

Caledon's Quincey brings Stanley Cup to Orangeville

By Jon Yaneff

The Motor City has driven Caledon's Kyle Quincey to the Stanley Cup glory early in his National Hockey League career with the Detroit Red Wings.

The 22-year-old defenceman won the Cup, as the Wings beat the Pittsburgh Penguins four games to two in the finals.

"It was a dream come true," explained Quincey, who didn't compete in the playoffs, but played six games this season for Detroit. "I never even played the final game and still my heart was racing and I was sweating like I played four periods. It was something special."

He played his formative minor hockey years in Orangeville and Saturday he shared his accomplishment at the Alder Street Recreation Centre in Orangeville.

Orangeville Mayor Rob Adams proclaimed June 28 as Kyle Quincey Day to honour his accomplishment. It is the first time the mayor

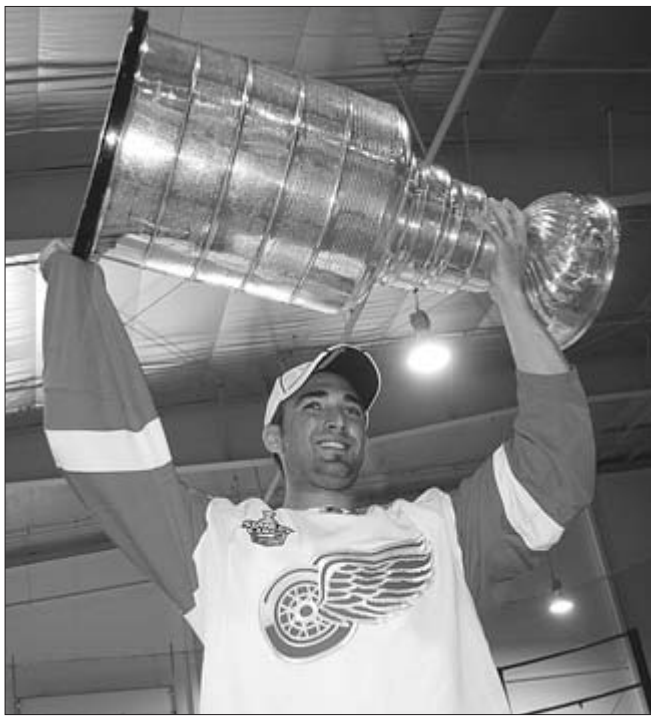
has declared a day to honour a citizen in the community.

"Orangeville is a great hockey town," said Quincey, who played novice and minor atom in 1994 and '95 with the Orangeville Minor Hockey Association. "To bring the Cup back here and see all the smiling faces is just great. I hope all these people remember this."

He also played with the Halton Hurricanes AAA team then joined the London Knights of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) after being drafted in the third round of the OHL draft in 2002. In his three OHL seasons he had 103 points in 189 games for the Knights and the Mississauga Ice Dogs. The Wings drafted Quincey in the fourth round (132nd overall) of the 2003 NHL Entry Draft.

His parents, Marty and Debbie, have supported him during his entire hockey career and were on the ice when the Wings won the Cup.

"We're very proud of him and he deserves it because of the dedication he's put



Detroit Red Wings defenceman Kyle Quincey hoists the Cup at the Alder Street Recreation Centre in Orangeville Saturday.

Photo by Jon Yaneff

toward his sport," said Debbie, whose other son Kevin, 19, is also a defenceman with the Walkerton Hawks of the Western Junior C Hockey League. "Every parents'

dream is that their son or daughter will succeed, but it's up to the player to make a commitment and Kyle certainly has."

"All I had growing up was work ethic," said Quincey,

who chose hockey over golf after breaking his hand playing for Team Ontario at the U-17 golf championships. "When your talent lacks, you got to work that much harder, then talent eventually comes with work."

In the past three seasons with Detroit's American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate, the Grand Rapids Griffins, he has produced 75 points (16 goals and 59 assists) in 201 games. In 13 regular season NHL games, he has one goal. Though he didn't play a playoff game this season, he competed in 13 games during Detroit's playoff run last season when they lost to the eventual Stanley Cup champs, the Anaheim Ducks, in the Western Conference finals.

The young Caledon (resident for six years) defenceman learns from Detroit's solid defence core with captain Nicklas Listrom, Niklas Kronwall, and veterans Brian Rafalski and Chris Chelios.

"I'm like a sponge,

soaking up all the knowledge every day in the dressing room," he said.

Quincey is a restricted free agent and is currently negotiating a contract to stay in Detroit next season.

"I'm going to go to training camp and earn my spot," he stated. "That's my focus right now."

Kyle Quincey

Born: Aug 12, 1985 in Kitchener

Most influential coach: His Ice Dogs Head Coach Greg Gilbert, who is now the head coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs' AHL affiliate, the Toronto Marlies. Growing up, his father was a major influence.

Kyle's favourites

Favourite city to play in

I don't know, there's just too many to choose from.

Favourite thing about Detroit

I love the rink (Joe Louis Arena), my teammates and the family setting.

Favourite team growing up
The Toronto Maple Leafs.

Lord Stanley encourages Orangeville Crushers Caledon connection

By Jon Yaneff

The presence of the Stanley Cup has definitely brought aspirations to the young hockey players of the Orangeville Crushers.

The Crushers currently have four Caledon residents on the team, as assistant captain Nicholas Vassos (centre) and rookie defenceman Matt Chiarantano were on hand at Orangeville's home arena, the Alder Street Recreation Centre, for Kyle Quincey's Stanley Cup celebration.

