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It gives me great pleasure to connect with you at this time so as to provide some feedback regarding the Ontario Hockey League's experience with 'AAA' hockey in the Ottawa area.

The Ontario Hockey League has been fortunate to have several great players come from the Ottawa and surrounding areas that have gone on to be stars in the NHL and CIS hockey. There has always been a rich and proud hockey history in Ottawa.

Since the introduction of 'AAA' hockey and the creation of the OEMHL, the OHL has seen an increase in the number of players drafted and developed for the OHL and other junior development leagues. In addition, the number of players who have been selected to play for Team Ontario Under 17, Team Canada Under 18 and Under 20 teams is continuing to grow.

The OEMHL AAA League has a great reputation for producing hockey players and is an excellent place for every OHL Member Team and their scouting staffs to evaluate prospective players. The OEMHL AAA has provided OHL Member Teams the ability to scout players on the same level as their peer across the province. OEMHL AAA Member Teams have continued to compete at and show excellent results at many great tournaments such as the OHL Cup, Whitby Silverstick and the OHF Bantam Championships.

For players and families who wish to play at the highest level possible and compete provincially against their peers; OEMHL offers such an opportunity for a hockey player.

Please do not hesitate to call me directly at 416-299-8700 ext. 226 should you have any questions about our support of 'AAA' hockey in the Ottawa and surrounding area.

Sincerely,

ONTARIO HOCKEY LEAGUE

DAVID E. BRANCH
Commissioner

Cc - Jim Powell – President, AAA League, ODMHA