# York's big-leaguers

OK, so it may not be an Olympic gold medal lineup, but York Region residents are competing in the National Hockey League in record numbers.

At the resumption in play following the Vancouver Olympic Games, no less than 12 residents of York

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Region communities were pulling on NHL jerseys.

Led by Unionville's Steven Stamkos who is lighting up NHL goalies to date with 42 goals for the Tampa Bay Lightning to Newmarket goaltender Brian Elliott's exploits in recent weeks on behalf of the Ottawa Senators, here are the members of Team York Region:



GOALIE



#### **BRIAN ELLIOTT**

Team: Ottawa Senators Hometown: Newmarket Slapshots: Called up from AHL partway through the 2008-09 season, the Newmarket resident is in

his first full season with

the Senators. In 44 games, he has posted 23 wins, including three shutouts with a 2.56 goals against average and .909 save percentage ... Former ninth-round draft pick of Ottawa set a franchise record earlier this season for most consecutive wins with nine ... Was a Hobey Baker Award candidate as top player in leading the University of Wisconsin Badgers to 2006 NCAA title.

#### DEFENCE



#### MICHAEL DEL ZOTTO

Team: New York Rangers Hometown: Stouffville

Slapshots: In rookie season with New York Rangers has six goals and 22 assists in 65 games ... Chosen by Rangers 20th

overall in 2008 entry draft after three-year OHL career with Oshawa Generals and London Knights.



#### STEVE EMINGER

Team: Anaheim Ducks Hometown: Woodbridge

**Slapshots:** Playing in his sixth professional season and with his fifth NHL team ... Former first-round (12th overall) draft pick

by Washington Capitals in the 2002 entry draft, Eminger has recorded 13 goals and 66 assists in 329 career NHL games. Currently in first season with Ducks he has two goals and eight assists. ... Junior career included season with the Jr. A Bramalea Blues.



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Whitchurch-Stouffville resident Michael Del Zotto is in his rookie season with the New York Rangers. The former Stouffville minor hockey star played three seasons in the Ontario Hockey League before making the jump to the NHL.



#### ANDREW COGLIANO

Team: Edmonton Oilers Hometown: Woodbridge

Slapshots: · Drafted by the Edmonton Oilers 25th overall in the 2005 entry draft after two seasons at the University of Michigan

... Recorded back-to-back 18-goal seasons to start his career, but has just five goals this season ... Played for the St. Michael's Buzzers Jr. A team in Toronto.



#### **RAFFI TORRES**

Team: Buffalo Sabres Hometown: Markham Slapshots: In ninth pro

season since being drafted fifth overall by the New York Islanders in the 2000 entry draft ... Acquired March 3

from Columbus for Nathan Paetsch and a draft pick ... Also played four seasons for the Edmonton Oilers ... Has compiled 98 career goals ... At 19 goals this season, is one away from third 20-goal season in career.

#### **FORWARDS**

#### STEVEN STAMKOS



Team: Tampa Bay Lightning Hometown: Unionville

Slapshots: Selected first overall in the 2008 entry draft by Tampa Bay, Stamkos overcame a slow start to his rookie season

last year to finish with 23 goals and 46 points. This season Stamkos has emerged as a star and already has 42 goals and 80 points ... Helped Canada win 2008 world junior championship ... Already touted to play in the 2014 Sochi Olympics, if NHLers take part.



ond full season in the NHL the former second-round draft pick (54th overall) of

the Dallas Stars landed in St. Louis via trade during the 2008-09 season ... The six-foot, two-inch, 210-pounder has five goals and 12 points this season along with 133 penalty minutes ... Played for the Jr. A Newmarket Hurricanes before four seasons with the OHL Barrie Colts.



## STEVE DOWNIE

**Team:** Tampa Bay Lightning Hometown: Sharon

Slapshots: · Drafted 29th overall by the Philadelphia Flyers in the 2005 draft, is in his first full NHL season with Tampa Bay ... Played

**LUCA CAPUTI** 

Pittsburgh Penguins in the

NHL draft from the Mississ-

sauga/Niagara IceDogs of

fourth round of the 2007

Hometown: Maple

the OHL .... Traded from Pittsburgh to Toronto

March 2 in the Alexei Ponikarovsky deal. Has

six points in 13 career NHL games, including

game-tying goal March 10 in overtime win

over Boston during his Air Canada Centre

63 games for Flyers and Lightning over two seasons prior to this year ... Has scored 17 goals and 23 assists with Tampa Bay this season along with 190 penalty minutes ... Several brushes with the hockey law in junior and pro ranks, but was a two-time gold medal winner with Team Canada juniors ... Played part of season for the Aurora Tigers at Jr. A level in 2003-04 season.

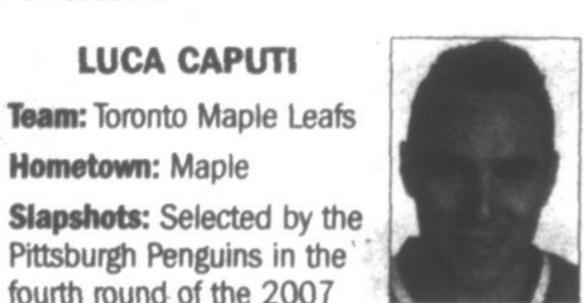


# **DOMINIC MOORE**

Team: Montreal Canadiens Hometown: Thornhill

Slapshots: · Acquired by the Canadiens prior to the Olympic break, Moore is in his sixth season at NHL

level ... Initially a thirdround pick of the New York Rangers in the 2000 entry draft ... Former member of the Aurora Tigers Jr. A franchise, Moore started the season with the Florida Panthers. Other stops include the Pittsburgh Penguins, Minnesota Wild, Toronto Maple Leafs and Buffalo Sabres ... 10 goals and 11 assists in 55

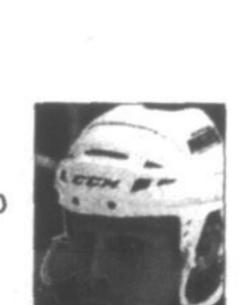


games this season.

# MIKE CAMMALLERI

**Team:** Montreal Canadiens Hometown: Richmond Hill Slapshots: Had 26 goals and 22 assists in 56 games in first season with the Canadiens ... Drafted

in the second round of the 2001 draft by the L.A. Kings, Cammalleri has 158 goals and 335 points in 420 regular season career games ... Currently in his fifth full season in NHL. Spent three full seasons with Kings and one with the Calgary Flames before trade to Montreal ... Starred at the University of Michigan after playing Jr. A in Bramalea.



#### **STEPHEN WEISS**

Team: Florida Panthers Hometown: Markham

Slapshots: Selected fourth overall by Florida Panthers in 2001 entry draft ... Currently in seventh NHL season ... Has surpassed

season-best 20 goals (2006-07) with 23 already this season ... Overall career, has 98 goals and 176 assists in 460 games ... Played Jr. A in North York then at Plymouth of the OHL ... Won silver medal at 2002 world juniors.

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