

Bertoli notches milestone tally

Scott Bertoli turns 27 today, and has more than just his birthday to celebrate.

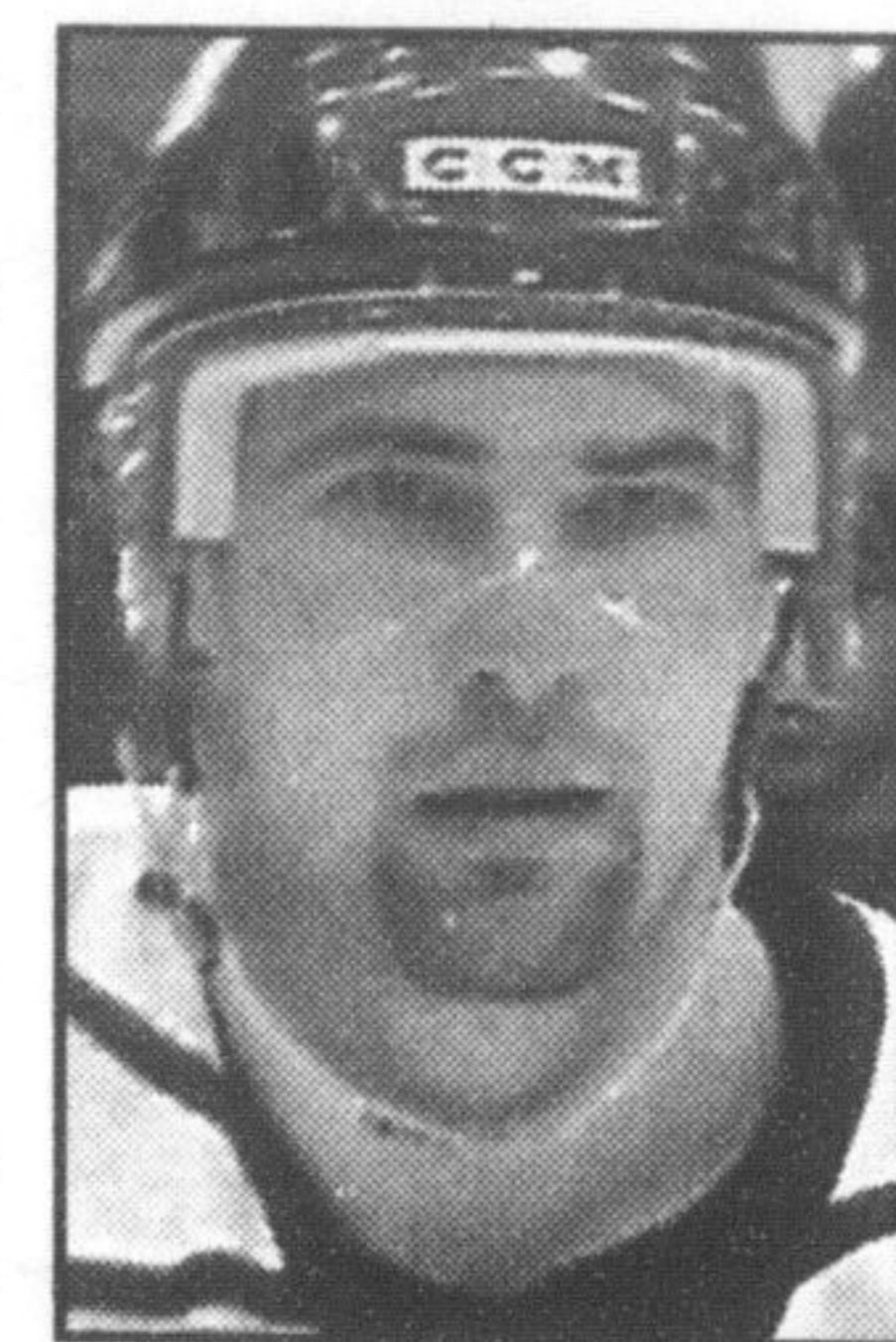
On Wednesday he became the first Trenton Titan to reach 100 career goals in regular-season play, scoring in a 4-2 victory over Peoria. And if that isn't enough, his ECHL team has won six of its last seven games to move into sole possession of the North Division's fifth and final playoff spot.

Sunday afternoon Trenton moved past Reading with a 4-2 decision over Atlantic City. Bertoli aided in the crucial win with a second-period marker.

