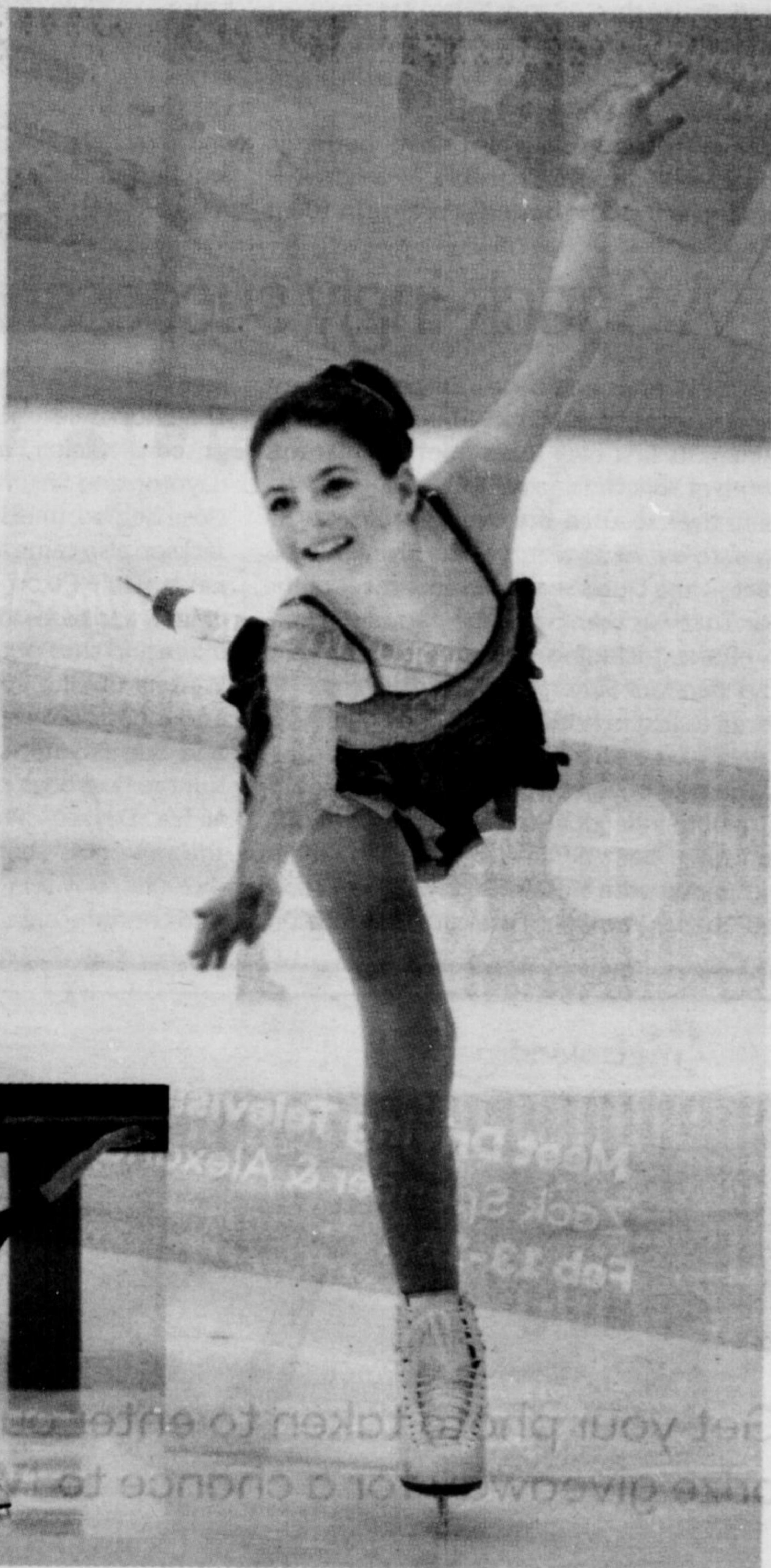


## Strutting their stuff

The Milton Skating Club recently hosted the Central Ontario Section STAR Skate Championships at Milton Sports Centre. The top-three finishers qualified for the Skate Ontario STAR Skate Championships March 13 to 15 in Brampton. Here, Lauren McCarthy (at right) and Grace Hurley (inset) compete in the STAR 4 event, placing fourth and fifth respectively. Jackson Ellis took top spot in the Pre-Juvenile Under-11 division, while also advancing to the provincial championships were Mackenzie Phelps (2nd, Silver Triathlon), Abigail Best (2nd, Pre-Juvenile U14), Audrey Carle (3rd, Pre-Juvenile U11), Abigail Leinweber (3rd, Juvenile U14) and Taylor Huff (3rd, Star 5 O13).

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## OHL veteran welcomes new pressure with Soo

### Ganly feels beefed up Greyhounds' blueline will help push him in return from injury

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Now back from the only significant injury of his career, Tyler Ganly isn't taking his lineup spot — or nightly minutes — for granted. And wouldn't want to.

Sidelined for nearly two months with a broken middle finger, the 19-year-old Milton defenceman recently returned to a Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds team with a significantly beefed-up blueline.

That presents newfound pressure for the third-year OHLer — which he not only recognizes, but embraces.

"There's definitely more competition on the back end now. It's a lot of pressure to play well, but that's good," said the 6-foot-2, 200-pound assistant captain, referring to the Western Conference-leading Soo's trade deadline acquisitions of star Anthony DeAngelo from Sarnia and overage Connor Boland from Peterborough. Ganly served as a healthy scratch at the end of the club's three-games-in-four-days road trip this past holiday weekend. His recent return was especially welcome in light of minor injuries to fellow veteran blueliners Darnell Nurse and Tyler Hore. "This (blueline additions) is going to push me even more in every practice, to work hard to keep my spot."



Tyler Ganly returns to a Greyhounds team with a much stronger blueline, but is embracing the added pressure that puts on him. Photo courtesy of Aaron Bell / OHL Images

Breaking his finger in a December 14 fight with Windsor's Cristiano DiGiacinto — his first of the season — Ganly had more than a few frustrating moments seeing his Greyhounds play without him.

"It's especially tough watching your team compete with new guys and not being able to help out," said Ganly, who at press time yesterday had two goals and 12 assists and sat at a plus-11 in 33 games this season with the 42-11-0-2 Greyhounds, who've lost just three times on home ice and as of press time yesterday afternoon were ranked fourth nationally. Champing at the bit to be back contributing to the Soo's success, Ganly saw a regular...47



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