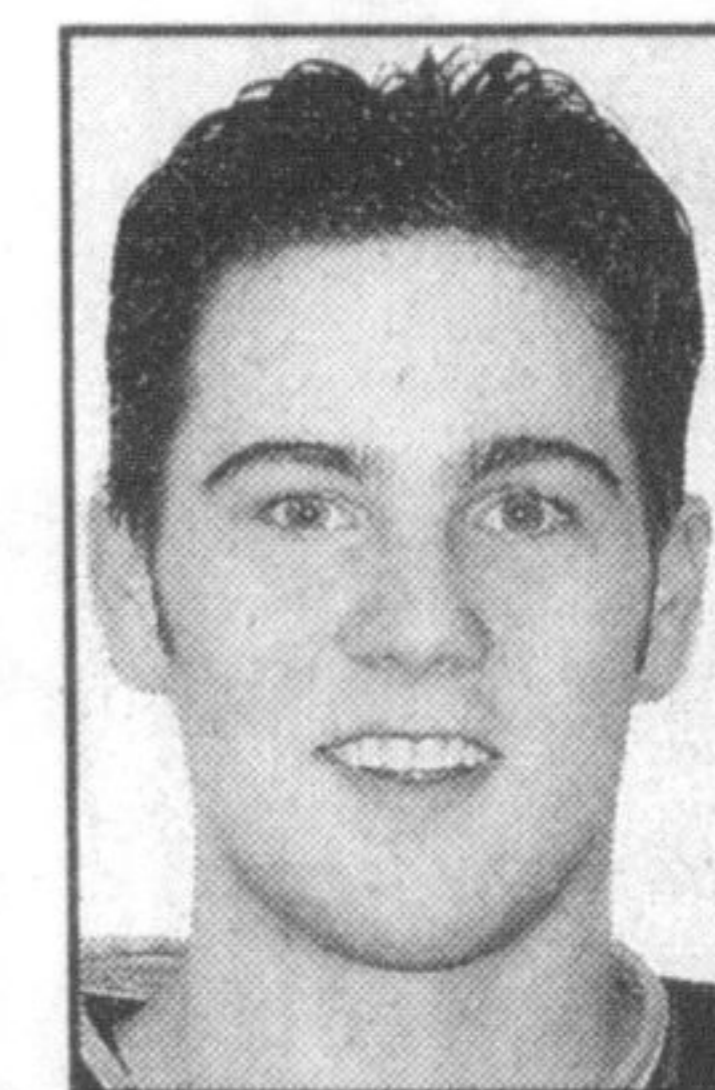
OHL newcomers from town include Daryl Knowles, Dan Rogers and Chase Trull.

For Miltonians Knowles and Rogers, their recent hockey promotions follow strong rookie campaigns with the Ontario Provincial Jr. A League's Georgetown Raiders.

Knowles — who'll skate with the St. Michael's Buzzers this year after being picked up by them in the sixth round of the 2000 OHL Entry Draft — spent much of last season on Georgetown's top scoring unit and closed out the year with 45 points.

The 17-year-old left winger is currently skating alongside former Merchant Matt Bannan — who was moved up to right wing last year after spending the bulk of his junior career on defense.

Set to compete with the Owen Sound Platers, Rogers was among the Raiders' top six blueliners over the late stages of the 2000/01 season after missing close to two months with a fractured foot. He finished the year with 20 points, 90 penalty minutes and as an assistant captain.

**Daryl Knowles****Dan Rogers**

The 17-year-old right defenceman — drafted in the third round by Owen Sound in 2000 — offers his new club both size and strength as a rugged six-foot, 195-pounder.

Meanwhile, Trull will be taking his hockey skills across the border this year to Erie, Pennsylvania where he'll help the Otters continue their recent climb up the OHL ranks.

He'll do so at either centre or left wing — where he split his time last season with the Ontario Provincial Jr. A League's Hamilton Kilty Bees.

The 17-year-old Campbellville native was out for much of last year with a fractured collarbone and, subsequently, wasn't able to put up big numbers as a rookie.

However, Trull did offer a credible two-way performance when healthy and hopes to do likewise with the Otters — who used their seventh round pick to acquire him last year and have since been impressed with his overall mature game.

## Under-19 boys edged

Milton's top under-19 boys house league traveling soccer squad got close enough to taste championship victory, but in the end were forced to swallow a bitter pill of defeat.

In Guelph August 25, the Kinsmen Club-sponsored team took their hosts to overtime with a rather gutsy performance and late tying tally by Kevin Tyrer. However, this just served as a prelude to heartbreak — as the local lads were eventually edged 3-2 during do-or-die shoot-out play, which punctuated a thoroughly dramatic league finals clash.

Goaltender Joey McKenna was battling a minor knee injury sustained earlier in the day and wasn't exactly at his best for the shoot-out, although he did manage a few key saves earlier in the

day to keep his teammates within striking distance of gold. He made a major diving effort on the game-winning goal but wasn't quite able to haul it in.

Milton's shoot-out goals — which followed two scoreless overtime periods — were delivered by Gord Mitchell and Brett Taylor, who was part of a dynamite defensive unit that suffocated hometown forwards all afternoon.

Also offering topnotch efforts in that department were sweeper Tim Anderson, Tyler Gustafson and Donnie McKenna. The regulation marker was set up by Simon Collins-Pallett. Midfielder Marc Borrelli also figured in the play — jumping into the rush and providing a timely distraction on the opposing netminder.

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Thursday, September 6, 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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10:30 - 11:00 a.m.	Clogging
11:00 - 11:30 a.m.	Line Dancing
12:30 - 1:00 a.m.	Chair Exercises

10:00 - 1:30 p.m.

- Hearing Screening Clinics (please pre-register by calling the Centre)
- Diabetes Association
- Halton Region Dental Health
- Penny Guess
- Scavenger Hunt

Draws

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