

# IceHawks add to forward ranks with trio

Stover set to see full-time duty with his hometown club

Scott Stover got a small taste of Tier 2 Jr. A play with his hometown IceHawks last season, and is now set for a full-time serving.

The 17-year-old Miltonian — who showed a fair amount of promise in spot duty — is among the local club's first three signing for the 2007/08 season.

The five-foot-10-inch, 167-pound forward averaged a point a game with the midget Hurricanes last year — with 17 goals and 14 assists — and impressed the IceHawks coaching staff during a handful of late-season call-ups.

"I really like the way Scott plays on both sides of the puck," remarked head coach Randy Novak. "He dishes it off at the right times and is just a solid play-



maker." Set to join Stover on Milton's forward ranks is former Hurricanes teammate Curtis Renaud, an 18-year-old Carlisle native who racked up 37 points (16g, 21a) and 90 penalty minutes in 33 games with last year's Dundas Blues of the Niagara and District Jr. C loop.

The team's playoff MVP following a productive regular season, the five-foot-eight-inch, 140-pound centre makes up for his lack of size with plenty of speed and skill — not unlike the mix found in IceHawks' 2006/07 scoring leader David Vallorani.

Completing Milton's initial trio of additions, 18-year-old Spencer Janes of Etobicoke comes over from the neighbouring Georgetown Raiders to complete last year's trade of captain Evan

Zych. While seeing limited ice time down the stretch with the Raiders — and finishing the year with eight points in 44 games — Novak feels the six-foot-three-inch, 203-pound winger has the tools to be a significant physical presence in the league.

"He's not afraid to throw the punches or pound in the corners, and could be tough to move in front on the powerplay."

Milton's head coach expects to add more players in the coming weeks, making things even tougher for the 14 eligible returnees.

"It's going to be a highly competitive camp and I'm not sure all the veterans will be back. We can't be complacent, especially with only the top-six teams (in each conference) making the playoffs now," said Novak, referring to the IceHawks' eighth-place finish last season.

# Winds wreak havoc with Baynton's game

Bob Baynton's hopes for a strong showing at last week's Investors Group Ontario Amateur Championship were blown away — literally.

With swirling 35-mile-an-hour winds wreaking havoc with the 155-player field scores, the cut-off at Sutton Creek Golf and Country Club in Essex was downgraded to a seemingly-relaxed +12.

Nevertheless, dozens of competitors — including a debuting Baynton, with son Tom serving as caddy — needed far more shots to complete the two rounds.

"I would say I was nervous, but the wind really made things tough out there," said the 47-year-old Miltonian, who



Bob Baynton

finished at an overall +20 with rounds of 80 and 82. "I've never played in winds that strong, and with just about every hole having a hazard it made things very challenging. Nobody was getting in onto the green in two."

Particularly hamstrung during day-two play, the provincial championship newcomer had four double bogeys to close out a thoroughly-challenging debut — which included just one birdie, of a par-3 5th on the second day.

"It was tough, but a good experience," said Baynton, who plays out of Springfield Golf and Country Club in nearby Guelph.

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### Uninsured rugby star paralyzed

E-mail spam filter deleted notice cancelling ORU coverage a day before Hornets game

BY JOHN BURMAN

An e-mail spam filter deleted the warning that might have kept a promising rugby star out of the game that left him paralyzed.

Had the Hamilton Hornets known the Ontario Rugby Union's catastrophic injury insurance was cancelled Sept. 6 at 12:01 a.m., Hornets officials say the exhibition game in which Sean Corner, 21, was injured Sept. 9 might never have been played.

Corner, the Hornets' starting scrum-half, is paralyzed from the waist down.

"It is a permanent injury," Sean's father Tom said last night. "The elder Corner said his son is a strong, straightforward young man who asked the doctors not to sugar-coat the results of tests on his spine.

Now his family and the club are scrambling to raise money for home renovations, a modified van and other expenses as the

Hamilton General Hospital. "He's getting up more and taking therapy and he has goals because you have to have goals," he said.

Tom Corner said the rugby community has come out strongly in support of Sean because it is "a tight-knit community, a different breed of family for sure."

Hornets' president Chris Gilks said yesterday the warning about insurance was sent to the club's website and was deleted by e-mail filters because it was a mass mailing.

"The union sent it out in a block to all the clubs," said Gilks. The warning did not go to individual club's executive officers and club's executive officers were not informed.

"We did not see it," said Gilks. Had the club known there was no insurance to cover the devastating injury, the club could have scrubbed the Sept. 9 cancellation notice was sent out Sept. 7 and posted on its website.

"Our recent claims history (\$1 million plus) forced our current catastrophe insurer (Lloyd's) to cancel effective 12:01 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 8," Williams says in a letter on the website dated Sept. 21.

Rugby Canada tried to find an alternate insurance supplier but the cost was prohibitive, he said, and there was no chance of raising the money immediately because registrations for the year are finished.

"Cancelling the insurance means there is no 'first-party insurance' for players (no fault insurance), which would have provided automatic eligibility for injured players to receive up to \$500,000 without proof of negligence.

Gilks said there may be some money available for Corner under the accident portion of the league's liability insurance, but he would need proof of personal catastrophic injury insurance.

Corner, a six-year member of the Hornets, is in therapy at Chedoke Hospital while he recovers while the Hornets organize fundraising efforts.

He played rugby years at Hill Park School and went to Mohawk College for athletic and academic studies. Sean is studying insurance at York University.

Gilks said the Of benefit game, including verbal abuse, was an alumni play that was held at the team's website on Thursday, Sept. 13.

There will be a Michalangelo sculpture on Thursday, Sept. 20.

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