

Duo enjoy milestones in AHL

Haydar hits 30-goal mark, Bertoli notches first marker

Milton's top two professional hockey players enjoyed their share of milestones last week.

A fourth-year sniper with the American Hockey League's Milwaukee Admirals, Darren Haydar delivered his first pro hockey hat-trick in Wednesday night's 6-0 whitewash of host Rochester.

It was a natural hat-trick to boot, with all three markers scored on the powerplay — one in the second period and two in the final frame. This allowed the 26-year-old winger to hit the 30-goal plateau for the first time with Milwaukee.

He now has a total of 84 points — also a career high — which is good enough for fifth in overall league scoring.

Milwaukee recently overtook Houston for top spot in the West Division and now sit at 46-21-6-3 — which gives them a 100-plus point regular season for the second time in three years.

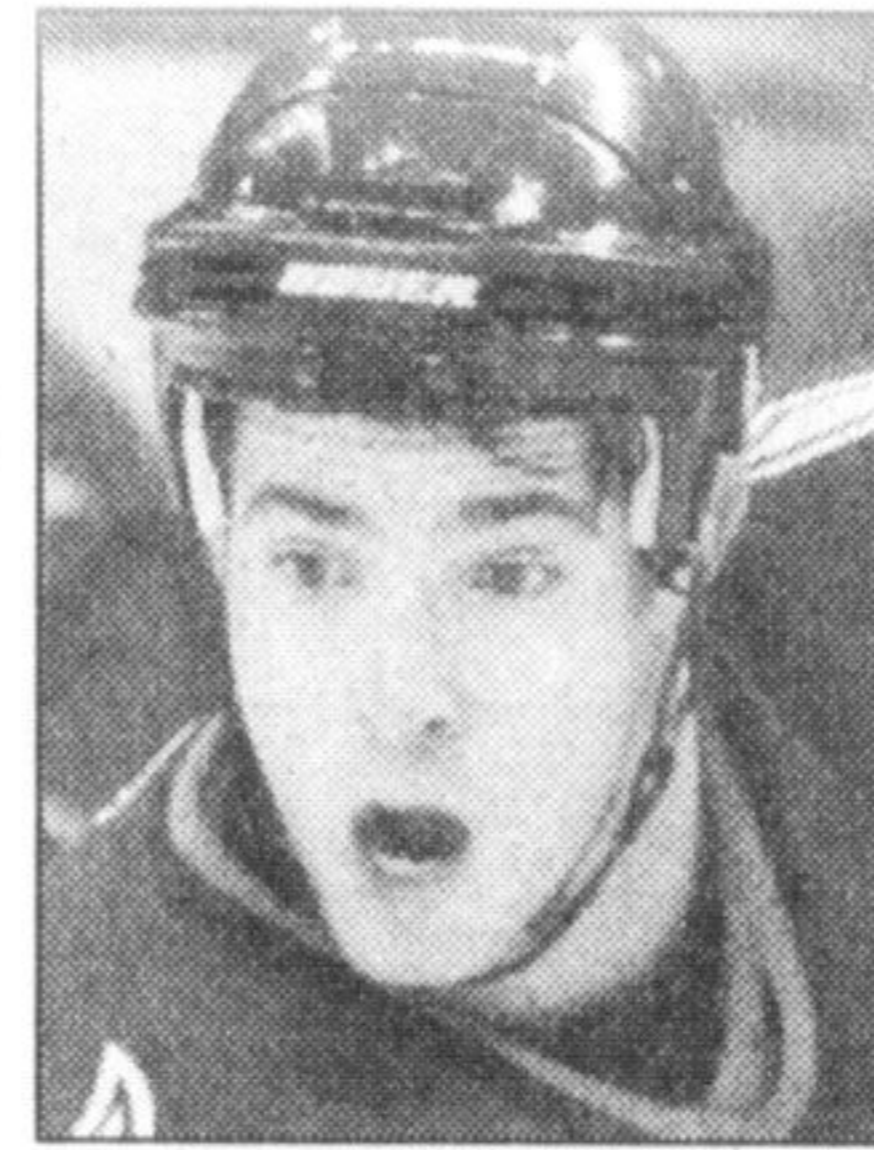
Meanwhile, Scott Bertoli recorded both his first AHL point and goal in back-to-back outings this past weekend.

The latter came on a well-placed wrist shot in the first period Saturday and helped the Norfolk Admirals beat Binghamton 3-1. Friday night the 29-year-old winger assisted on defenceman Brandon Rogers' first-period deposit to notch his first AHL point and aid in a 4-1 victory over Albany.

