

## Tigers exit interview: Blake Forslund



**By Jeff Doner**

Over the next few weeks, The Auroran is doing a series of Q and A's with some of the Aurora Tigers Junior A players who are moving on to the next step in their hockey and academic careers. Next up is steady centreman Blake Forslund.

**Born:** Owen Sound, ON

**Age/birthday:** Feb. 25, 1992 (21)

**Seasons with Tigers:** 1

**Shoots:** Left

**Position:** Centre

**Past hockey career:** Played a year each in Collingwood and Niagara Falls, then two years in Orangeville with the Flyers before being traded to Aurora at the trade deadline.

**Season Stats with Tigers:** GP 15 ? G 5 ? A 7 ? PTS 12 ? PIM 6

**Best memory playing with Tigers:** ?That would be the first playoff win, because that was my first ever Jr. A playoff win.?

What's on tap for next season: ?Next year I've committed to Fredonia State University just over the border in New York. I'm going to be taking law there.?

**Why this school?** ?I liked the coaches. I've heard good things about the program and it's in a division that's not too far from my house ? only about four hours from Owen Sound. I went down twice before I made my decision. Fredonia just felt good. I'm really glad I get to move on with hockey.?

**Hobbies:** ?I do a lot of fishing and I like to go to the beach.?

**Any other sports?** ?I played baseball and lacrosse growing up.?

**Favourite movie:** ?Dazed and Confused. It's a great movie.?

**Favourite sports movie:** ?Youngblood.?

**On your ipod:** ?I don't know how to use an iPod ? I'm not very good with technology. But I listen to mostly country. Jason Aldean would probably be my favourite country artist.?

**Favourite hockey team and why?** ?Definitely the Leafers. For sure they could be a good team in the playoffs.?

**Who will win the Stanley Cup this year?** ?If I had to pick one team, it would have to be the Penguins. I think Crosby is going to get back by the second round and they are just too deep.?

**Favourite NHL player:** ?Darcy Tucker. I love Tucker.?

**Which superhero would you want to be, why?** ?I would definitely be Spider Man, because I grew up watching him.?

**Who is your hero/idol/role model?** ?Family. I look up to my family. I've been moved away for a while, so it's sometimes hard to keep real tight, but I'm close to them all. My brother plays for Orangeville now.?

**Best thing about playing for the Tigers:** ?I got to win. That was easily the best part. I think we only lost one game in the 15 games I was there until the playoffs, so that was pretty fun.?

**What will you miss about it:** ?The boys. I'll miss them a lot. They're all beauties there.?

**Who is the funniest guy on the team:** ?The guy that made me laugh the most was definitely Sikura.?

**What type of hockey player are you, what are you known for?** ?I'm a two-way guy and I like to stir the pot a bit.?

**Best accomplishment on and off the ice:** ?Probably having two 20 plus goal seasons. Off the ice, would definitely be graduating with good enough marks to get into university. I'm not the best in school and I battled hard in Grade 12 to get the grades.?

**If you had a slogan or motto, what would it be:** ?Mine is from a movie: ?Knowledge of non knowledge is power man.? [From Fubar].

**Are you superstitious?** ?Not at all, no. I find that superstitions just mess with my head, because if you can't do something, you automatically think you're going to play bad, so I just try to go out there with a steady attitude and just try to be prepared. But some guys love it, so who am I to judge.?

**Stance on fighting in hockey:** ?Fighting in hockey? I love it. It looks like they're trying to take it out, but I don't think you can. You can try to take out the staged fights at face-offs and whatnot, but you can't take out fights when you're mad, like when someone hits you hard. There's no way you can. It happens in all sports, so there's no way to take it out. And staged fights, it's fine ? if guys want to do it, they'll do it. You know there's a risk when you get into a fight.?

**Should all NHL players be made to wear visors?** ?I would keep it on if I went to the NHL, but I think it's up to the players. Now with the new rule that if a player with a visor is the instigator in a fight, you get the extra two minutes, if you're going to have that rule in place then you can't make them mandatory because then fighters won't be able to do their job.?

**If you were GM of Team Canada, who would be your top forward, defenseman and goalie?** ?My top forward is Crosby, top defenseman is Kris Letang and my top goalie I'd probably go back with Luongo. I'm a Luongo fan.?

**Coach's comment [James Richmond:** ?Blake Forslund came to the team just before the Jan. 10 trade deadline from the Orangeville Flyers along with teammate John Doyle. Bringing Blake in really added depth at our forward position which helped us make a push towards the playoffs. Blake was a versatile forward and played wing and centre for us and was a welcome addition to the Tiger family. We wish him well next season at Fredonia State University.?