



# THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE





## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Inform and educate the OHL, parents, players, public, media and other hockey constituents on the choices and opportunities of an elite athlete's participation within the Ontario Hockey League.

1. Player Development
2. Player Environment
3. Student – Athletes & OHL Scholarship Program
4. Questions



**Joe Thornton, Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds, 1995 - 1997**

3<sup>rd</sup> Overall, 1995 OHL Priority Selection

1<sup>st</sup> Overall, Boston Bruins, 1997 NHL Entry Draft

## NHL Entry Draft Facts



NHL Entry Draft 1969 - 2007  
Total Players Drafted by Source

NHL Entry Draft 1969 - 2007  
Players Drafted in Rounds 1 & 2  
by Source



## 1. Player Development cont'd.

- 110 CHL players selected in 2007 NHL Entry Draft (OHL = 46, WHL = 37 & QMJHL = 27) accounting for 52% of all players.
- 20 CHL players selected in Round #1 (OHL = 11, WHL = 9)
- The OHL has had 1939 players selected to the NHL = 1<sup>st</sup> in the world.
- The CHL is the leading supplier of talent to the NHL.
- 52% of active NHL rosters are from the CHL.
- 22% of active NHL rosters are from the OHL.



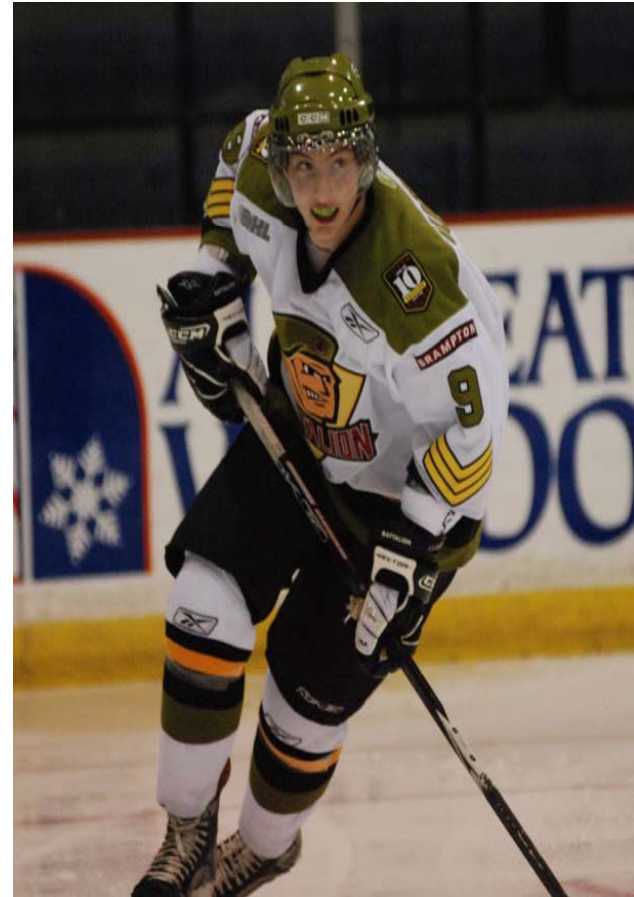
**Taylor Hall, Windsor Spitfires**

2<sup>nd</sup> Overall, 2007 OHL Priority Selection

Projected 1st Round Selection, 2010 NHL Entry Draft

## 1. Player Development cont'd.

- 68 league game season schedule.
- Mirroring the NHL playing rules.
- Positive on-ice style of play.
- Playing with and against the best Major Junior age players in the world.
- Full time, professional General Managers & Coaches with NHL, AHL and Hockey Canada experience.

