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WITH SIX OOKS HOCKEY ALUMNI

WHO IS YOUR FAVOURITE NHL PLAYER (PAST OR PRESENT)?

KEN BURROWS

(Marketing Administration '72)
Defence, 1968-69 and 1971-72, and assistant coach, 1973-74
Director with the Ooks Hockey Alumni Association

NHL PLAYER

Retired Toronto Maple Leaf and Hartford Whaler Dave Keon

INSPIRATIONAL ATHLETE

Lance Armstrong

HOCKEY LESSONS FOR LIFE

The old clichés: teamwork, sportsmanship and not everything turns out as you hope or expect.

JAMIE BARNES

(Finance '95)
Right wing, 1994-96
President of the Ooks Hockey Alumni Association

NHL PLAYER

No single favourite today. There are so many exciting young players – Sidney Crosby, Alex Ovechkin and hopefully, Taylor Hall. I grew up watching the cast of the Oilers glory days led by Wayne Gretzky and Mark Messier – it doesn't get much better than that.

INSPIRATIONAL ATHLETE

The underdog (no matter what sport or level).

HOCKEY LESSONS FOR LIFE

Hard work + determination + passion = success.

MEGHAN CUFF

(Geomatics Engineering Technology '08)
Left wing, 2006-08

NHL PLAYER

Wayne Gretzky

INSPIRATIONAL ATHLETE

My younger brother, Kevin. He's good at soccer, boxing, football, pretty much anything he remotely takes an interest in – except for hockey.

HOCKEY LESSONS FOR LIFE

To determine what is most important in life and pursue that goal to completion. And, although there is much more to life than hockey, it will always play some part in my life.

WHAT ATHLETE INSPIRES YOU (A NON-HOCKEY PLAYER)?

ANDREW HORE

(Marketing '99)
Centre and right wing, 1996-99. Founder and past-president of the Ooks Hockey Alumni Association

NHL PLAYER

Mark Messier

INSPIRATIONAL ATHLETE

Lance Armstrong

HOCKEY LESSONS FOR LIFE

Playing hockey at NAIT taught me about tradition, hard work, passion, discipline, friendship and community.

WHAT DID PLAYING FOR THE OOKS TEACH YOU ABOUT LIFE?

KERRY HILL

(Office and Records Administration '04, Graphic Sign Arts '05, Graphic Communications '06)
Forward and defence, 2002-06

NHL PLAYER

Sidney Crosby

INSPIRATIONAL ATHLETE

New York Yankee
Derek Jeter

HOCKEY LESSONS FOR LIFE

Playing hockey for the Ooks taught me about working hard and balancing my life.

MALLORY MATHESON

(Personal Fitness Trainer '06)
Centre, 2004-06

NHL PLAYER

Joe Sakic

INSPIRATIONAL ATHLETE

Jon Montgomery, skeleton racer and 2010 Canadian Olympic gold medalist

HOCKEY LESSONS FOR LIFE

Hockey taught me about respect, responsibility, teamwork, the ability to contribute and being passionate about what you love, as well as the hard work, determination and motivation required to succeed.



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Read about the Ooks Hockey Alumni Association's \$200,000 donation on p. 5 of *A Report on Giving*, inserted into this issue of *techlife*. Over five years, the money will fund scholarships for NAIT men's and women's hockey players, and will be used to send children, who wouldn't otherwise have the opportunity, to NAIT's summer hockey school.

Former Ooks men's hockey players are welcome to join the alumni skate every Saturday through March 19 from 4:45 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. in the NAIT arena. As well, men's hockey alumni are invited to register for the Alumni Cup Tournament, Feb. 4-5, 2011. For details on this and membership in the association visit oaa.ca.