

Whitchurch-Stouffville News Digest

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Duke award worth wait

Bennett Kane had good reason to wait four years to receive his Duke of Edinburgh Award.

He was travelling – which is part of the program's mandate.

The 21-year-old Whitchurch-Stouffville resident received his gold award from Prince Edward in Toronto last week.

The program has taken the St. Andrew's College grad from dog-sledding in Muskoka to scuba diving in the Turks and Caicos and the gravesites of Canadian soldiers in Europe.

"There's still a lot to see," said Mr. Kane, who works at Spring Lakes Golf Club.

He was introduced to the awards program by his sister, Madison Kane, who also achieved gold status.

Mail undamaged in fire

A T-shirt was jammed into a Canada Post mail slot and set on fire.

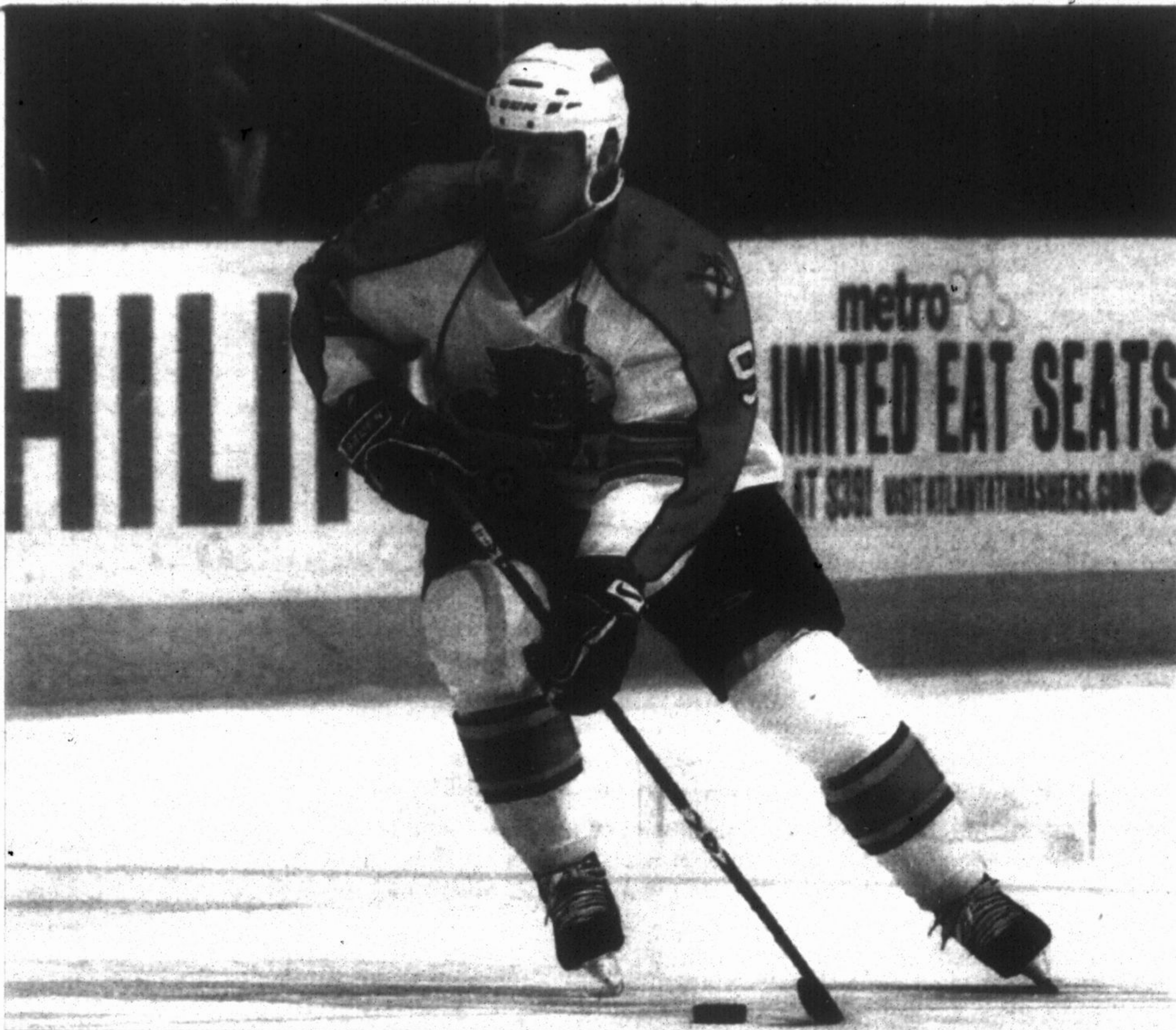
The incident took place July 23 at about 12:30 a.m. Witnesses called York Regional Police after noticing the box, on the southeast corner of Glad Park Avenue and Elm Road, was smoldering.

Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire and Emergency Services firefighters arrived and discovered a white shirt jammed into the mail slot. They removed it and quickly put the fire out.

It is not believed the fire reached the mail. The mail box has burn marks on it.

No suspects have been identified, but the investigation continues, according to York Regional Police.

Anyone with information is asked to call police at 1-866-876-5423 ext. 7541, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS or leave an anonymous tip online at www.1800222tips.com.



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Florida Panther Stephen Weiss will play in MP Paul Calandra's charity hockey game Aug. 18 in Stouffville.

Tickets are on sale at a number of local outlets, including Mr. Calandra's office and the Royal Canadian Legion. Free pre-game activities include a community skate at the Stouffville Clippers Sports Complex and a family fun fair on Pad B of the Stouffville Arena. Game time is 7 p.m.

Hall of Famer, NHLers coming for Calandra's game

Add two more NHL players and a Hockey Hall of Famer to your lineup sheet for Hockey Night in Stouffville.

Markham NHLers Stephen Weiss (Florida Panthers) and Cameron Gaunce (Colorado Avalanche) have committed to play in the charity game hosted by Oak Ridges-Markham MP Paul Calandra Aug. 18 at the Stouffville Arena.

They'll be joined by four-time Canadian gold medallist Angela James, one of the first two women inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Markham's Mike Zigomanis,

who led the Toronto Marlies in points last season, will also be in the lineup. He recently re-signed with the Leafs organization.

Phoenix Coyotes Raffi Torres and Ethan Werek have already agreed to take part.

Celebrity coaches will include ex-NHLer Keith Acton of Stouffville, Toronto Maple Leafs broadcaster Joe Bowen of Markham and Markham minor hockey/high school coaching legend Paul Titanic.

Ex-Leaf Gary Leeman, CTV's Lance Brown and Whitchurch-

Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmer-son are also taking part.

The event will be a fundraiser for Stouffville's new Royal Canadian Legion and Markham Stouffville Hospital, which is doubling in size.

Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at:

- the hospital's main lobby Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Mr. Calandra's office, 6060 Main St. in Stouffville
- the legion, 150 Mostar St.
- the Stouffville Arena Aug. 13 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Free pre-game activities

include a community skate from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Stouffville Clippers Sports Complex and a family fun fair on Pad B of the Stouffville Arena from 5 to 7 p.m. Game time is 7 p.m.

Mr. Calandra has invited NHLers past and present from his riding to play in the game, alongside York Region emergency service workers and Stouffville Spirit Jr. A players and alumni.

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