

## Carter a two-way standout for ProHockey

47... And to say she proved herself worthy of the international opportunity would be putting it mildly. No doubt buoyed by her recent provincial triumph, Carter notched ProHockey's first tournament goal — a blueline blast in a 5-1 victory over Spartak — and went on to finish tied for first in team scoring with three goals and six assists.

Of course there was also some formidable play in her own end, which helped limit the opposition to a measly three goals in an 8-0 title run that was punctuated with a 2-0 whitewash of the West Coast Selects May 3.

"To win provincials was amazing, but then to win on the world stage as well as was hard to believe," said the 5-foot-6 defenceman, whose ProHockey team finished at a plus-34 — primarily due to some preliminary decimation of their European rivals.

Carter had three multi-point games at the tournament and then added an assist in a 2-0 quarterfinal decision over the Sweden Selects, helping set up the insurance marker.

ProHockey would then edge the East Coast Selects 2-1 in overtime to reach the final.

"I put in a lot of hard work in practice this season and that really helped with my speed and just my overall focus," noted Carter. "I was pretty confident heading into the tournament, knowing I'd be playing with so many elite girls. With all the hard work we put in, I think we deserved it (to win)."

While a regular contributor on the score-sheet this season — leading the Hornets' defence with 14 goals and 16 helpers — Carter takes more pride in neutralizing the opposition's attack that bolstering that of her team's.

"Scoring goals is great, but keeping the puck out of our own net is the bigger accomplishment (for a defenceman)."

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## Response to sports hall of fame encouraging: liason

47... "I'm pleased with the response here," said Crowder, following some favourable comments by about a dozen representatives of sports such as hockey, baseball, gymnastics and basketball. A few other potential committee members were unable to attend the meeting but had told Crowder of their desire to be included in the process.

"We'll be having another meeting like this, but I think we're in good shape to start doing something with this."

A small budget would be made available by the Town for a sports hall of fame — funds included in the MSC expansion that would go toward Crowder's work and a video monitor.

The project — which would include athlete, team and builder categories — would also be a potential recipient for a grant from the Milton Community Fund, while financial support would be sought by the business community.

While there was plenty of discussion about the selection process and research avenues for induction recommendations, Councilor Cindy Lunau said the groundwork of community support should be laid before any format or other specifics are decided.

Crowder said the vision is to have

the Town eventually operate at an "arm's length" of the sports hall of fame, working as a liaison of a community-based committee in which members could contribute in a variety of different ways. That could include everything from research on prospective inductees to fundraising.

A father of three sons who play rep hockey and lacrosse, Crowder said he's been to most arenas in southern Ontario and has looked at 18 different sports hall of fames.

"There's all kinds of different models out there," he noted, referring to both the set up and induction ceremony. "It all depends on how big the community wants this to be."

The Milton Historical Society, he added, has expressed its support of the project, not seeing it as impeding on the existing Milton Walk of Fame at Town Hall.

A second information/recruiting session will be held at MSC on Monday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. Those interested in attending or being involved in the sports hall of fame are asked to contact Crowder at don.crowder@milton.ca or (905) 878-7252, ext. 2220.

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