



MFC delivers convincing win over Interpol to move into third

Eager to avoid another draw, Milltown FC struck early and kept the pressure on the entire evening en route to a 3-0 rout of Oakville Sunday at Milton Community Park (MCP).

The decisive win — which saw Max Hathaway notch

his team-leading fourth goal in the last three games and young hometown netminder Luis Rodriguez earn the clean-sheet — lifted MFC to 2-0-4 and into third place in the Peel-Halton Soccer League's Premier Division.

MFC mounted a 2-0 lead in the first 30 minutes, thanks to a rebound tally by Foti Tsafaridis and a big finishing slot home from Ernesto Raurell.

From there, Hathaway continued his red-hot streak in the 60th minute, essentially sealing the deal by

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'Hurricane' of excitement hits Ganly in NHL draft

Defenceman "ecstatic" to be picked up by Carolina

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Having played the anxiety-filled waiting game two years earlier during the OHL Priority Selection, Tyler Ganly was determined to keep himself otherwise occupied while NHL made their draft picks Sunday.

And the 18-year-old Miltonian stayed firm to that plan — well, mostly.

"I stayed away from the draft most of the night, periodically checking in now and then. I was sitting on the computer, but mostly listening to music and playing games," the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds defenceman told the *Champion* late Sunday night, shortly after being taken in the sixth round — 156th overall — by the Carolina Hurricanes. He's Milton's first NHL draftee since 2009. "Overall I thought I resisted my urge to watch the draft pretty well, and kept occupied so that the time would pass by faster."

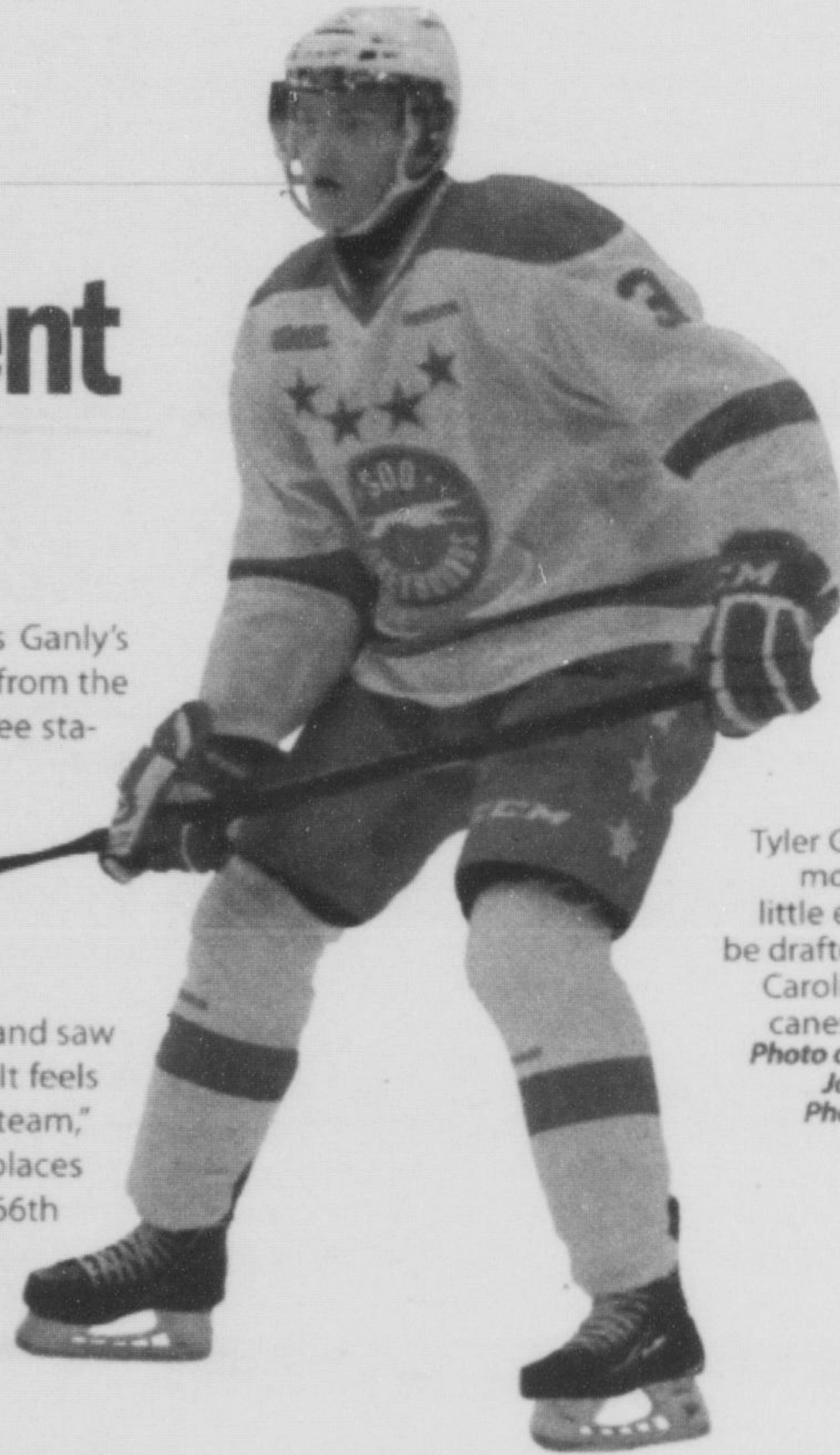
Whether that distraction made for a more calm evening is difficult to say.

