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Merchants trade for rearguard

The Milton Merchants have put another piece of the championship puzzle in place with the acquisition of an aggressive, veteran defenceman.

On his way to town is 19-year-old Peterborough native Shane Sullivan, of the East Conference Lindsay Muskies. He was acquire Friday evening in exchange for 20-year-old rearguard Rick MacDonald.

"Shane is a very tough defenceman. We felt we needed more aggressive coverage in front of our net and he should provide that," said team president Gregg Carrigan. "Basically, we traded an offensive-minded defenceman for a defensive defenceman."

The deal should be equally beneficial to Lindsay, one of the weakest offensive teams in the east. Milton by contrast, is the most offensively balanced club in the entire league but needs a little extra toughness in their own end.

At 6'1", 200 lbs., Sullivan should offer just that. He will finish up a two-game suspension this week and be in the lineup Sunday when the Merchants travel to

Oakville for a 1:30 p.m. start against the Blades.

The trade with Lindsay has put a hold — at least temporarily — on negotiations with Georgetown for veteran left winger Duke Bouskill, who has gained the interest of several teams, including the Bramalea Blues.

The 20-year-old Georgetown native brings size and strength to the table as well as some scoring ability. "MacDonald was one of the guys they (Georgetown) wanted for Duke, so right now negotiations have stopped. We'll take another stab at it, but we won't upset the chemistry we've already got here," added Carrigan.

While the acquisition of Bouskill may not come now, the Merchants could be in line for another tough winger later this season. Having gained future considerations from Burlington for the return of goalie John Lubera, Milton could pick up Tim O'Brien, should the Cougars leave him unprotected at the January 10 cut-down date.

Amy aiming high, for Canadian team

Milton rhythmic gymnast Amy DiPalma has cleared the first hurdle in her long-term quest to compete in the 1999 Canada Winter Games.

The 12-year-old St. Peter's School student recently earned a trip to the Canada Winter Games Training Camp, set for December 14 and 15 at Sport Seneca in Scarborough. The honour came late last month, when she placed among the top 24 participants at a selection camp at Sport Seneca.

A total of 42 gymnasts competed at the selection camp, held to identify Ontario rhythmic talent to represent the province at the Canada Winter Games in Cornerbrook, Newfoundland.

"The training camp will be a big opportunity for me," said Amy, now in her fourth year of rhythmic gymnastics. She trains in Etobicoke under coach Nadia Mihaylova.



Amy DiPalma

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