

Ontario Places Thirteen Players on Junior National Team



#1 – Aaron Chopee – Aaron is extremely quick, with a stand up style and great flexibility. He is very imposing when he cuts down the angle. General Manager Mauro Cugini, 'the kid is a fiery competitor that makes the big save'. Aaron has won at every provincial level and it is that championship level of play that he brings to the team.

Aaron graduated from O'Neill CVI with honours. Today Aaron plays both hockey and ball hockey at Western University where he is taking courses in Health Sciences.



#9 – Chris McPhail – Chris is the defensive defensenmen and our version of Scott Stevens, General Manager, Mauro Cugini likes his no nonsense attitude to the game, 'Chris sees the floor very well and his size will come into play when clearing the front of the net against the top teams.

Chris is a graduate and first year Business Marketing student at Lambton College in Sarnia, Ontario. He is currently playing ice hockey with the Great Lakes Junior 'C' Dresden Kings as forward. Chris keeps busy in the summertime playing fastball with the Enniskillen Eddies.

#11 – Mathew Tremblett – Matthew Tremblett is a natural center in the mold of Joe Sakic. General Manager Mauro Cugini, 'the kid has a very smooth running style with little wasted effort, a fine playmaking center that sees the floor well and quick release on his shot.

Has an uncanny knack of raising his level of play the bigger the challenge, this summers challenge, bringing gold home to Canada. He will be counted on heavily to produce against the worlds best.



#14 – Armando Scarlota – Armando started playing ball hockey on the streets, to the local ball hockey program in his neighborhood to the international stage. It has been quite a experience for Mr. Scarlota, as a child he would never imagined the privilege and opportunity of wearing my country's jersey and representing Canada in the 2002 World Junior Ball Hockey Championships in Champéry, Switzerland.

General Manager, Mauro Cugini, "this young man will bring an incredible amount of composure and understanding to the situation'. Mr. Scarlota is already excited about this opportunity to bring back the gold medal.

This experience is bigger than anything I have ever been a part of, but that's what this experience does to you, once you have experienced it, it becomes a part of you forever.



#16 – Andrew Ascenzi – He is five feet, seven inches and weighs in at one hundred and eighty pounds. He may be small in stature, but nobody can ever measure the size of a man's heart and courage. General Manager, Mauro Cugini, is counting on his veteran savvy and leadership to assist and guide some of the younger players throughout the process. Andrew will be splitting his time between let wing and centre. This will be his third tour of duty having won gold in 2000 and bronze in 2002.

"It is an honour to have been selected once again" stated Mr. Ascenzi. When representing your country there are many things you must overcome to win the gold. As a veteran he feels that there are responsibilities in keeping the other players focused. He looks forward to that bringing home a gold medal that would be a fabulous finale to his junior experience.



#17 Spencer Irving – Spencer comes from Belleville, a ball hockey factory that has placed many players on Junior Team Canada. Spencer took naturally to the sport as an eight-year-old. Beginning play as a forward, he has competed at a high level since 1995 at the Provincials and for the Toronto Jaguars for the last three National Championships.

General Manager, Mauro Cugini, "Spencer brings an incredible amount of raw talent and speed to his game. It was just a matter of time when he matured into a well-rounded defenseman, and Mr. Irving has worked very hard to improve his defensive game.

Capturing bronze two years ago was a memorable experience. In 2004, he hopes to bring home the Championship Gold



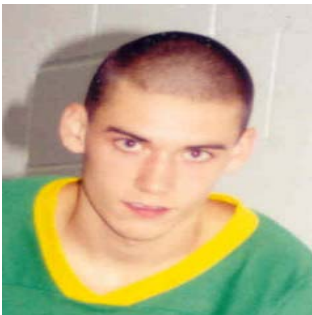
#77 - Jordan Freeland – General Manager Mauro Cugini has seen this young man mature into the ultimate power forward. A few years ago he was a young robust forward that stepped up to become a leader. The past couple of years have not only seen him grow as a young man, but his skills have continued to grow. In 2004 he will be counted on to be that and more as he has matured his game.

