

Geiger eyes pro career after visit to Canucks' camp

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Paul Geiger spent part of his summer in Vancouver last week. But for the 20-year-old Stouffville resident it wasn't about taking a holiday.

Rather, the six-foot, three-inch, 207-pound defenceman, who just completed his freshman season with the Clarkson University Golden Knights in Potsdam, N.Y., received an invitation from the Vancouver Canucks to take part in their Prospects Development Camp.

A member of the Stouffville Spirit when it won the Ontario Junior Hockey League title last year — he was named the league's top defenceman that season — Geiger's invite to the camp came via ex-NHLer Dave Gagner, the Canucks

director of player development. While not being drafted by the Canucks, Geiger said scouts saw him perform during this past season, one which saw him compile two goals and 10 assists in 36 games and be named to the ECAC Hockey All-Rookie team.

"They (Canucks) liked what they saw so they invited me to camp," Geiger said. "They wanted me to get an understanding about what pro hockey is all about and get a sense of the Vancouver Canucks organization."

One of 38 players in attendance at the camp, Geiger said it was an experience he won't soon forget.

And to play alongside some of their top draft picks from recent years also gave him an idea of where his own game was at and where it needs to be if he hopes to

take things one step further in his on-ice career.

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"The experience was amazing," Geiger said. "The Canucks have a first-class organization. Getting to play with some of their top pro prospects like (first-round picks) Brendan Gaunce, Bo Horvat, and Frankie Corrado (their fifth-round pick in 2011 NHL draft) gave me a sense of where my game's at and where I can get better. The pace was quicker and more skilled than what I was used to, but that's how I anticipated it to be."

It wasn't all hockey. "We did yoga, boxing, nutrition classes, media seminars and even a boat tour of Vancouver," he said. "We had to do a three-kilometre climb of Grouse mountain which

they called the grind. It's a very steep mountain and your team had to hike up it as fast as you can. It took us around 45 minutes to get to the top."

Reflecting on his stay, Geiger said it was an on-going process that will enable him to improve his game.

"I learned a lot, not from just the coaches but from some of the players with NHL or other professional experience. Just watching them I was able to pick up on good habits to always work on."

"Regardless of whether Vancouver stays interested in me or not, the experience will go a long way if I attend another one of their camps or one of a different team. I will know what to expect and not be coming in blind," he said.

Geiger did not lose his collegiate

eligibility and will be returning to Clarkson for his sophomore season this fall.

National Collegiate Athletic Association rules allow an NHL team to pay for the first 48 hours of the trip.

After that, he said, the player pays for the remainder.

Having attended his first NHL prospects camp, Geiger said it's given him even more incentive to pursue a professional career.

But not before he graduates from college.

"That's the main goal, to sign a pro contract when all is said and done. But I still have a long way to go before that would happen both on and off the ice. I want to finish my three years left at Clarkson before I would go. Education is important to me."

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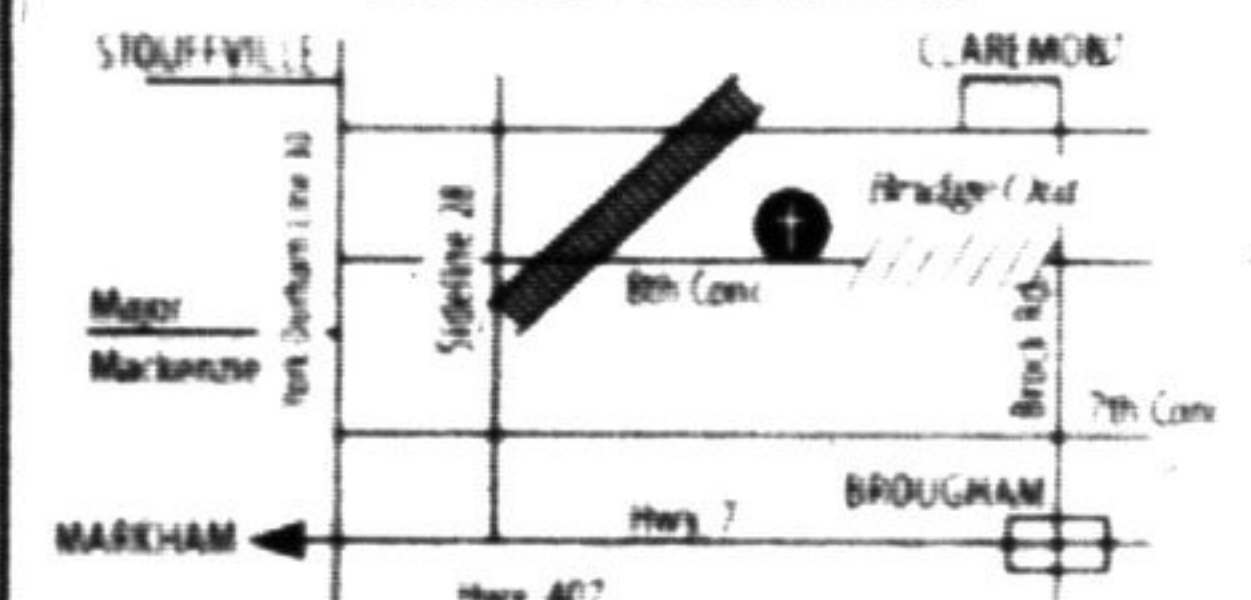
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