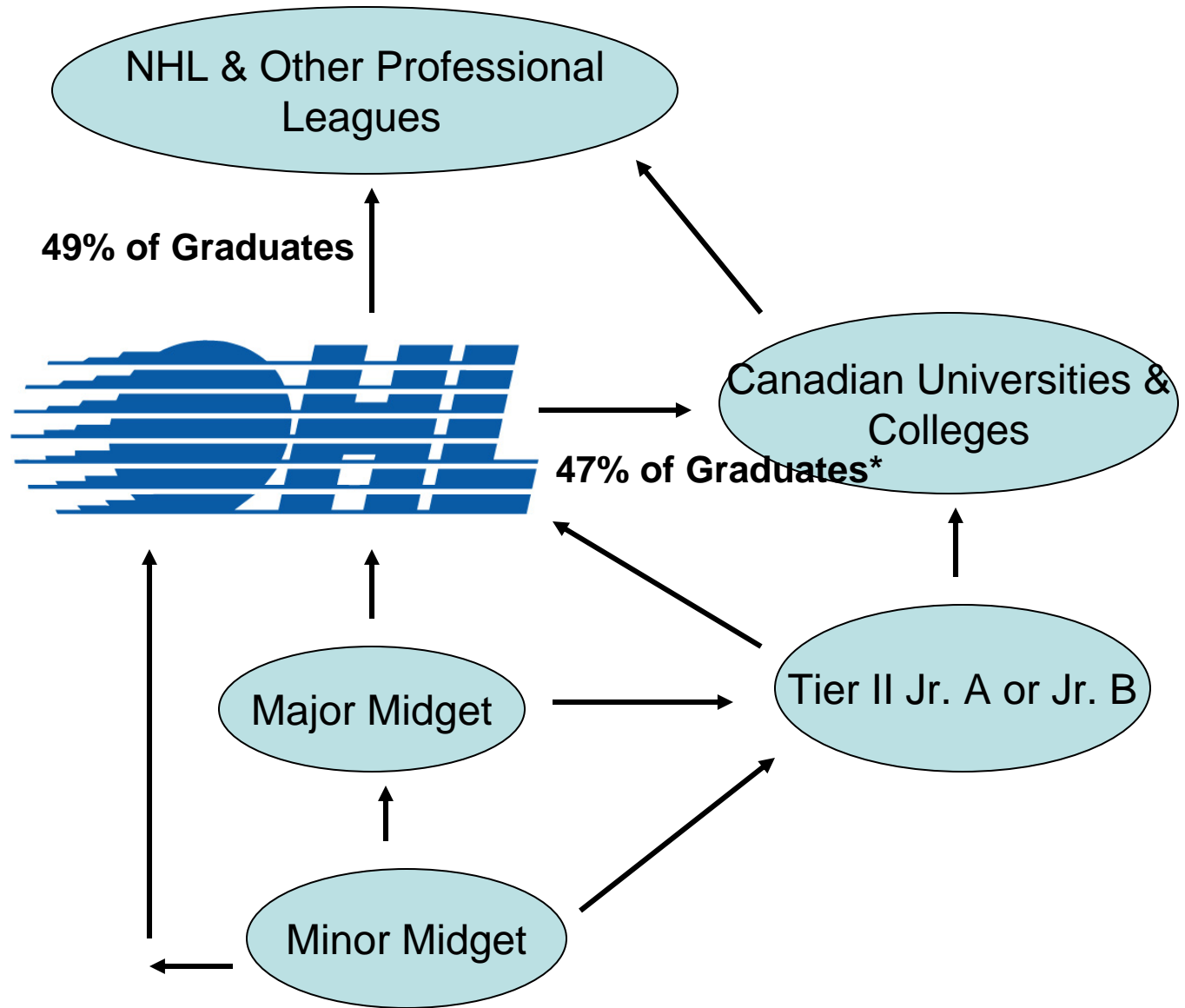


**Matt Duchene, Brampton Battalion**

Currently attending Turner Fenton  
Secondary School

Projected 1<sup>st</sup> Round Selection, 2009  
NHL Entry Draft

## Canadian Development Stages



\*may not play CIS Hockey



## 2. Player Environment

- Players reside in a “family” environment.
- Players become a part of every OHL community.
- Teach life skills that will be used to enrich any career.
- All equipment supplied which is on the leading edge of technology.
- Media training – public speaking, public relations, etc.



