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HEFTY HAUL: Nine-year-old Milton Springer Celena Morgan displays the five gymnastics medals she recently claimed at the third and final provincial qualifying meet in Guelph. She booked passage to next month's Ontario championships with an exceptional 37.175-out-of-40-point finish in her Level 6 age group. Her overall gold-medal showing was secured with first-place honours on the beam, second on both bars and floor and a third on vault. Fellow Springers Heather Sadler and Brittany Schrader had already qualified for provincials.

Bertoli gets one-game call-up to AHL's Norfolk

Could become more permanent promotion

By Steve LeBlanc
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Scott Bertoli played one more game than he expected to this past weekend, but he certainly wasn't complaining about the extra work.

Set to turn 29 Thursday, Milton's longtime East Coast Hockey Leaguer got a temporary call-up to the American Hockey League's Norfolk Admirals Sunday — the third of his professional hockey career. He recorded one shot and got a regular shift that afternoon to help Norfolk beat the Philadelphia Phantoms 3-1 and strengthen its hold on third place in the Eastern Division.

"It was good to get the call-up. Actually it was suppose to happen the weekend before, but I was on the bus at the time and logistically it wasn't possible. I only got the call a couple of hours before the game, but since Philly's only 30 minutes away it was no problem," explained Bertoli, who played for his former coach Mike Haviland with Norfolk Sunday.

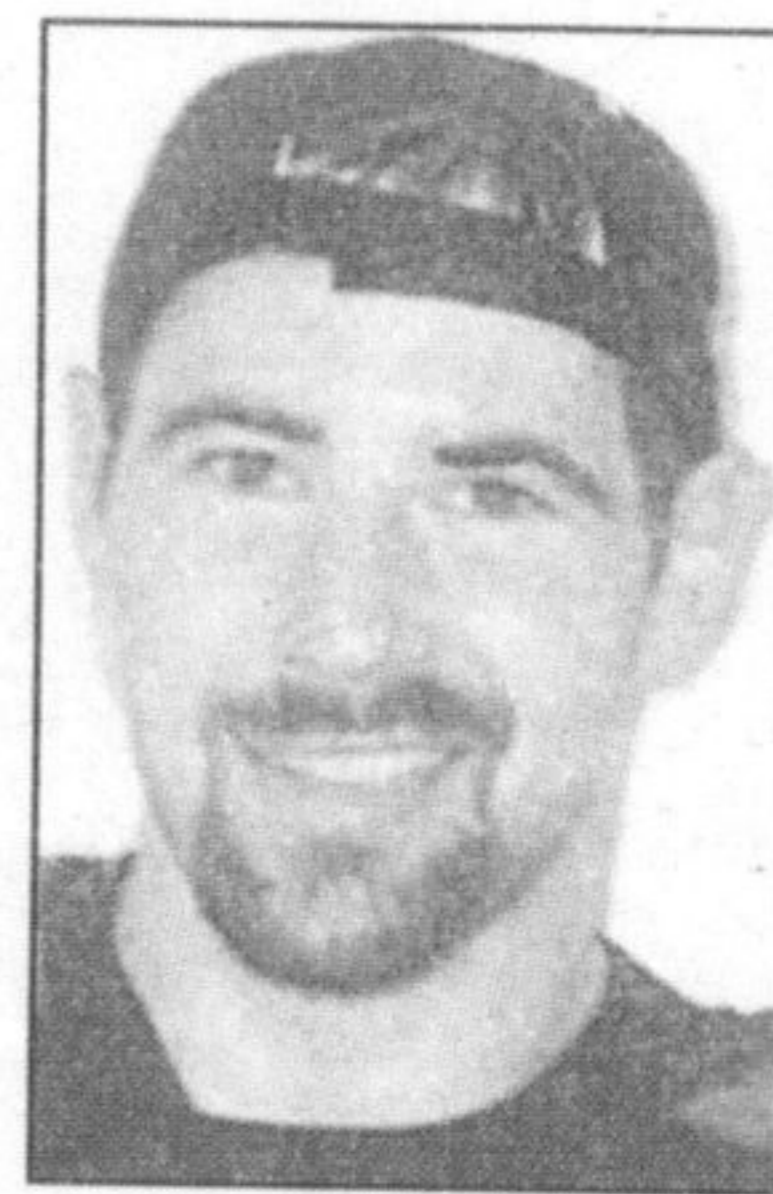
While back with his ECHL Trenton Titans yesterday, there's a good chance Bertoli could return to the Admirals soon and stick with them for the remainder of the season.

The call-up — his first since a one-game stint with the Saint John Flames in 2001/02 — capped a big weekend for the 5'11", 205 lbs. winger.

Just the night before he recorded two assists in the Titans' 2-1 overtime victory against Dayton, which snapped a 10-game losing skid. It also put Trenton within a point of claiming a spot in the best-of-three qualifying series with Johnstown next month.

Bertoli currently sits tied for 12th in league scoring with 19 goals and 47 assists in 63 games — which puts him within six points of breaking his single-season record of 71, set back in 2001/02.

That plus being named captain of the ECHL's



Scott Bertoli

American Conference all-star team in January is more than enough to make this a personally-successful campaign for the former Milton Merchant and Princeton Tiger.

Bertoli hasn't enjoyed anywhere near the same prosperity from a team standpoint, with his defending Kelly Cup champion

Titans — offensively challenged all season after undergoing a major roster reshuffling — sitting at a lacklustre 27-33-3.

Needless to say, they're a long shot at best to have any kind of post-season success this spring — especially if Bertoli returns to Norfolk.

The only original Titan from back when the team first joined the ECHL in 1999, Bertoli has played all but five games of his 447-game pro hockey career with Trenton — and leads the team in games played (442), goals (150) and assists (296).

No new coach yet — but soon

The IceHawks were still considering names from a short list of candidates for their head coaching post as of press time yesterday.



According to team owner Mario Forgiore, a bench boss for the 2006/07 season is expected to be hired by the end of the month.

Interviewing is being conducted by Mississauga IceDogs general manager Dave Brown and assistant coach Mario Cicchillo — who were with Milton during the 2002/03 season. The two are overseeing club operations, since the IceHawks and IceDogs are now officially affiliated.

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