## Denham records goal and assist in camp-ending scrimmage in Winnipeg

different challenges. In order to stay on my toes and continue to learn about the professional level, I haven't allowed myself to get too comfortable just yet."

That mindset has served the 6-foot-4, 205-pound free

agent well as he continues to make initial introductions — and auditions around the NHL.

Punctuating last sumdevelopment camp in Calgary with a pair of scrimmage goals, Denham found the back of the net in week-ending play in Winnipeg as well.

Capitalizing on early turnover, he went top corner for his squad's first goal. From there, Denham set up prospect Michael Spacek on a two-on-

one break for an overtime winner.

Although held off the score-sheet in Pittsburgh, Denham felt he had a bit more jump there.

"Obviously I can look at my goal and assist during the scrimmage in Winnipeg as standout moments, but overall I was happier with my performance in the scrimmage in Pittsburgh. I think having two weeks of skating under my belt helped," said the rugged Robert Morris winger, who had nine goals and 18 assists last season to follow a 25-point (11g, 14a) sophomore campaign.

While true summer vacation is a thing of the past for high-level hockey players — at least compared to their counterparts of a few decades ago — Denham believes that these development camps have kept him more mentally sharp for the Colonials than just individual

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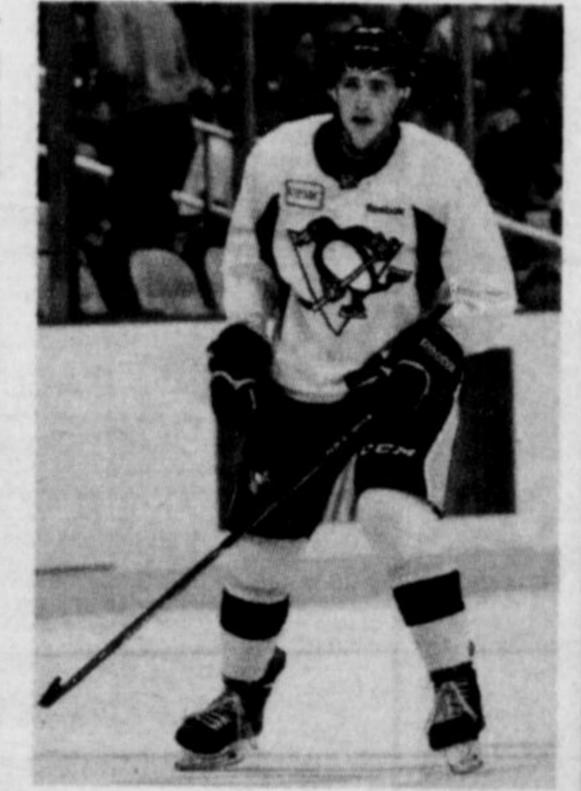
training would.

"They make it easier to stay focused and give 100 per cent in May and June, because I've had something coming up to train for," said the NCAA veteran, who with nearly half of his Robert Morris teammates back this season hopes to build on last year's trip to the Atlantic Hockey Association semifinals — perhaps even reclaim the conference title that the Colonials won during their rags-to-riches 2013/14 campaign. "Without the camps I would have no real testing until mid-August, so they've kept me pushing hard all summer."

Denham said that he received some constructive feedback on \( \subset ) things to work on at his exit meetings at both camps, but is most  $\overset{\omega}{\circ}$ pleased about simply being a part of another two of them this in summer.

"Just getting the invite to camp means someone within the organization believes that I have the ability to play somewhere ≥ in their lineup. That in itself is encouragement for me to keep 5 working hard."

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**Brandon Denham competes** at the Penguin's development camp. Photo courtesy of the Pittsburgh Penguins

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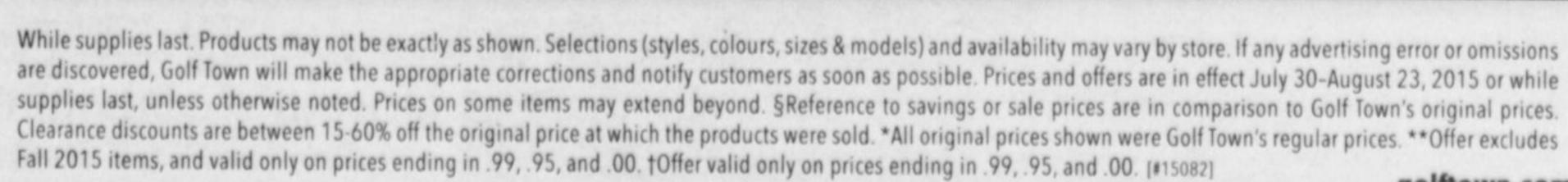


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