

# McEachen ready for knighthood with Clarkson team

## Maine wanted Spirit defenceman to wait until 2010

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Patrick McEachen was looking forward to playing hockey at the University of Maine this fall.

But the Orono, Maine, school wanted the 18-year-old Stouffville resident to delay the start to his collegiate career until the fall of 2010.

That did not sit too well with the Stouffville Spirit defenceman and assistant captain.

Being in his final academic year at Brother Andre Catholic High School in Markham, McEachen wanted to start his post-secondary school education this fall.

With that in mind, the two parties agreed to part company.

Enter Clarkson University,



**PATRICK McEACHEN:** Stouffville resident follows cousin Mike Sullivan to Clarkson University.

whose men's hockey program still had a scholarship open and readily accepted McEachen to its Potsdam, N.Y., campus with open arms when he told them of his status.

"I really got lucky there," McEachen said in his good fortune in having Clarkson still having room for him on

their roster at this juncture of the recruiting calendar. "They were one of the few NCAA Division One teams that still had an opening."

Compiling seven goals and 26 assists in 49 regular season games this past season with the Spirit, McEachen said: "The last couple of years I kept in touch with the University of Maine and they said a lot of positive things."

"But late this season, they wanted me to delay my enrolment for a year by playing in the United States Hockey League and I didn't want to do that."

"It hit me like a ton of bricks when they did that. It's not what I wanted to do because I'm in my last year of high school and I wanted to go right into university," he said.

Clarkson, where he intends to enrol in an entrepreneurship program, was among the schools that actively recruited him two years ago.

He's been to Clarkson to see the campus and attend hockey games when his cousin, former Spirit forward Mike Sullivan, played

for the Golden Knights from 2003-07.

"Having been there before and watching Mike (Sullivan) play was a big factor for me,"

McEachen said. "But I like their campus and recently met their coaches and players and it seemed like a comfortable fit."



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## Tanaka top defensive forward in poll of OHL coaches

Belleville Bulls' veteran forward Cory Tanaka earned the respect of coaches from the Ontario Hockey League's Eastern Conference after he was named the Best Defensive Forward in the league's annual Coaches Poll.

The 20-year-old Stouffville resident also earned a second-place honour in the Penalty Killing award behind Brampton Battalion forward Cody Hodgson.

A five-year OHL veteran who began his career with the Plymouth Whalers before being dealt to the Bulls part way in the 2005-06 campaign, Tanaka compiled 17 goals and 33 assists in 67 regular season games this past season.

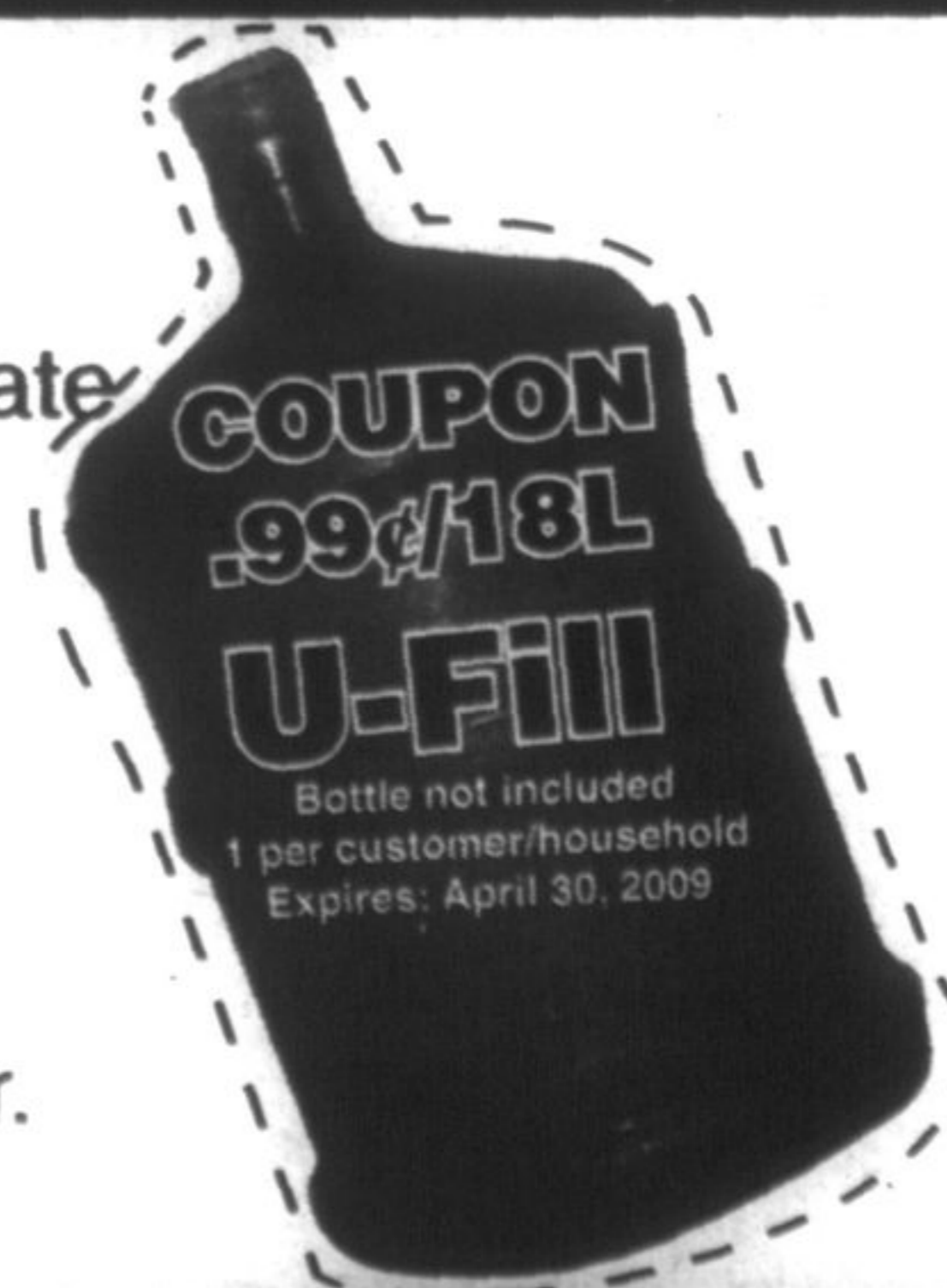
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## CORRECTION NOTICE

In the March 26, 2009 flyer jacket, the expiry date on the Water Depot ad was incorrect. It should have read: Expires April 30, 2009. The Stouffville Sun Tribune regrets the error.



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### Quick Facts:

- ★ The quality of Stouffville's current groundwater supply and the YWS water supply are both well within all health related criteria and are of high quality
- ★ Groundwater will continue to be the primary water source for the Stouffville water systems
- ★ Adjustments will be made to the YWS disinfection process to ensure compatibility with the process used in the Community of Stouffville
- ★ The supplement of YWS water supply will decrease the demand on the underground aquifers and provide additional security by having a lake-based source

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