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town's manager of tourism Anne Rota for helping to bring this game to Amherstburg. He said after having lunch with Rota, he spoke with Osborne and Pelyk and the rest is history.

According to three-time NHL 50 goal score Vaive, many of the players play these types of game for NHL alumni and Leaf alumni roughly 30 games a year mainly around small towns in Ontario.

"We have the ability, because we played in the NHL, we can raise

funds for charity," said Vaive. "It's about getting together and having fun."

Viave called the United Communities Credit Union Complex an unbelievable complex stating the indoor soccer complex was pretty cool.

"For a town that is not that big, this is a fabulous facility," he said. "And I'm sure it was much needed in this community."

Osborne agreed with his Maple Leaf teammate.

"This is an unbelievable facility," said Osborne. "It's awesome to come off the beaten track and see what a great place is this. It

kind of took me by surprise."

Osborne said the reason why a lot of players participate in these types games is because it gives players a chance to re-acquaint themselves with each other and it is a chance to play with players from different time periods.

"We pull together a lot of guys from a lot of different generations," he said.

The pregame ceremonies featured the family of the late Bob Probert and several dignitaries.

"This has been a spectacular week," said Mayor Wayne Hurst. "The United Communities Credit



RTT photo by Joel Charron

Maple Leaf Alumni goalie Mark Laforest and Rick Vaive share a laugh after Laforest scores his second goal of the game.



RTT photo by John Holzel

The Maple Leaf Alumni treat Chris Couvillion to a photo and a pie in the face after Couvillion scores Amherstburg's first goal.

Union Complex is something that was a long time coming. It will be an economic driver in Amherstburg and certainly in this region."

The game was filled with smiles, flashy plays and highlight reel goals. Chris Couvillion scored Amherstburg's first goal and received a pie in the face by the Leaf Alumni for his effort.

The final score was 16-8 for the Leaf Alumni.

"It was something else," said Amherstburg All-Star, BJ Wiley. "They were really graceful how they played the game. They are a very classy group of guys."



Retiring fire chief Rick

Murray said he had a blast on the ice.

"It was fun. They just played with us," he said. "It was nice to be on the ice with Rick Vaive and Mark Osborne. They are good guys."

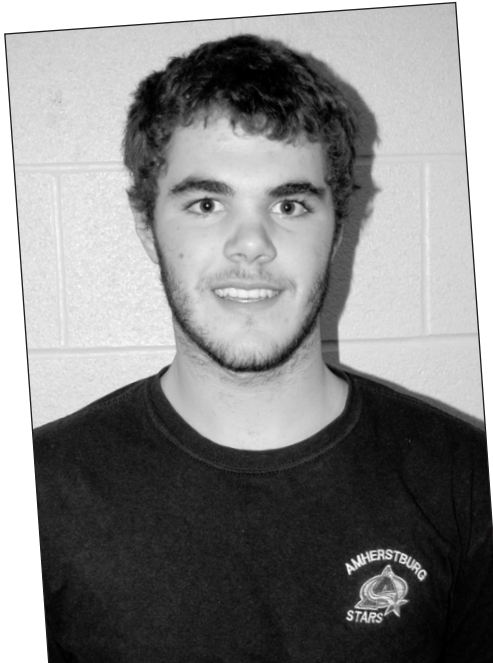
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Athlete of the Week



This week's Athlete of the Week is 16-year-old Grade 11 General Amherst student Tyler Morand. Tyler is a defenseman for the Amherstburg Midget Majors Stars. The 16-year-old plays multiple sports, which include football and baseball, however hockey remains his favourite because of the physical aspect of the game. Tyler has been playing hockey for 12 years and know how to play only one way, hard! WAY TO GO TYLER!!!

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