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## Young N.B. hockey fan immortalized in mural on the wall of his bedroom

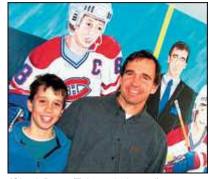
Artists depict St. Andrews youngster as Habs captain

BY CHUCK BROWN Telegraph-Journal

The Montreal Canadiens may not be leaping into action this winter, but a St. Andrews boy is hopping off the bench of his hero Habs in a bedroom mural any hockey fan would envy.

Artists have put Scott O'Rourke, 11, into the skates and uniform of the captain of the Canadiens in a larger-than life wallsized painting in his St. Andrews bedroom.

"It's pretty amazing," Scott said of the eye-popping decor in his newly renovated bedroom.



(Chuck Brown/Telegraph-Journal)
Scott O'Rourke, 11, of St.
Andrews, has a room any
hockey or Montreal Canadiens
fan would envy. His wall has
been turned into a mural
depicting the Canadiens bench
with Scott as the team captain,
his buddies as teammates and
his dad, Jeff O'Rourke, right, as

coach.

"When I got my new room, I wanted to decorate it like a hockey rink."

Scott and his parents looked at the wall and saw a blank canvas.

Artists Geoff Slater, Andrea Mulder-Slater and Jantje Blokhuis-Mulder, from Jarea Art Studio and Gallery, spent a weekend turning that canvas into scene ripped right from Hockey Night in Canada. The artists have also painted murals on the wall of a St. Andrews drug store and on the town's water tower.

In Scott's painting, he's the Canadiens' captain jumping over the boards and onto the ice. His friends and teammates from his St. Andrews Algonquins peewee team are also featured as teammates in the painting. And his dad, and coach, Jeff O'Rourke, is in the painting too standing behind the bench in suit and tie.

One of the friends featured in the mural, Riley Walker, said he's impressed.

"It's pretty cool," he said.

Another friend who's in the painting, Jeff Rouse, said he's never seen a cooler room.

Scott, who loves his Canadiens but counts Colorado Avalanche captain Joe Sakic as his favourite player, said he's disappointed a labour dispute has cancelled NHL hockey for the season.

But he still loves the game and has had a hockey-filled winter with his team and playing on a snow-packed backyard rink.

And while most kids get in trouble for colouring on the wall, Scott's guests are invited to grab a puck and leave their black mark somewhere along the boards in his painting.

Jeff O'Rourke said he's glad his son loves the new mural. He has no plans to cover it in wallpaper any time soon.

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