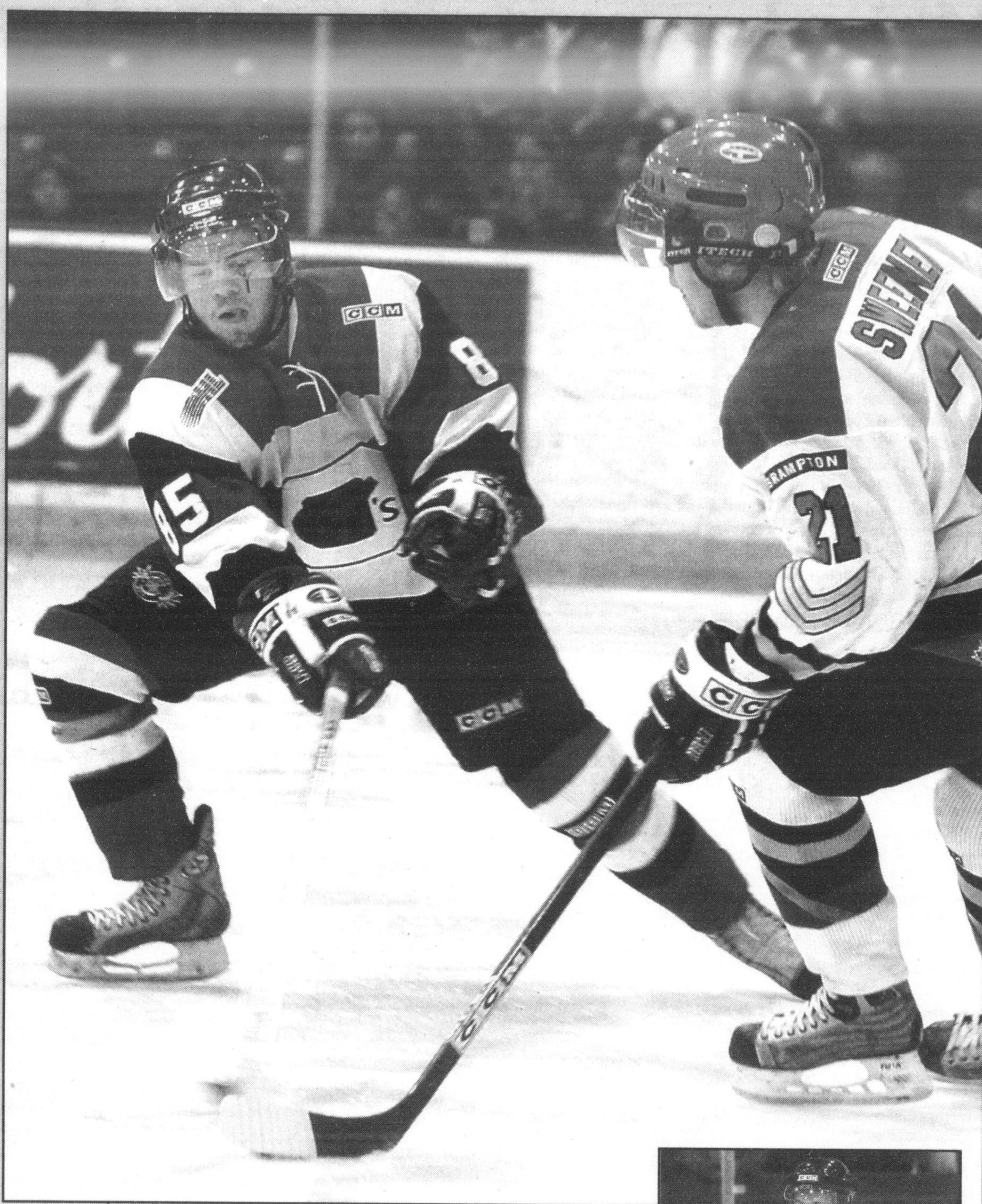
Among the original Titans when the franchise was established in 1999, Bertoli sits second in team scoring with 16 goals and 37 assists in 50 games.

Still holding the team record for most assists (46) and total points (72) in a season, the well-rounded left winger has 341 points in 343 games over the past five seasons.

His Titans have six games remaining, including a two-game homestand against Greensboro starting Thursday.



Scott Bertoli



The rush stops here

Miltonian Elgin Reid — a rookie defenceman with the Ottawa 67's — guards against Brampton Battalion Patrick Sweeney during game two of opening-round OHL action Sunday afternoon at the Brampton Sports and Recreation Centre. Brampton eked out a 4-3 overtime win to knot the best-of-seven series at one win apiece. Game three is tonight in Ottawa. Meanwhile, fellow Miltonian Daryl Knowles is also seeing OHL playoff action with the nearby Mississauga IceDogs, who're now tied 1-1 with the Oshawa Generals following Sunday evening's 1-0 loss. Mississauga took game one 3-0 Friday night at the Hershey Centre, and hosts game three tonight, starting at 7 p.m. Brought on board to add a little muscle to the 'Dogs lineup, Knowles last saw major-junior playoff action two years ago with the St. Michaels Majors.

Action photo by BRYAN JOHNSON



Juveniles put hammerlock on finals

The brooms are ready.

Milton's juveniles are in position to sweep the Niagara District League finals for a second straight year, following back-to-back wins this past weekend.

The Winterhawks put a 2-0 stranglehold on the Niagara-on-the-Lake Wolves Sunday evening — shading them 3-1. Milton overcame an early deficit with an overall solid performance and steady cage work by Jon Sweetland.

Mike Dube knotted things up late in the first period, while a second-period power-play marker by Wes McDougall put the

visitors ahead for good. Solidifying the victory with a doorstep deposit down the stretch was Kyle Burrell.

The Wolves had a handful of players back in the lineup for game two, and offered a much stiffer challenge than they did during a series-opening mismatch at Memorial Arena Saturday night.

While the 4-0 final might seem rather respectable, Milton had its way with Niagara all game — out-shooting the severely short-staffed squad 39-6.

If not for the exceptional goaltending of Wolves' Wes Hummel, the margin of vic-

tory would easily have hit double digits.

Hometown counterpart Mark Rosselle battled boredom more than opposing snipers, while leading offensively with a goal and an assist each were Chris Coates and call-up Adam Rutz.

Scott McLaughlin and Julian Ricci rounded out the scoring, while contributing two helpers apiece were Matt Funnell and Paul Szafer.

Milton can finish off the sweep at Memorial Saturday at 8 p.m. If necessary, game four will be played in Niagara Sunday evening.

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