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Norm Foster – from chance beginning to famed playwright

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It all began, in 1981, with an audition for an amateur theatre's rendition of "Harvey" in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Norm Foster went with a friend of his to audition for a part in the play, which, somewhat to his surprise, he got. As he rehearsed and participated in the production, he wondered if he, too, could write a play in which others would want to act and produce.

Today, Norm Foster is one of Canada's most prolific and produced playwrights. At one point, he had no idea whether he could act or write and, as it turned out, he can do both with considerable success. Just imagine.

Staying close to home, Mr. Foster offered his first work to Theatre New Brunswick, where Artistic Director Malcolm Black produced the play, giving the budding playwright his initial boost.

Says Mr. Foster of Malcolm Black: "I owe him a lot."

In fact, while Mr. Foster grew up in Toronto and has

lived in Ancaster for some years, he is fond of Fredericton and making plans to return there. "I feel more at home in New Brunswick."

The play that really launched Mr. Foster's career was The Melville Boys. "That took off for me," he commented.

Known for their humour and the truth in the dialogue, Mr. Foster's plays are well loved by both actors and audiences near and far.

"The main concern is to stay fresh," Mr. Foster said in a telephone interview. "I always want the next one to be better than the last. I'm more confident now."

Like many writers, he likes a deadline: "it turns on the juice – you can't procrastinate."

With all those plays available for performing, Mr. Foster reckons he is always flattered when anyone wants to produce one of his plays. Certainly, they appeal to a wide spectrum of theatre groups and audiences. From community theatres in small towns across Canada to large professional

theatres around the world, a Norm Foster play is usually on a stage somewhere. For him, it is even more exciting when a play is produced where he is not known.

His plays have been on

stages in San Francisco, Chicago, New York and Australia. One of them – Drinking Alone – is running at the moment in Moscow, in Russian.

The style of Mr. Foster's

plays is to keep the number of characters and actors low. In this way, he can develop each character more thoroughly. He also likes the technique of giving more than one character to each actor.

"It's more interesting," he opined. "And it's interesting for the actors to do more than one role within a play."

Asked about his ambitions, he answered somewhat humorously, but I suspect with more than an element of truth, "to wind up in the Caribbean sitting in a bar." Otherwise: "I'd like to try my hand at a screen play to do something new." And, "I like what I'm doing and I just want to keep earning my living at it."

Reflectively, he noted: "I've been pretty lucky."

Although Mr. Foster has been writing steadily since his first success, he has taken this year off to act and to work on photography, which is another interest of his. Not surprisingly, new plots are occurring to him. He remarked, "I have a couple [of new stories] in mind."

Mr. Foster is currently a finalist for the Premier's Award for Excellence in the Arts.

The Norm Foster play coming to Theatre Orangeville next week, Old Love, is one he wrote two years ago. He told

me it has been produced several times. Currently running at the Thousand Islands Theatre in Gananoque, from which it is coming directly here, Norm Foster is starring in it with Brenda Bazinet.

Brenda Bazinet is a Gemini Award winner for her performance in A Grief Shared which she did for TVO. She has performed in more than 80 productions for theatre and television. Next year, she is looking forward to directing two plays at the Fanshawe College in London, Ont. She is also an acting coach and instructor.

Directing his remarks to the Orangeville audiences coming to see Old Love, Mr. Foster said, "I really think they'll enjoy this play. Brenda is one of the best actresses I've ever worked with. And the set designed by Steve Lucas is magnificent!"

For sure, there will be lots of laughs and lots to think about.

Old Love will run from October 15 to November 1.

Tickets are for sale at the Theatre Orangeville Box Office and on the website, www.theatreorangeville.ca.



