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TERRITORIAL DISPUTE: Bishop Reding's Robyn McColl (right) — representing the Richardson Division — battles Loyola's Lauren Tracey of the Volpe team for possession during Tuesday's Halton Field Hockey All-Star Game at E.C. Drury. Showing strongly at midfield, McColl was named Richardson's MVP in a 3-1 loss to Volpe. Reding school-mate Melissa Shabaga was also part of the all-star game, as were E.C. Drury's Nicola Mosas, Jenny Strank and Allison Wallis.

Reid helping anchor rebuilding Spitfires

Chance to showcase 'overall' game draws blueliner back to OHL

By Steve LeBlanc
CANADIAN CHAMPION STAFF

Though his usual receptive and talkative self Sunday morning, Elgin Reid probably would have preferred to discuss anything besides hockey.

And one could hardly blame him — having suffered through a fifth straight loss just the night before, and an impromptu 'punishment' practice immediately afterwards.

"We were told to keep our gear on and went back out for a skate," the 20-year-old Windsor Spitfires assistant captain told the *Champion*, on the heels of Saturday's 4-2 defeat to his former Owen Sound Attack.

"I've never had that happen before. Plus this morning we had a pretty thorough video session of our last five games. We've definitely hit a rough patch and it's frustrating. But just like you get the praise when you're winning, when you're a leader you take the brunt of it (criticism) when things aren't going well."

Such marks the latest chapter in an OHL career that wasn't expected to continue this season.

The five-foot-11-inch, 190-pound Miltonian was bound for Texas' Rio Grande Valley in the Central Hockey League — where he was called up for a short-lived playoff run last spring —

when the Spitfires came calling at the end of the summer.

The opportunity to anchor a work-in-progress blueline and showcase 'all' of his on-ice assets, which he felt he was denied for much of the past four years, was just too appealing to pass up.

And to suggest the average defenceman has been worth the three draft picks Windsor dealt away to acquire him would be a rather accurate — perhaps even modest — appraisal of the situation.

Even with its current funk, the Spitfires headed into last night's home game with Mississauga St. Michael's challenging for top spot in the OHL's West Division at 11-5-0-3. That's thanks to a remarkable 11-1-0-2 start —

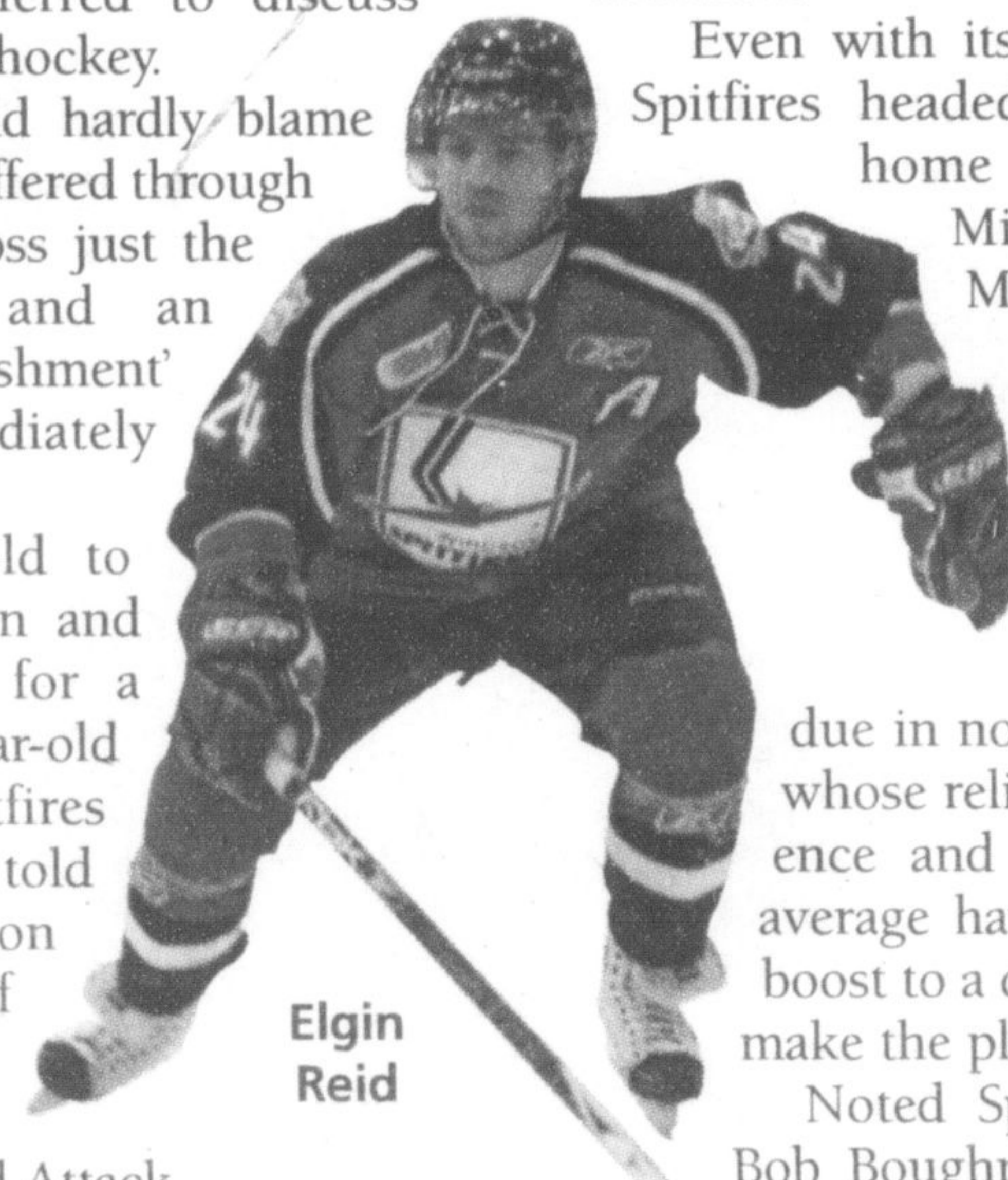
due in no small part to Reid, whose reliable back-end presence and near point-a-game average have been a welcome boost to a club that didn't even make the playoffs last year.

