

# Early exit for OHL defencemen

So much for a prosperous final run for Milton's OHL defencemen.

Despite finishing third overall in their respective conferences, Elgin Reid's Windsor Spitfires and Zack Shepley's Brampton Battalion were eliminated in five games in first-round play — both getting bounced Thursday.

An overall lack of playoff experience was no doubt a stumbling block for the rebuilding Spitfires, whose season ended with a 4-3 overtime loss to the Sarnia Sting. Reid, 21, offered Windsor one final spark of hope with a third-period equalizer Thursday — his only point of the series.

This marked the third straight year the OHL graduate had failed to see second-round play after reaching the 2005 Memorial Cup with the Ottawa 67s.

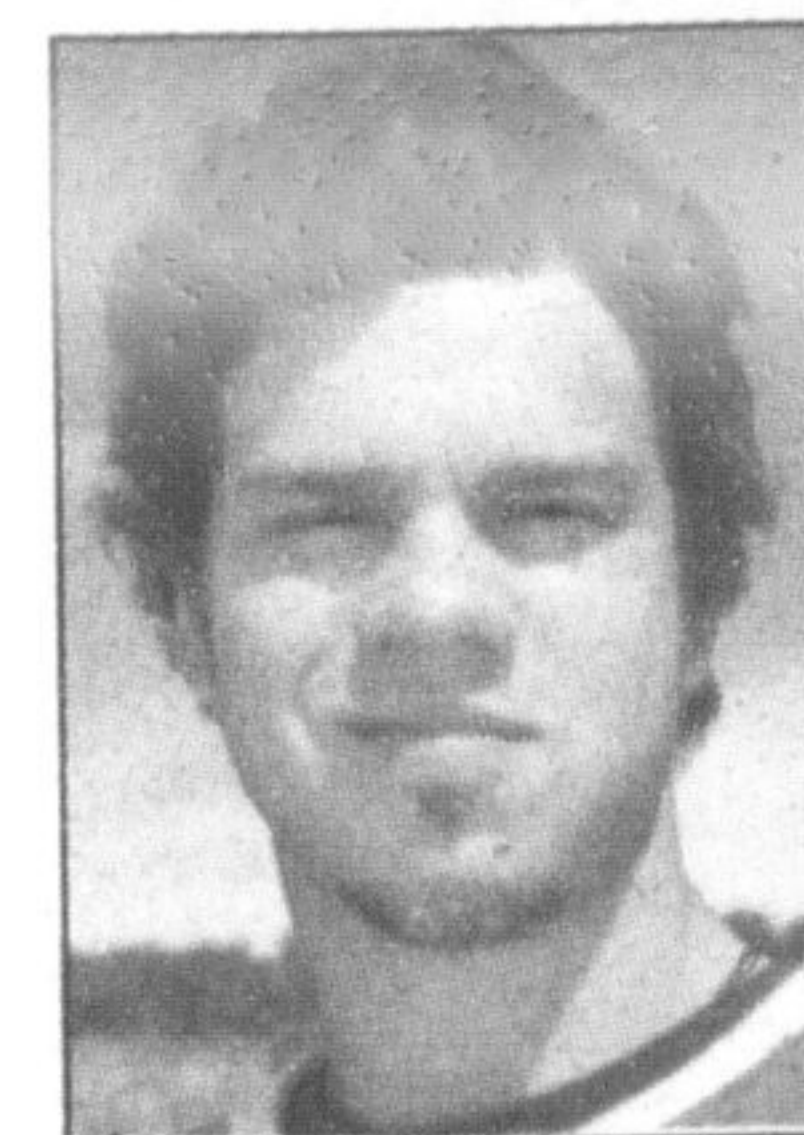
Having played in last spring's nationals with the OHL champion

Plymouth Whalers, Shepley's early exit was even tougher to swallow — as his Battalion had finished 26 points higher than their opening-round rival Barrie Colts. However, Brampton managed just nine goals in the five games and were blanked 2-0 Thursday.