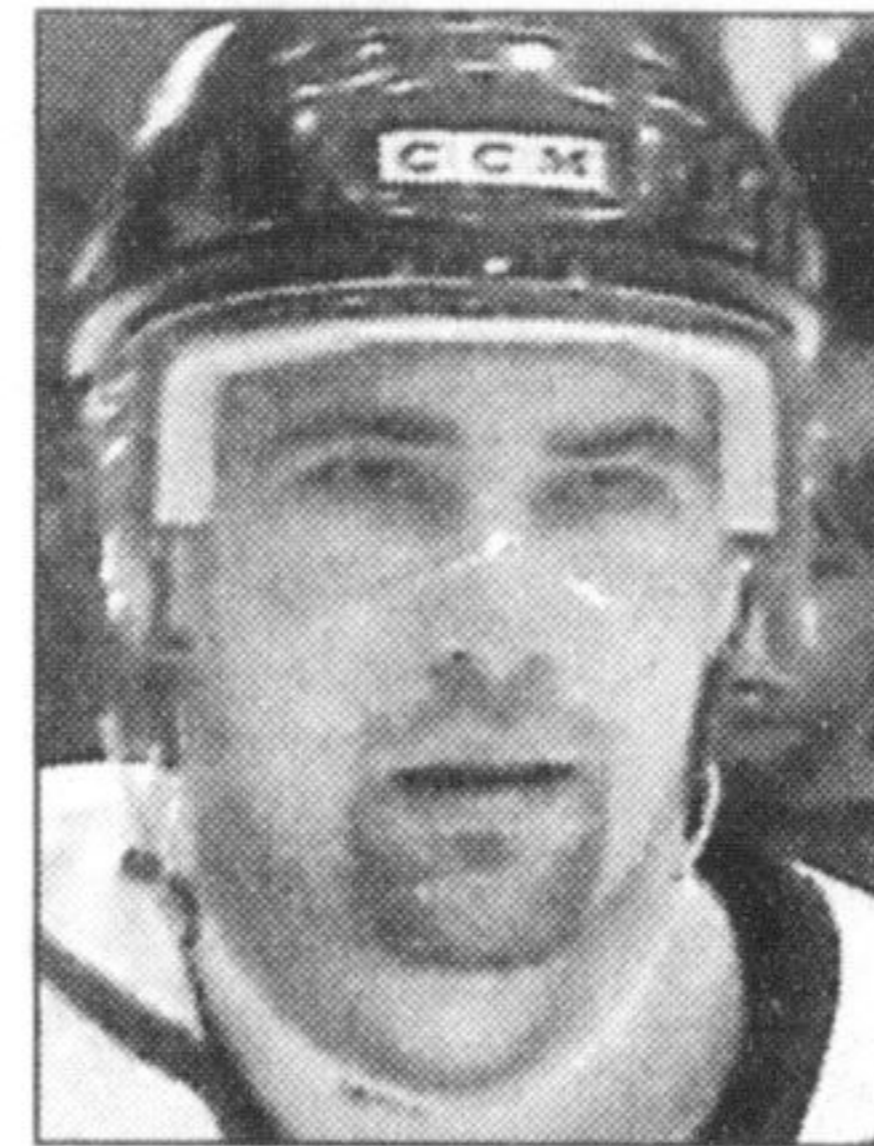
A long-time standout with the East Coast Hockey League's Trenton Titans, Bertoli was recently called up to Norfolk and is likely to remain there until the end of the regular season. It was his third call-up to the AHL.

He has 19 goals and 66 total points with the Titans.

Norfolk clinched a playoff spot over the weekend and sits third in the East Division at 39-27-4-4.



Darren Haydar



Scott Bertoli

Reding shines in badminton play

Bishop Reding's badminton seniors delivered some strong showings last week in preparation for their own tournament this Thursday.

Friday the Royals competed at Resurrection High School, with Sean Mathé and Lindsey Furik leading the way with first-place honours in the mixed doubles division.

Younger brother Lee Mathé and Graham Sharp were second in the men's doubles class, while taking third in the women's doubles loop were Erika Minkhorst and Michelle Serafini. Also competing were Luc Hartwick, Caitlin O'Connor and Laura Wilson.

Before that BR placed fourth as a team at the Hamilton District Badminton Championship, which came on the heels of some standout individual efforts at the Woodstock Tournament. Among them was a second-place finish for Minkhorst and Serafini.