Noted Spitfires head coach Bob Boughner, "Elgin's been a great addition for us this season. He's added leadership and a veteran presence to our defensive corp and his scoring punch has also contributed to our early success."

Sitting with four goals and 12 assists in 19 games as of last night, Reid's productive start is simply a carry over to a period of rejuvenation with the 2006/07 Owen Sound Attack.

Coming to an impasse with bench boss Brian Kilrea after three-and-a-half years with the Ottawa 67s — highlighted by a trip to the 2005 Memorial Cup in London — the Milton blueliner seemed to find new purpose following a

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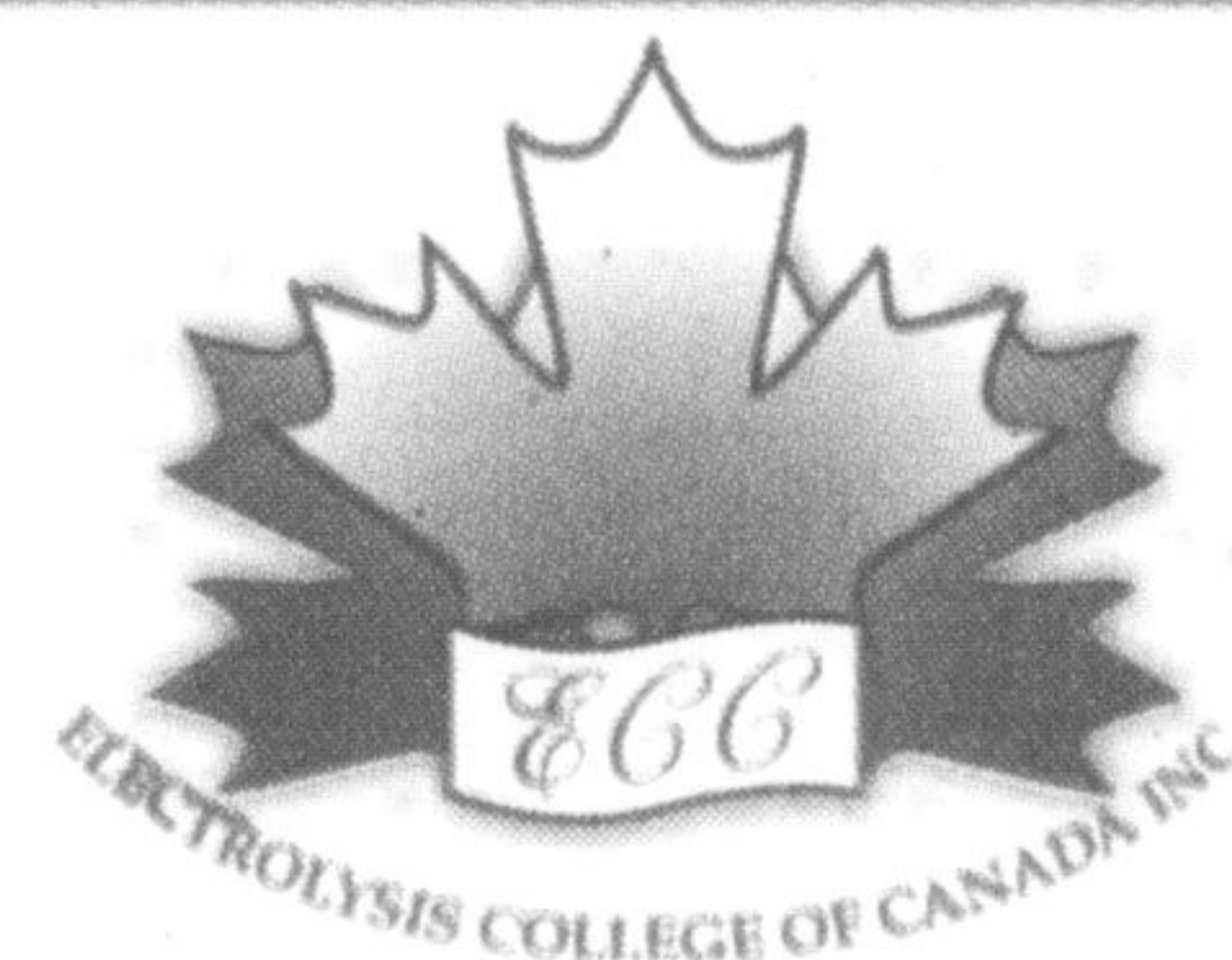
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