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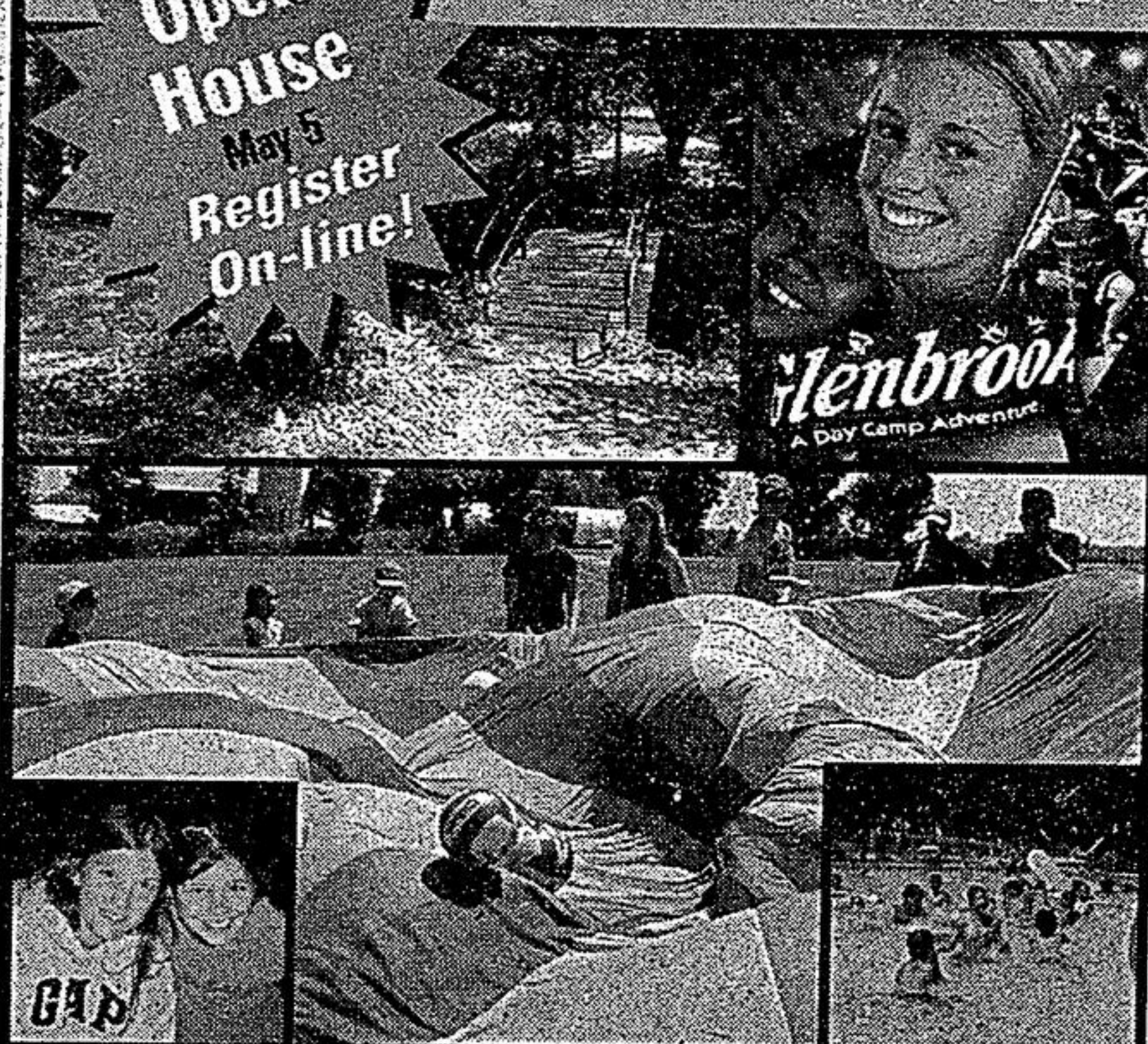
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# Hughes inks pro deal with NHL Hurricanes

## Kingston grad starts career in AHL with River Rats

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Bobby Hughes has several thousand reasons to be a happy hockey player. The 19-year-old Stouffville resident signed a three-year contract with the Carolina Hurricanes Tuesday.

If he plays for the Canes, the deal will pay Hughes \$500,000 US in the first year, \$525,000 in the second year and \$550,000 in the third. Jason Karmanos, Hurricanes vice-president and assistant general manager said.

At the minor league level, Hughes would earn \$62,500 per year.

Drafted in the fourth round by the Hurricanes last year, the five-foot, 11-inch, 180-pound centre played last season with the Kingston Fron-

tenacs of the Ontario Hockey League.

With the Frontenacs eliminated in the first round of the OHL playoffs, Hughes will play the remainder of the season with the Hurricanes' top minor-league affiliate, the Albany River Rats of the American Hockey League.

"Bobby posted strong offensive numbers this past season and the time is right for him to begin his professional career," Karmanos said in a statement.

"The experience he will gain playing with Albany for the remainder of this season should further his development heading toward next season."

Playing in 59 games this past regular season with the Frontenacs, Hughes scored 40 goals and 56 assists.