PLAYWRIGHT Norm Foster and fellow actor Brenda Bazinet star in Foster's romantic comedy 'Old Love' playing at Theatre Orangeville between October 15th and November 1st. Contributed Photo

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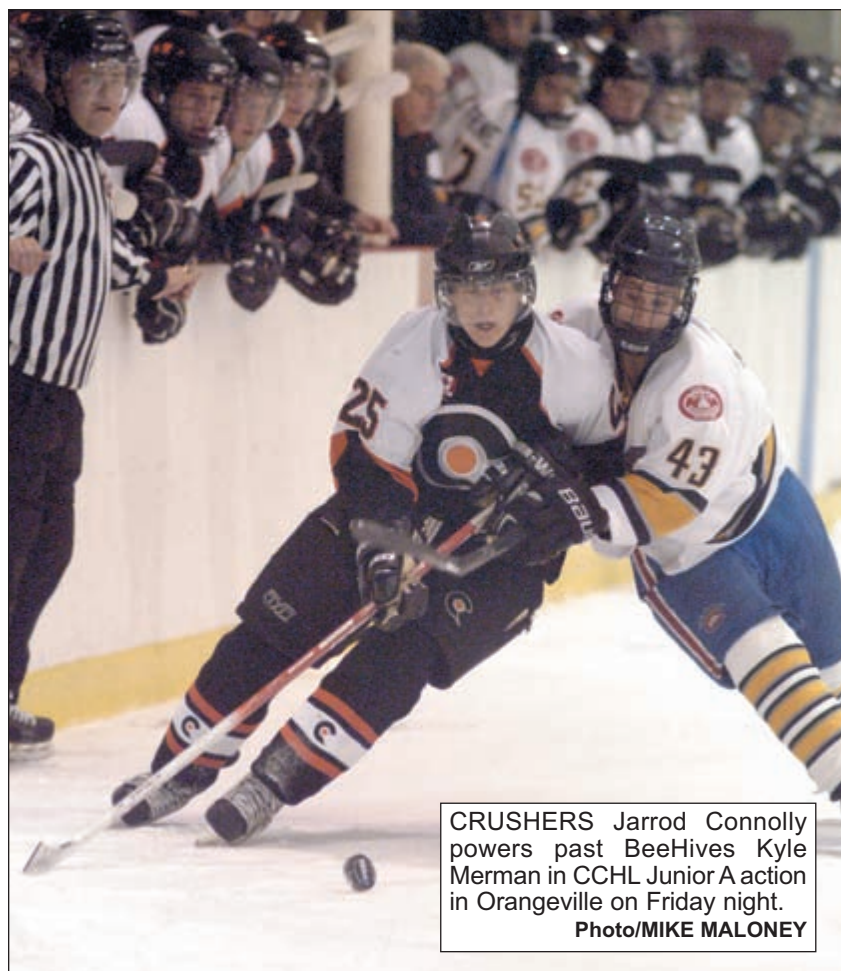
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CRUSHERS Jarrod Connolly powers past BeeHives Kyle Merman in CCHL Junior A action in Orangeville on Friday night. Photo/MIKE MALONEY

Muskies looking for redemption

By MIKE MALONEY
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The Shelburne Muskies are raring to go and ready to hit the ice.

With just over a week before they kick off the 2009-10 season, the Fish have already signed the bulk of their roster and only have a few tough choices to make to fill the final few spots.

Last season ended on a sour note for the Muskies. Down three games to none in the WOOA Northern Division final to the heavily favoured Saugene Shore Winterhawks, Shelburne rebounded to force a seventh and deciding game which they lost on a questionable Hawks powerplay goal late in overtime.

Looking to avenge that loss, and claim a

title that should have been theirs, has brought most of last year's team back for another shot at a championship.

A number of familiar faces including Sean Connor, Chris Greer, Kevin Tuckey and Luke Downey will be back up front wearing the blue and white this season. Anchoring the defence will be blueline stalwart's Matt Lougheed, John MacArthur and Warren Sly.

Both brother connections, Josh and Zac Duerden, as well as Brad and Doug Horan, will also be returning to the Shelburne lineup this season.

Rob Senay will be again taking up position between the pipes and will be joined this year by rookie Mike Tardiff. He replaces Adam Clarke, who is working

down east but may return part way through the season.