Jordan has been on of the most decorated Junior players the province of Ontario and captured gold at the 2002 Junior National Championships and silver at the 2003 tournament. Although, the 2002 World Junior Championship was a golden effort by the boys wearing the Canadian Maple Leaf, Jordan is hoping to cap off his junior career with a gold medal. Currently, he is playing for the Wellington Dukes in the Ontario Major Hockey Tier II.



#27 - Andrew Courtney - This young man is very big, fast and a great fore checker. General Manager Mauro Cugini could not believe what he saw when he first witnessed Andrew Courtney. "He is the best runner this game has seen in some years" said the GM. His work ethic is second to none as he glides across the floor.

Andrew is currently playing for the Trenton Sting Jr. A Hockey Club. He has graduated from St. Theresa Secondary High School, and will be attending a college or university next year.

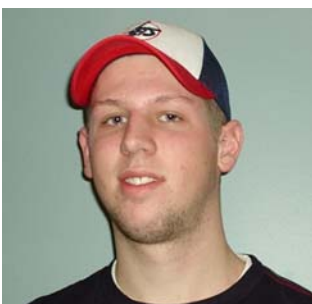


#39 - Waylon Pigeau – Waylon is a very good runner who is sound defensively. The toughest job for any coach usually is coaching team defence and what you see with Mr. Pigeau is his great understanding of the game, General Manager, Mauro Cugini likens him to Sergei Federov, a forward who is has the offensive flair to dart in and out of traffic and is defensively sound.

Waylon will be counted upon in all aspects power play, penalty killing and most importantly breaking the 'trap' the European teams like to use.

#74 – Cody Beaton – Cody is a tremendous leader who logs a lot of floor time on his club team. General Manager, Mauro Cugini likes his feisty hard-nosed attitude. Cody plays much bigger than his size often used to clear the net in penalty killing situations. Oddly enough, he was used as the primary centreman on all face off in his team's defensive zone.

Cody now attends Eastdale Collegiate, with an eye to taking an apprenticeship with GM. He has high hopes of becoming an electrician.



#84 – Evan Hovius – Many of the players on this team are natural athletes. Three things you can't teach are size, strength and speed and as General Manager, Mauro Cugini puts it this guy is the total package. Evan is a quiet leader who leads by example. At 6'2", 200 lbs, this young man brings his game every shift. He will be found either rumbling down his wing unleashing his hard heavy shot or down low or in front of the net, he will looked to upon to be a 'big' contributor.

Evan graduated high school last year and he is currently taking a year off to work to raise money to send himself to college next year. This young man is looking forward to playing for Canada at the World Junior Championships.



#86 - Kevin Lord – General Manager, Mauro Cugini likes his versatility. Kevin can play the power game or the finesse game, the proto typical Canadian forward combines speed and power.

Mature beyond his years and knowledge of the defensive game, Kevin will be looked upon as a shut down center/forward. Kevin has represented the Beeton Minor Ball hockey League the last six years at the various provincial championships and has been an affiliate player with the Toronto Jaguars the past two years at the Junior National Championships bringing home a gold and silver.

This past season he was a member of the Stouffville Spirit of the Ontario Provincial Junior A.



#91 - Robert Crumbie – This player has the speed, skill and athleticism to find open spots General Manager, Mauro Cugini could not emphasize how this team was being constructed and a proto typical forward is Robert Crumbie, multi-talented, versatile and most importantly, speed to burn. Robert will be used at both center and as a winger depending on the game.

He has been one of a number of local youths from Tottenham, Alliston and Beeton who have involved themselves to coach, assistant coach or referee each year making the league the success it is. In addition, Robert also had the distinction of being named the 2003 Ontario Ball Hockey League Junior Athlete of the year.