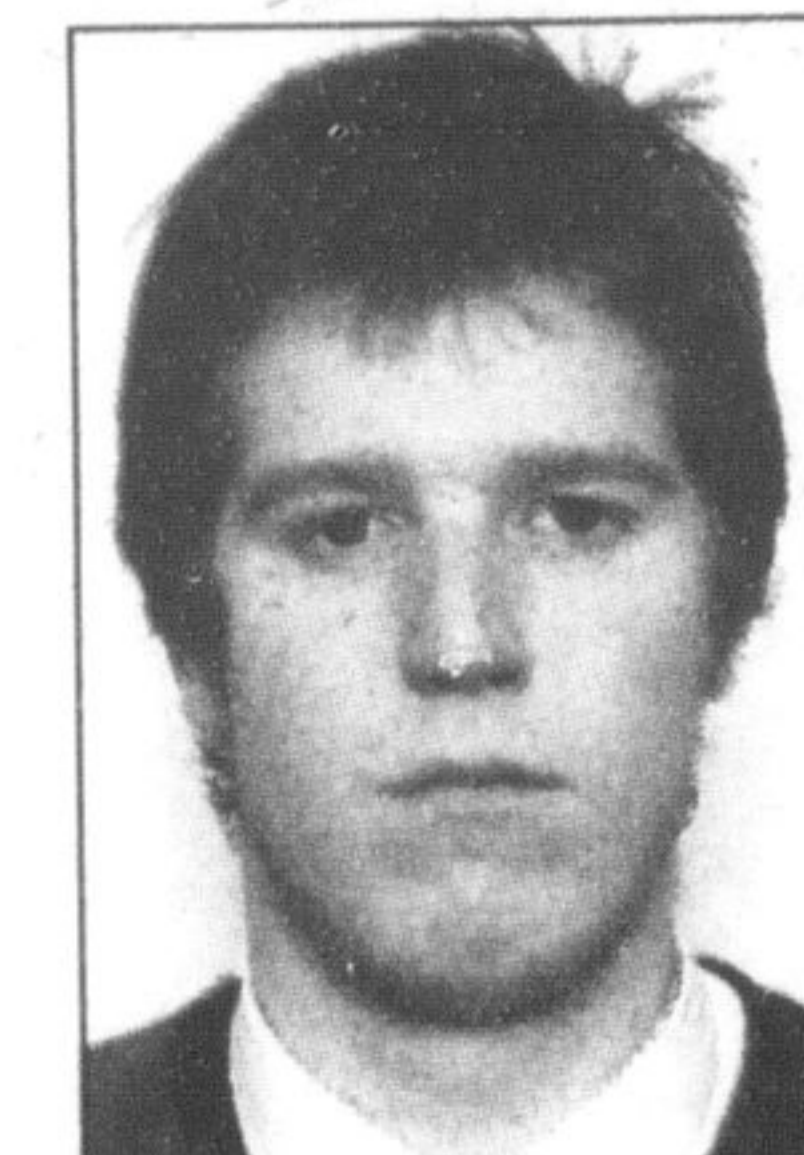
Now done his Major-Junior career as well, 20-year-old Shepley was also his team's only player to have competed at the Memorial Cup.

Fellow Miltonian James Woodcroft still has a shot at claiming a junior championship, with his Jr. B Tecumseh Chiefs led the London Nationals two-games-to-one in the best-of-seven Western Ontario Hockey League final as of last night.

The 17-year-old winger netted the winner in a 5-3 game-two victory Wednesday — his third goal of the playoffs.



Elgin Reid



Zack Shepley

## McDougall excited about new position

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coaches like to go to a last-place club and start from scratch or join a first-place team where most of the work's already done, but Milton's somewhere in the middle so this is an ideal situation for me."

So what does the IceHawks' new skipper bring to the table?

"I think I'm a nice mix (of strategist and motivator). Having played in Europe I know how to play a skills game, and am committed to getting the best out of the kids. Win or lose, I want teams to come in here and know they're in for a tough night.

"I'm going to run this like a professional hock-

ey club — to me there's no other way to do it."

McDougall, Piett and co-owner Rob DeVincentis are now in the process of interviewing assistant coaching candidates — hoping to have them in place for the May 10 to 12 rookie camp at Etobicoke's Westwood Arena.

Along with scoring leader David Vallorani heading off to UMass-Lowell this fall, the IceHawks will likely lose young forward Ryan Lopes and defenceman Ryan Moore to the OHL.

Moore has already gotten an early jump as a recent addition to the Sarnia Sting — helping them to a first-round victory over Windsor — while Lopes is expected to be part of next year's Mississauga St. Michaels Majors.

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