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NHL DRAFT FORECAST: SOLID CROP FROM YORK REGION



STAFF PHOTO/STEVE SOMERVILLE

When the NHL entry draft begins tomorrow night, look for the likes of Steven Stamkos (from left), Cameron Gaunce, Michael D'Orazio, the Stouffville Spirit's Corey Trivino, Bobby Mignardi and Alex Pietrangelo to be selected. They gathered at Ashlane Farms, near of Stouffville, for a photo and video shoot. For more on the region's finest, see page 3.

24 hours until draft day, NHL prospect getting nervous

Montreal Canadiens showing interest in Spirit star Trivino

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Corey Trivino played hockey as a youngster just because he enjoyed the game.

Back then, he recalled, there were no grand visions of being drafted by a National Hockey League club.

But with this year's NHL Entry Draft set to begin tomorrow in Ottawa, the 18-year-old Stouffville Spirit forward is on the verge of being called to the podium by an NHL club.

Entering this year's draft, Trivino, who will attend Boston University this fall on a hockey scholarship, was ranked as the 49th best North American skater by the NHL's Central Scouting Bureau.

"I never thought about being

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drafted when I was a kid. I played hockey because I loved it. It wasn't until just a few years ago (as a minor bantam with the Toronto Marlies) when I started thinking about it," Trivino said.

"But the draft is pretty exciting and I'm a little nervous about it."

Bolstering Trivino's stock were

some impressive numbers and awards he earned this past Provincial Jr. A Hockey League season, his second as a member of the Spirit.

During the regular season, Trivino was the club's second-leading scorer with 19 goals and 50 assists. He also led the club in post-season scoring with five goals and 17 assists in 15 contests.

When Trivino wasn't playing for the Spirit, he was a member of the Canada East team that won the sil-

ver medal at the World Junior A Challenge in British Columbia.

As well, he was one of the youngest players and lone Jr. A player to on Canada's under-18 team that won the gold medal at the International Ice Hockey Federation Championships in Russia.

Just recently, he received the Ontario Hockey Association's B.J. Monro Memorial Trophy that's

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