

# Making out in Isvestia



Twenty-one-year-old Geoffrey Shaw of Maple is a member of the Canadian National Select hockey team currently embroiled in the Isvestia, Russia, hockey tournament. Geoff plays right wing and is a member of the University of Toronto hockey team.

Twenty-one-year-old Geoffrey Shaw of Maple is hardly a household name in hockey. Even in Maple where he's lived for the past 20 years with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shaw, of 15 Weller Crescent.

It's simply because he's been too busy combining both a promising hockey career and an education which sees him in his second year at the University of Toronto studying to become a lawyer.

The 6', 190-pound Geoff, is currently plying his trade as a right-winger with the Canadian Olympic Select Team in the Isvestia World Hockey Tournament in Russia.

It's a long day's journey from his days as a minor hockey player in the Maple organization and later as a 14-year-old defenceman for the Bradford Junior C's in 1973-74.

But not so long when you consider his rapid progression up the hockey ladder to all star status with the Toronto Nats Junior B club the next season and from there to the 'A' Nats where he became a right winger under coach Joe

Scanlon. **DRAFTED** From there he was drafted by the Oshawa Major A Generals but ended up with the then Hamilton Fin Cup Major Junior A's for the 1975-76 season.

That was the season the tempestuous Fin Cups, known for their brawling ways as much as for their ability, ended up winning the Memorial Cup and then representing the country in the World College championships in Czechoslovakia where they came home with a Silver Medal.

Shaw fitted in with the Fin Cup system because he's a big, aggressive winger who loves going into corners and painting his way out of them. And he also can skate and get his share of goals which is still what it's all about.

**KNEE PROBLEMS** He stayed on with the Fin Cups in their move to St. Catharines the following season where he ran into knee problems and missed part of the season.

That still didn't stop the NHL Detroit Red Wings from drafting the aggressive Shaw at the beginning of last season. "They wanted to sign him," said Mr. Shaw, "but

it would have meant his being sent down to their farm club in Kansas City. Geoff opted to come back to Canada and continue his education." It wasn't really a difficult choice for Shaw who had maintained his educational pursuits in company with hockey after attending Langstaff Secondary School.

**ONTARIO SCHOLAR** While a member of the Fin Cups he kept up his lessons and received his Grade 13 certificate and also picked up an Ontario scholarship.

That led directly to the University of Toronto last year and a spot in the lineup of the power-house Varsity Blues hockey team under coach Tom Watts.

It was coach Watts who invited him to try out with the National team despite the fact he wasn't originally selected.

Now he's in Russia where, undoubtedly, his efforts on right wing will be watched closely by the Red Wings who still are interested in obtaining his services.

"The Red Winger management of Ted Lindsay and Bobby Kromm were quite in agreement with his

## Eric Stohr new head Hill Minor Soccer club

By LEE BANFIELD

Hello soccer fans!

On December 11 the Richmond Hill Soccer Club formed a new executive which finds Eric Stohr taking over the job of president for the coming season.

He replaces past-president Jane Stel. We have new faces, new blood, and most of all, new talent.

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It was two up and two down for the Thornhill Canac Kitchens' Atom I's on the weekend as they blanked Barrie 5-0 at home Sunday after edging Newmarket 2-1 on Saturday.

The win against Barrie was particularly gratifying since it was their first one against this team in two years.

Cory Koffman came up with the shutout as Thornhill dominated the play. Offensively it was Greg Boose netting two goals while Marshall Kay and Shawn Duckman picked up a goal and two assists each. Jason Bishop opened the scoring on a goal set up by Greg

Havery. Ian Cunliffe played solidly on the blueline and also gained two assists. All of the players worked well together with everyone giving 100 percent. Other team members are Derek Turnbull, Dan Crombie, Don MacDonald, Todd Dafoe, Mike Rusinek, Joel Thomas and Marc Krofchick.

Krofchick played a fine game in goal for Thornhill in the win over Newmarket. Rusinek opened the scoring with MacDonald, returning from a five-week absence due to an injured collarbone, scored the second goal from Crombie.

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