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Carey finished the 2005–06 season with 55 starts, 21 wins, 25 losses, 3 overtime losses and 3 shootout losses. He'd never had a shootout loss with Tri-City before, much less three! Thankfully the team still made the playoffs. Carey was given the nod to go in net for the first-round series against the Everett Silvertips. Tri-City lost the first game 4–0. A more determined Carey came back for the next game, and they won 2–1. The third game went to Everett in overtime. Tri-City went on to lose the next two games, putting them out of the playoffs. Carey's season was over.

After a summer spent recharging at Corkscrew Creek, a rejuvenated and hopeful Carey hit the ice at the Montreal Canadiens' 2006 training camp . . . and was the last player cut. With his head held high, he said, "I return to junior with my objective being to continue improving in order to one day be the number-one goalie for this organization." Back to Tri-City he went.

This time, Carey's WHL season started off strong, and it was clear he'd regained his focus. In December he was invited to selection camp for the 2007 World Juniors team. Remembering the sting of being cut the year before, he stepped into the crease with fierce determination. Carey wowed Hockey Canada

and earned his spot for the upcoming tournament in Sweden. But would he be Team Canada's starting goalie?

Carey continued to play well in his pre-tournament games and got the nod from head coach Craig Hartsburg to take his position in the first official game, against Sweden. Canada won 2–0...a shutout. With Carey in net, Canada then beat the US 6–3, Germany 3–1 and Slovakia 3–0. Another shutout! With a perfect record in the round robin, Canada was heading right to the semifinals, against Team USA.

The game between these long-time rivals would go down as one of the most famous in World Juniors history. Regulation time was a battle, ending in a 1–1 tie.

WHAT AVENGERS
CHARACTER POES CAREY
THINK HE COULD BE?

THE INCREDIBLE
HULK!