**Steven Stamkos, Sarnia Sting**

1<sup>st</sup> Overall, 2006 OHL Priority Selection

Bobby Smith Award Winner – OHL’s Top Student Athlete, 2006-07

1<sup>st</sup> Overall, Tampa Bay Lightning, 2008 NHL Entry Draft

## 2. Player Environment cont'd.

- Full time medical and training staff.
- Permanent Disability Insurance for every player.
- Drug and Alcohol Education Programs.
- CHL Anti-Doping Policy.
- Certified Concussion Management Programs.
- Every game is available live via the internet.



**Alex Pietrangelo, Niagara Ice Dogs**

3<sup>rd</sup> Overall, 2006 OHL Priority Selection

4<sup>th</sup> Overall, St. Louis Blues, 2008 NHL Entry Draft

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## 3. Student-Athletes & OHL Scholarship Program

- OHL Academic Team
  - Director of Education
  - OHL Member Team Academic Advisors
  - Home school Education Consultant
- All practice time is scheduled around regular school days and hours.
- Average number of class days missed due to hockey road trips in the OHL is 9.
- 90% of regular season games are between Thursday and Sunday.



**Drew Doughty, Guelph Storm**

5<sup>th</sup> Overall, 2005 OHL Priority Selection

2<sup>nd</sup> Overall, LA Kings, 2008 NHL Entry Draft

## 3. Student-Athletes cont'd.

- Teams monitor attendance and academic progress.
- Teams provide the latest technological support to assist student athletes.
- **97.5%** success rate for high school and **100%** for university courses in the OHL for the 2007-08 season.
- **100%** of players are working towards - high school, college or university degree or diploma or are high school grads for the 2007-08 season.



**Jeremy Smith, Plymouth Whalers**

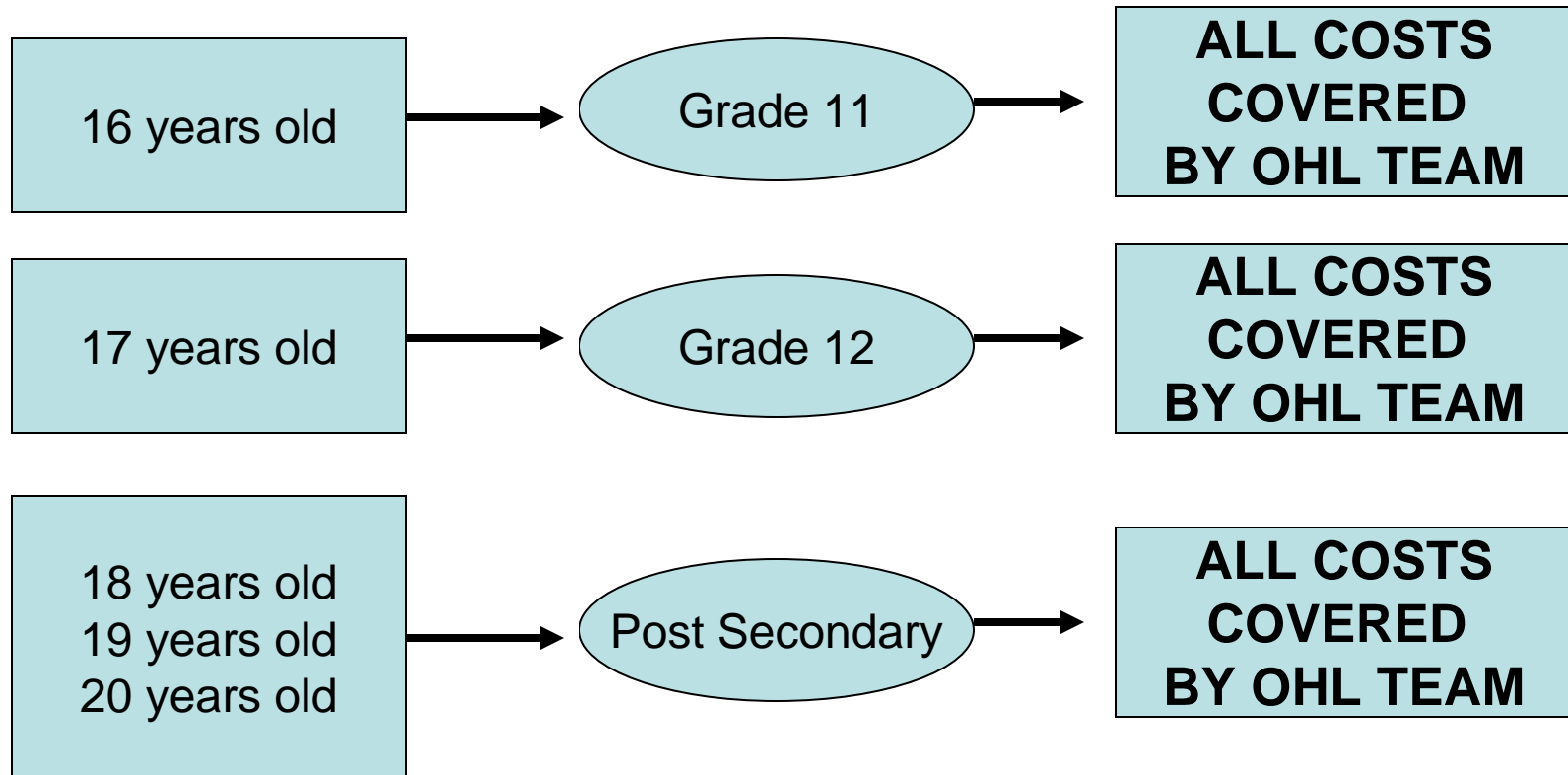
Currently attending Univ. of Michigan, Dearborn

