

Acton assistant coach with Flyers

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from player to coach. "I'm more removed from playing now. At first, you really miss playing the game. I really believe the best job you can have in sports is playing. I always enjoyed it."

He said while his role with the team has remained primarily the same, he's been a little more comfortable this time around. "Like in anything else, you gain a little more experience the second year."

Acton said the Flyers' coaching staff, which also includes Tom Webster, shares the workload equally. His responsibilities include working with the younger players, conditioning and viewing videos of teams the Flyers are about to play so he can brief the players. "There are hiccups every day that have to be dealt with, individual meetings and things that require people skills."

Acton said the big trade that brought super star Eric Lindros to the Flyers three years ago is paying big dividends. He said Lindros has had a positive effect on players like John Leclair, who has come into his own and become a prolific scorer since coming to Philadelphia.

Acton admitted to being unaffected by the Maple Leafs' early exit from the Stanley Cup playoffs. He also said he considers the high-

ly favored Cup favorite Detroit Red Wings just a blip on a very distant horizon. "The only way we'd have to worry about Detroit is if we meet them in the Stanley Cup finals, and there's a lot that's got to happen before that takes place."

Win or lose, Acton said he, his wife Susan, and the couple's four children should be back in Stouffville for the Canada Day weekend. The eldest Acton children, Brooke and William, must finish

out the school year in Cherry Hill, New Jersey before the family can return. Acton said he would probably be attending the annual NHL draft in St. Louis June 23.

Acton, who has always valued his Stouffville roots, finished out the interview by inquiring about what's going on back home. "Say hello to everyone I know when you see them on the street," he requested.

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Jennifer Mayhue

Jennifer Mayhue shattered the 100-metre sprint record for senior girls at last weekend's Queen's Alumni Invitational Track Meet in Kingston. The Unionville High School student ran a time of 11.8 seconds, breaking the old mark of 12.2 which had stood at the Queen's meet for 21 years.

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The production debuts Friday May 10 at 7:30 p.m. with shows Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Making a special appearance for the show will be 18-year old Stouffville resident Michael Pride, an OAC student at SDSS, who is a Junior level competitor skating out of the Upper Canada North York Skating Club. Also appearing will be national Junior team dance duo of Kara Rijnen and Michael Pollard. Tickets are available at the recreation office during regular hours.

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