Jeff Burr and Tristan Fairbairnes are a couple of new faces already been signed to fill the few vacancies for forwards.

Burr, a native of Markdale, comes to the club after spending last year in Minnesota playing NCAA hockey, while Fairbairnes, no stranger to the senior ranks, joins Shelburne having spent last year with the Whitby Dunlops.

Both coach Joe Bakes and general manager Peter VanAlstine are excited about the

team's prospects and out look for the season ahead.

Each acknowledges that the way last season ended has left a sour taste in everyone's mouth and, to a man, the guys that are here in camp are guys that will not settle for anything less than a championship.

Muskie captain Sean Connor says that nasty leftover is one they need to harness, "to keep that bitter taste in our mouth and use it for fuel to drive us this season."

If the team is to guarantee success this year, one area they will have

to address is penalties. In 2008-09, Shelburne lead the league by over 200 minutes in penalties and not only does the coaching staff know that is something that has to change, but also the players themselves.

Connor echoes the sentiments of the coaches on that subject knowing, as do all the players they need to stop taking so many penalties.

Changes in the league rules, in particular adoption of the one fight - game misconduct practice under the OHA standard, will also have an effect on many

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Orangeville offence re-ignites

The Orangeville Crushers seemed to solve their recent scoring slump, tallying for 13 goals while allowing only five against in wins over Dixie and Upper Canada this past weekend.

Following on the heels of a 8-3 road loss to Pickering on Wednesday the Crushers made the most of home ice advantage on Friday when the Dixie BeeHives came to town.

Having another big night, Mike Arnold lead the way for Orangeville. Opening the scoring just 51 seconds into the opening frame with the help of line mates Jarrod Connolly and Philip

Teri, Arnold would also assist on a goal by Teri in the first before adding two more for the hat trick in the second.

Nicholas Vassos didn't take long gelling with his recently acquired linemate Ryan Marcuz.

Playing in his first game with the Crushers, Marcuz assisted on both of Vassos' two goals as well as adding one his own with the help of Beni Berisha late in the third.

Nick Gigone played a solid game in net for Orangeville, turning away 25 of 27 shots and sent his way in the 7-2 Crusher victory.

Sunday night found Orangeville at the Lakeshore Lions Arena

in Etobicoke where they hooked up for their first meeting of the season against the Upper Canada Patriots.

Again it was a familiar cast of characters leading the way, and a few not-so-regulars poking onto the score-sheet as well.

For the second night in a row, Arnold was the man with the hot stick, scoring four with Connolly assisting on them all.

Marcuz accounted for the other two Crushers goals with Teri (1), Vassos (2) and Berisha (1) being joined by Tyson Fawcett, Brock Bissonnette and Cody Britton - each with one in the assist

column.

Speaking after Friday nights win over Dixie, Orangeville coach Dale Hawerchuk was pleased to finally see the team get rewarded for their efforts with a win.

Noting how they had out played, out shot and out chanced both opponents in their last two games only to come up on the short side of the scoreboard, it was nice to see his team score some goals.

Knowing the team is "still a work in progress," he is encouraged to see the guys starting to come around and he feels the things he and his coaching staff are trying to impart on the guys will soon

become second nature out there on the ice.

Currently, Orangeville sits two pints back of Burlington and Toronto, who are tied at 15 for first place in the central Canadian Hockey League West Division standings.

Even though it is Thanksgiving, there will be no holiday this weekend for the Crushers.

Playing back-to-back games at home to Hamilton and Ajax, Friday and Saturday night respectively,

Sunday afternoon will find them on the road again when they face off at 2 p.m. against the St. Michaels Buzzers.



THE SECOND ANNUAL Headwaters Stable Tour was held this past weekend. A number of equine facilities through the region opened their doors to the public, including the Hockley Hills School of Horsemanship just north of Orangeville, where head coach Melanie Chin and Misty Mae were more than welcoming to the delight of guests both young and old. Photo/MIKE MALONEY

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