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He's out Bishop Reding's Nick Mazzorato (above and at left) shows his frustration after being struck out in the all-Ontario Prentice Cup semifinals at SkyDome Wednesday. For full results, see page 23. Photos by GRAHAM PAINE

Haydar helps fuel Calder Cup sweep

Led all AHL playoff scorers with 26 points

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

ike millions of hockeyloving Canadians,
Darren Haydar no doubt
watched the seventh and deciding
tilt for 2003-04 NHL supremacy.

But unlike most who tuned in to CBC Monday night, the 24-year-old Miltonian knew he'd go to sleep happy—regardless of who claimed Lord Stanley.

That's because he was still basking in the glow of his own profess i o n a l hockey championship—namely, the AHL title he helped secure just one evening earlier with the M i l w a u k e e Admirals.

"It's pretty overwhelming, a really good feeling," said Haydar, shortly after dumping the host Wilkes-Barre/Scranton Penguins 7-2 Sunday to punctuate a Calder Cup sweep.

Suggesting the diminutive right winger played a significant role in Milwaukee's first-ever AHL championship win would be an understatement of monumental preportions.

Continuing the big-game scoring prowess enjoyed with both the Milton Merchants and New Hampshire Wildcats, Haydar led all playoff scorers with 11 goals and 26 total points — outdistancing Wilkes-Barre's Tom Kostopoulos at the wire with two goals and an assist in the series clincher.

"I figured if we won the finals I'd have a chance to catch him (Kostopoulos), but it's really just an added bonus," remarked the Admirals' top sniper, when asked about taking over top spot in the post-season scoring race.

plus points — which earned him serious consideration for playoff MVP, an honour that went to Milwaukee goaltender Wade Flaherty — the biggest came in last Friday's 2-1 overtime win. Camped out in front Wilkes-Barre's net, he converted a nifty centering pass from fellow stand-Tony

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death to place a

Of Haydar's two dozen-

3-0 strangle-hold on the baby Penguins.

Recalled the game three hero, "It was basically a goal-mouth scramble. I got two whacks at it — their goalie stopped the first but then I banged it in the right corner."

Darren Haydar

the Calder Cup

proudly displays into

While most would argue that the OT deposit — his third game-winner of the playoffs — effectively crushed any chance for a Wilkes-Barre comeback, Haydar said it wasn't until taking a 4-1 lead in the first

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Meeting Notice

The Board of Directors of Halton Healthcare
Services Corporation invites you to attend the

Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 17th, 2004 7:00 p.m.

Oakville Conference & Banquet Centre - 2515 Wyecroft Road, Oakville

Wine & Cheese reception to follow.

By-Law changes will be recommended.

Audited Financial Statements will be available at the meeting.

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