

PEOPLE: Stabbing victim in hospital

# 'Just another challenge for Kyle': Dad

Kyle Sauro, 20, was stabbed in Stouffville last Saturday. Two Whitchurch-Stouffville residents have been charged. Kyle's father, Darryl, wrote the following about his son:

BY DARRYL SAURO

We all wish great things for our children. We wish that all their dreams come true and that no harm comes to them.

Simple, they grow up healthy and safe, graduate with a good education, find that someone special and get to enjoy their children as much as you have enjoyed them.

I guess sometimes we are so focused on how things are supposed to develop we take for granted and miss the little things.

Like your children coming home safe, passing them in the morning as we all rush off to start the day, stinky hockey equipment left at the front door, but more than anything just loving them and being loved back.

Our family has made Stouffville our home for 19 years. Our children

have been educated in Stouffville and participated, represented, and volunteered in Stouffville with hockey, soccer, baseball and rugby.

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Standing outside was a young York Regional Police officer with a sombre look on his face and the news that will forever change our family's lives.

I would like to tell everyone

who doesn't know my boy about him and how the challenges he has faced have better prepared him for the challenges ahead.

Kyle Jordan Sauro was born in Regina, Sask. on June 22, 1993. He was 10 weeks early and weighed 4 pounds 3 ounces.

He spent the first three months of his life fighting in the neonatal intensive care unit with machines and monitors hooked up to him everywhere.

I mention this because on Saturday when I rushed into the trauma room it all came back. There he was, with machines and monitors hooked up to him everywhere.

All I saw was my baby boy once again fighting for his life.

Because he was premature, as with the majority of premature babies, he was labelled with a learning disability that followed him through elementary school. Kids can be cruel and tears needed to be wiped until his skin toughened.

By graduation, Kyle was on the Ontario Scholars' list and accepted



**KYLE SAURO:** Stabbing victim also spent the first three months of his life in hospital.

Canada. He wasn't the biggest but took pride as a great skater, couldn't put the puck in the net most games, but was more determined and driven than anyone else on the ice.

If his team needed a big hit, he delivered it. If his team needed a timely bump with the opposing goalie, he did it. If his team needed a timely power play, he would draw it.

He did whatever he had to do to contribute to the success of his team. I'm not sure if anyone even realizes that Kyle went to the Ontario Minor Hockey Championships six years in a row, including last season after a setback in Stouffville when most kids would have quit.

But no, that's not Kyle. He used that disappointment to fuel him forward and in his first game home against Stouffville, he scored two goals and as a captain helped lead the East Gwillimbury juveniles to the final for the first time.

That's Kyle, that's our boy. I just want everyone to know.

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Another hurdle overcome.

From an early age, hockey was all Kyle dreamt about. It was a huge part of our relationship as with most fathers and sons in

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