"It's awesome to have the Cup in Orangeville," said Vassos, 17, of Caledon. "It makes the community really come around."

Vassos, entering his third year with the Crushers, led the team in points last season, with 53 (17 goals and 36 assists) in 49 games. He also won the Ontario Provincial Junior A Hockey League's (OPJHL) North Division Rookie of the Year in 2006-07 with 30 points (15 goals and 15 assists) in 47 games. He was drafted in the Ontario Hockey League in 2006 by the Plymouth Whalers, but opted to concentrate on his education at King's College.

He will be playing his final year with the Crushers before attending the University of



Caledon resident Crushers' Matt Chiarantano (rookie) and leading scorer Nicholas Vassos are shown here with the Stanley Cup during Quincey's Alder Rec celebration.

Photo by Jon Yaneff

Alabama Huntsville (NCAA Division I) on a hockey scholarship for the 2009-10 season. He will be taking a business program, either marketing or finance, after his final Crushers season is in the books.

Bolton resident Chiarantano joins the Crushers after two seasons with the Markham Majors AAA Hockey Club.

"I'm excited to be part of the Crushers

three straight to the Huntsville Otters in the North playoffs.

Other Caledon residents on this year's squad include rookie winger Mark O'Blenis and second-year defenceman Chris Chidwick. Chidwick had 11 points (three goals and eight assists) in 47 games as a rookie blue-liner last year.

The president, director of hockey operations

and I thank them for giving me an opportunity to play," said the 16-year-old Robert F. Hall student. "I want to excel in what I do and Orangeville is a good start."

The Crushers are looking to improve on a 17-29-3 (37 points) season, which clinched them the sixth playoff spot in the OPJHL North Division. They lost

and head coach of the Crushers is Hockey Hall of Famer Dale Hawerchuk, who played 16 National Hockey League seasons for the Winnipeg Jets, Buffalo Sabres, St. Louis Blues and Philadelphia Flyers. The forward had an incredible 1,409 points (518 goals and 891 assists) in 1,188 games.

"He just brings so much to the table with his experience and knowledge," stated Vassos. "We're looking forward to next year and making a strong playoff run."

Brampton Capitals

The Capitals of the OPJHL West Division currently have two Caledon-based residents on their roster this year.

Tyler Leimbrock (Bolton), 20, is currently an assistant captain with the team. The fifth-year veteran had 39 points (21 goals and 18 assists) in 42 games with the Capitals last season.

Caledon resident Robbie Mair will be joining Brampton as a rookie for the upcoming season. With Mayfield Secondary School this year the 17-year-old forward had 29 points (17 goals and 12 assists) in 19 games.

Last season Brampton finished fourth in the West Division with a 30-16-3 record.

Jade takes on Lake Erie for the Hospital for Sick Children

By Jon Yaneff

It's eerie what some kids can do when they put their mind to something.

Fourteen-year-old Country Day School (CDS) student Jade Scognamillo is preparing to swim Lake Erie in support of The Hospital for Sick Children and it's neonatal unit July 12 in Jade's Swim4Life. She hopes to raise \$30,000 to buy an infant incubator.

Weather permitting, Jade will enter the cool water of Lake Erie at Sturgeon Point, New York, and will travel 19.2 kilometres to Crystal Beach, Ont. Her sights are on breaking the solo swim record in under eight hours and 10 minutes. Breaking

this record would put Jade in the record books as the youngest and potentially fastest swimmer ever to cross the fourth largest Great Lake. The swim will be monitored by Solo Swims of Ontario (www.soloswims.com).

"I've been swimming for nine years," said the Caledon East resident. "I wanted to raise money for charity through my years swimming and Sick Kids is a good hospital that relates to a lot of people."

Jade is inspired by Olympic swimmer Colin Russell and Vicki Keith, a retired Canadian marathon swimmer. Her parents, Jane and Tony, have supported

her every stroke of the way.

"We're just thrilled and proud that she wants to do charity work," said Jane Scognamillo.

Last weekend she swam a couple of distances of five to six kilometres in rainy weather at her friend, Katrina Beverly's parents' cottage in Halliburton to help her prepare for her Lake Erie distance. Katrina and Jade train together at the Vaughan Aquatic Swim Club in Woodbridge with George Jacobson.

Long distance swimming seems to be Jade's forte. When she was 10-year-old, she swam the distance of the English Channel in a pool over a couple of sessions in

her native England in support of ASPIRE, which is for people with back or spinal injuries.

Jade and her family immigrated to Canada in 2005, so the U.S. to Canada swim is a way to let her adopted country know that the Scognamillo family is ready to support this country and the people in it.

Besides swimming, the Grade 10 student plays junior girls' soccer and helped the CDS Cyclones win the CISAA (Conference of Independent Schools Athletic Association) championship this season.

Jade would like to thank her corporate sponsors, Solda Pools and Glen

Echo, as well as coach Nancy Black, Keith, Jacobson, Francis Gambino (media relations), her mother and father (Tony), as well as Aleksandra and Graham Beverly (Katrina's parents).

Currently Jade still needs

four 30-foot boats, two zodiacs (inflatable life boats), a sailboat and a motorboat. Anyone

interested in helping Jade with her journey in any way, as well as to make a donation visit

www.jadeswim4life.com



Caledon East resident Jade Scognamillo will be swimming Lake Erie in support of The Hospital for Sick Children July 12.

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