

Caledon's Raddysh inks NHL contract

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Taylor Raddysh is on top of the hockey world.

Just two days after helping lead the Erie Otters to an OHL Championship, the 19-year old signed his first NHL contract; a three year entry-level deal announced by Tampa Bay Lightning General Manager Steve Yzerman.

The forward scored 42 goals and added a league-leading 67 assists over just 58 games in the OHL regular season, and played a vital role in helping the Otters to reach the upcoming Memorial Cup. His 12 goals and 19 assists trailed only Alex DeBrincat, Dylan Strome and Anthony Cirelli, all teammates.

A native of Caledon, Raddysh cut his teeth in his minor years with the Toronto Marlboros AAA program, and was the 58th overall selection of the Lightning in the 2016 NHL Draft.

He gained exposure through his play with Team Canada at the IIHF U20 World Championships in January, where he scored four goals in a game against Latvia.

Yzerman called Raddysh "a strong, powerful forward with speed who is valuable to any lineup," in a press release.

With a contract inked, Raddysh's main focus will lie on the Memorial Cup, pitting his Otters against the Saint John's Sea Dogs, Seattle Thunderbirds and Windsor Spitfires to determine the top team in the Canadian Hockey League.



Caledon native Taylor Raddysh, pictured with the OHL's Erie Otters, has signed an entry-level NHL contract with the Tampa Bay Lightning. Photo courtesy of Erie Otters Media