



## Stars and Express Affiliate For 2007-08 Season

**The St. Thomas Stars of the Western Ontario Hockey League and the Central Elgin Express of the Southern Ontario Junior Hockey League have signed an affiliation agreement for the upcoming 2007-08 season.**

**This past season the Stars enjoyed an excellent working affiliation with the Lambeth Lancers, also in the SOJHL, under then Head Coach and GM, Mike Herman,**

**After Herman left the Lancers early in the spring and was hired by the Express, both the Stars and Express agreed that it would be in each team's best interest to affiliate for the upcoming season.**

**Stars Head Coach Pat Powers and Express Head Coach Mike Herman are both excited to once again be working together in an affiliation arrangement that is beneficial to both teams.**

**Powers states, "We look forward to once again having a strong and active working relationship with Central Elgin Head Coach Mike Herman. On numerous occasions last season many of our affiliated players had opportunities to both practice and play regular season and playoff games for the Stars."**

**Herman agrees with Powers stating, " The Express are very excited and pleased that the affiliation has followed him and his staff from Lambeth. The Stars were a first class act as the parent affiliate last season and many of our players benefited from the arrangement and also helped the Stars win a few hockey games. This type of combined and cooperative efforts from both clubs is rarely seen in Junior hockey and these strong relationships ultimately provide opportunities for the kids.....which is what we are here for. To-day's Prospect Game as a joint effort between the two teams is just another example of the strong working relationship the Stars and Express have. "**

**The bottom line is simple. Several of the Express players will not only get the opportunity to play some games on a call-up basis with the Stars but also whenever possible practice with the team to learn and familiarize themselves with new drills and systems as well.**