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## Cherry to renew coaching feud with Orr

Don Cherry is returning to the back of the bench — at least for one game.

The Canadian Hockey League announced on yesterday that the long-time Mississauga resident will serve as one of the coaches at the upcoming Home Hardware CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game.

Cherry will go up against Bobby Orr for the 10th time in the game's 14 year history, when Canada's top prospects compete on Wednesday, Jan 14 at the General Motors Centre in Oshawa.

Cherry, who coached Orr during much of his Hockey Hall of Fame career in Boston with the Bruins, may have taught Orr all too well.

In their 10-year head-to-head battle, which will resume for the first time since 2006, Orr has a 6-3 edge in wins.

The game will feature 40 of the Canadian Hockey League's top prospects eligible for the 2009 NHL Entry Draft. The event will also include a skills competition on Tuesday, Jan. 13.

Orr and Cherry were the first coaches of the event and participated for six straight years beginning in 1996 at Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens.

Their last meeting was in Ottawa, in 2006.

Cherry also participated without Orr in 2005 and was victorious over coaching opponent John Davidson.

Following the 2006 contest the CHL presented the Don Cherry and Bobby Orr Home Hardware CHL/NHL Top Prospects Trophy for the first time to the winning team. Engraved on the award are the names of every player to ever participate in this prestigious event.

Cherry coached in the NHL with the Bruins and Colorado Rockies from 1974-1980 before he became a fan favourite on Hockey Night in Canada's Coach's Corner. Cherry coached Orr in his first season behind the Bruins bench and part of the 1975-76 season when Cherry won the Jack Adams Trophy as the NHL's Coach of the Year. In 480 games as an NHL coach Cherry had a won-lost-tied record of 250-153-77.

Cherry played his junior hockey with the Barrie Flyers and he was a member of the Flyers' 1953 Memorial Cup winning team.

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**Cherry to renew coaching feud with Orr.** Mississauga's Don Cherry will be back behind the bench for the CHL/NHL Top Prospects Game in Oshawa on Jan. 14 in Oshawa. *File photo*

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