But what was abundantly clear was Ganly's euphoria when father John came in from the backyard to announce his NHL draftee status.

"In disbelief I check the TSN website and saw my name with Carolina drafting me. It feels surreal being drafted by an NHL team," recalled Tyler, who was taken 10 places higher than his final draft ranking (166th among North American skaters) this past spring. "I've worked my entire life for this moment and my family and I are beyond ecstatic that it is to such a great organization."

One of three Greyhounds selected in this year's draft, Milton's six-foot-two-inch, 195-pound blueliner collected 17 assists and finished at a plus-2 over 62 games as an OHL rookie this past season.

More notably, he was forced into heavy minutes early in the year while defensive anchors Colin Miller and Ryan Sproul were sidelined for extended periods. Rising to the impromptu challenge, he helped the short-staffed Soo



Tyler Ganly was more than a little excited to be drafted by the Carolina Hurricanes Sunday. Photo courtesy of James Egan Photography

keep its head above water and eventually make the playoffs for the first time in three years.

The Greyhounds certainly haven't forgotten that early-season contribution, having named Ganly one of their alternate captains last week.

"As a rookie, Tyler's great development came

through with a positive attitude and commitment to putting in the necessary work to get better every day, which earned him the confidence of the coach staff and respect of his teammates," head coach Sheldon Keefe told the *Soo Today*.

Despite a standout tenure with the AAA Toronto Jr. Canadiens, Ganly wasn't taken until the fifth round of the 2011 OHL draft and needed two tries to crack the veteran-laden Soo blueline — which no doubt makes being taken by Carolina all the more gratifying.

With added motivation from the draft and a letter now on his Greyhounds jersey, Milton's newest NHL draftee is eager to get back up north and help out the Soo's incoming defencemen.

"I feel I can help the younger guys more so than others, because I can show them what I've done to get to where I am now," he said. "I realize that from being drafted to Carolina, I have a ways to go if I want to make it into the NHL. But I'm willing to do whatever it takes to make it."

Of the five Milton-area players taken in the NHL draft in the past decade, four have been defencemen.

Another OHLer with local connections, Georgetown left winger Jason Dickinson of the Guelph Storm — who trains at Milton's Reebok FirePower CrossFit and is a graduate of the Halton Hurricanes — was a first-round pick (29th overall) by the Dallas Stars.

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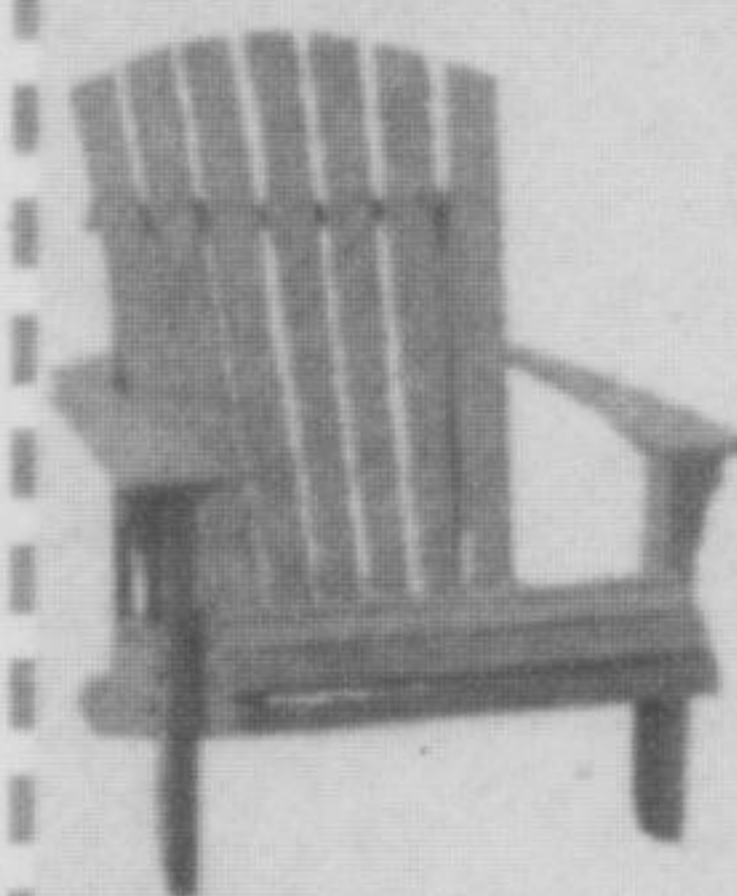
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