Major-junior locals ousted from playoffs

It was end of the line time for Milton's two major junior hockey players this past weekend.

Both Elgin Reid of the OHL's Ottawa 67s and Erick Lizon of the QMJHL's Victoriaville Tigres were eliminated in first-round play by heavily-favoured opposition.

Reid and the 67s were ousted with a 3-2 loss to the Peterborough Petes Sunday afternoon. Ottawa had evened the series twice before suffering back-to-back one-goal defeats, the first of which came in a 4-3 overtime loss

Friday.

A 19-year-old defenceman and assistant captain, Reid had an assist in Ottawa's 8-4 game-two victory. The 67s had pulled off a huge upset sweep of Peterborough last spring to capture the Eastern Conference title and advance to the Memorial Cup.

Lizon and the Tigres looked poised to make their first-round series with the top-seated Moncton Wildcats competitive — taking the opening contest 4-2. But it was all Moncton from there on, as Victoriaville dropped four

straight lopsided affairs — including a 7-2 series clincher Friday.

This marked the end of major junior hockey for Lizon, a 20-year-old winger and assistant captain who spent the last year-and-a-half toiling with the Tigres after a brief stint with the Tier 2 Jr. A Streetsville Derbys.

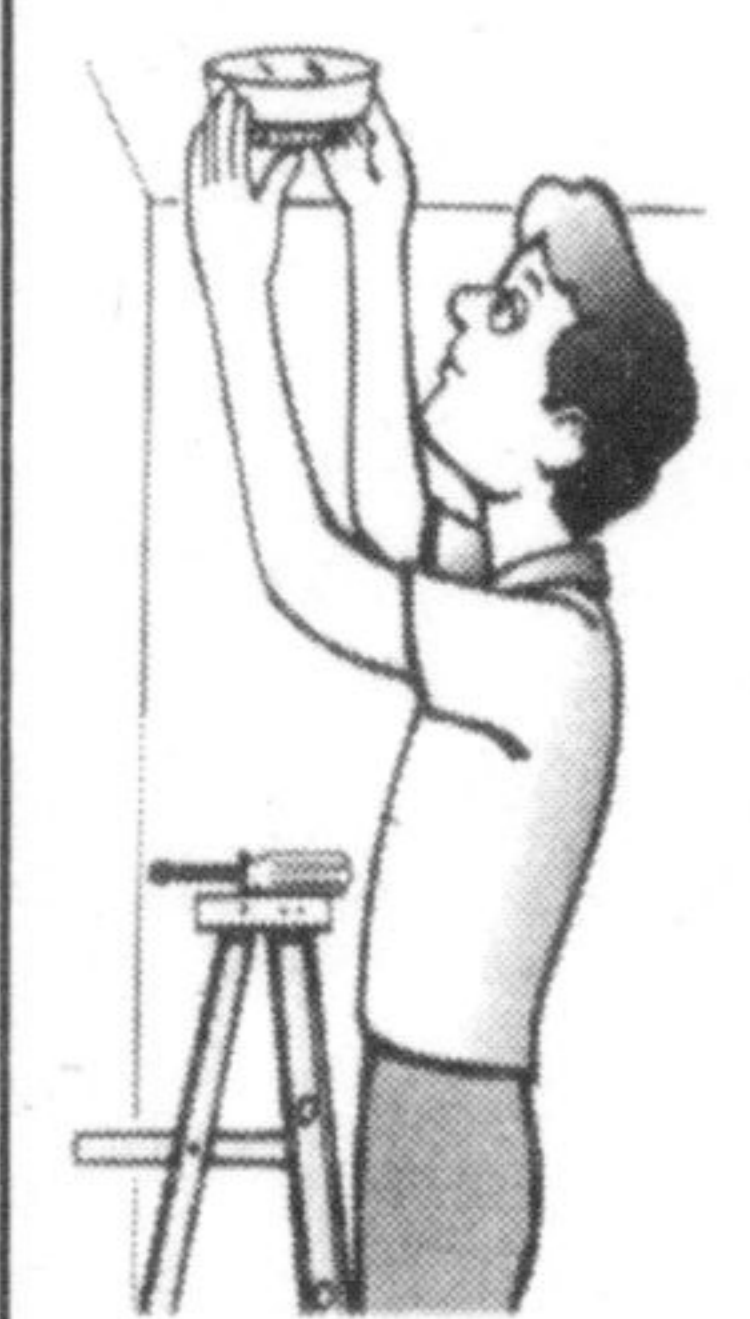
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