Those numbers enabled the fourth-year veteran to lead the Frontenacs in scoring and rank 10th overall among OHL players.

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# Breckles paces youthful mites

The Stouffville mite, Clippers advanced to the York Simcoe Hockey League consolation final before settling for second-place honours after losing the first-to-six-point series against the Richmond Hill Stars in five games.

Buoyed by a hat trick from McKayla Major, the Clippers won the first game 4-2 before the Stars came back to even the series with a 3-2 decision.

The Clippers then regrouped to win the third game 6-5 before the Stars took the fourth and fifth games by respective scores of 6-1 and 5-3 to claim the series.

#### FOUR UNDERAGE PLAYERS

Playing with four underage players and led by Jacob Breckles' team-leading 58 points, the Clippers compiled 13 wins during the season and placed third in a Christmas tournament in Ajax.

Other players included: Nolan MacInnis, Tyler Davis, Adam Bain, Matthew Erdelsky, Tristan Meilunas, Michael Freitas, Nicole Holmes, Joey Kovacic, Sam Bettencourt, Colin Johnston, Sam Burkholder, Billy Starke, Nicholas Olidis and goalkeepers Brett Menzies and Connor Hicks.

Jay Meilunas was the head coach while Pete Major and Chris Burkholder assisted behind the bench. Craig MacInnis was the trainer.

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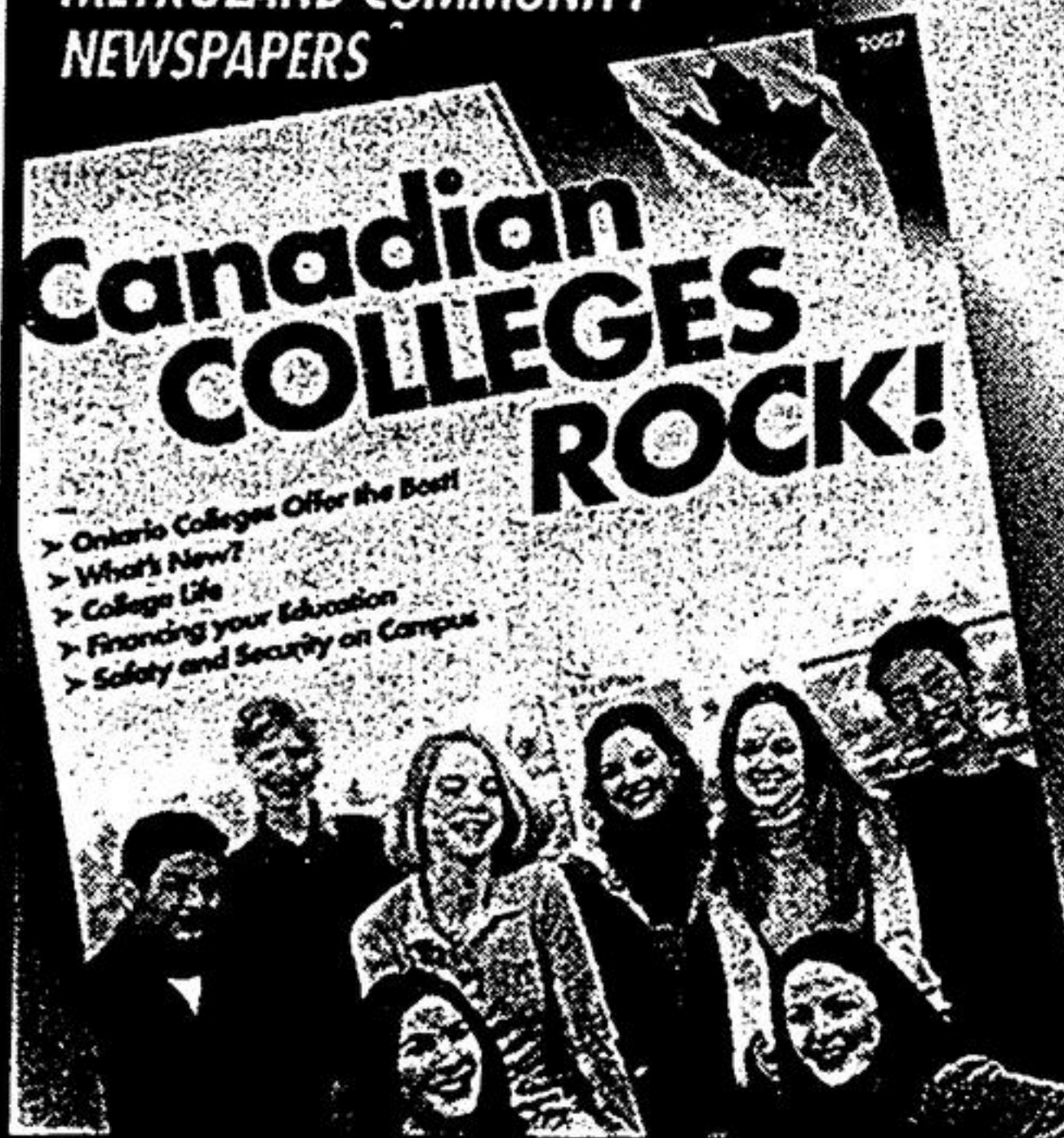
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