USA Hockey Goaltender of the Year, 2006 – 07

2<sup>nd</sup> Round Selection of the Nashville Predators,  
2007 NHL Entry Draft

## 3. OHL Scholarship Program

- While playing in the OHL, every player is on a full scholarship which covers tuition, textbooks, compulsory fees and room and board as paid in full by his team.



## 3. OHL Scholarship Program

- Once a player graduates from the OHL, he will receive a minimum scholarship of tuition, textbooks and compulsory fees towards an undergraduate degree for each year played in the Ontario Hockey League.
- A player's scholarship may be utilized at any recognized university/college in the world.
- The OHL Scholarship Program is administered through the league office.
- 18 month window to allow a player to play professional hockey outside of the NHL or AHL.
- OHL Member Teams make an 8 year commitment to a player's education.



**Mike Richards, Kitchener Rangers,  
2001 - 2005**

4<sup>th</sup> Overall, 2001 OHL Priority Selection

24<sup>th</sup> Overall, Philadelphia Flyers, 2003  
NHL Entry Draft

## OHL Scholarship & Canadian University Hockey:

- \$4.9 million in support of CHL hockey players for scholarships in 2007-08.
- Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS), supplements OHL Scholarship with athletic & academic scholarships.
- All 10 CIS All Canadians in 2007-08 were CHL Graduates.
- CHL accounted for 74% CIS hockey players in 2007-08.
- 476 CHL grads were playing CIS hockey in 2007-08.
- 189 OHL grads.
- For more information - [www.universitysport.ca](http://www.universitysport.ca)



**Rob Hennigar, Windsor Spitfires 2000 – 04**

University of New Brunswick, 2004 –08

CIS Athlete of the Year, 2007 -08

- In June of 2007, the OHL contracted an independent survey company to collect data from approximately 100 graduates.
- One of the questions posed to the OHL grads were... “If you had the opportunity to do it all over again, would you play in the Ontario Hockey League?”



**John Tavares, Oshawa Generals**

1<sup>st</sup> Overall, 2005 OHL Priority Selection

Projected 1<sup>st</sup> Round Selection, 2009 NHL Entry Draft

## 92% of the respondents said 'YES'

Top 3 reasons for 'YES' included:

1. Relationships and friendships.
2. Great experiences – best years of hockey career – get ready for pro.
3. Grow up faster, mature.

#### 4. QUESTIONS ? ?



**Bobby Ryan, Owen Sound Attack, 2003 – 2007**

7<sup>th</sup> Overall, 2003 OHL Priority Selection

2<sup>nd</sup> Overall, Anaheim Ducks, 2005 NHL Entry Draft

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