

Pete Marzo sets sights on pro hockey career

When Pete Marzo is playing hockey in plush ice palaces like Maple Leaf Gardens, the Montreal Forum and the Detroit Olympia and rubbing shoulders with pro hockey's outstanding prospects, his minor hockey days in Acton must seem a century behind him.

Yet it was less than three years ago that junior scouts caught wind of Pete's scoring feats in the Tri-County juvenile league and started him on a trail that has landed him a first line spot with the Guelph CMC's of the Southern Ontario Junior "A" league.

Playing on a line with John Woods of Hespeler and John Rutherford of Peterborough, Pete has tallied 19 goals and 28 assists in 39 games for the first place Guelph club. His points total is second best on the team.

After an outstanding season with Acton Lions juveniles, Pete joined the Junior "B" Guelph CMC's in the fall of 1969 at the age of 17. He chalked up 42 scoring points in his rookie season and earned a shot with Kitchener Rangers of the O.H.A. Junior "A" Major league.

Made team
Pete was chosen to stay with the Rangers from a fall training camp roster of over 90 players, but he didn't get much ice time, although he stuck with the "A" club for the entire season. He played on a regular line for a total of only 10 games and spent most of his time killing penalties. In spite of the disappointment he experienced by not playing more, Pete was the beneficiary of some first hand instruction from NHL stars at the Kitchener training camp. Rod Gilbert, Jean Ratelle, Brad Park and Walt Tkaczuk of the parent New York Rangers worked out in Kitchener, while they were in the midst of a salary dispute with club management.

He also experienced his greatest thrill in hockey so far, while in a Ranger uniform.

"It was the first time I had ever been in the Montreal Forum," he explains. "The work crew there must have spent hours getting the ice ready. It was just like glass. We beat the Junior Canadiens 8-4 and the Montreal fans gave us a standing ovation, when we went off the ice after the game."

Was let down
Pete admits it was a bit of a letdown, when he received a letter last summer asking him to report to the Guelph training camp for his final year of junior hockey. However, he's been pleasantly surprised by the calibre of play and fan reception in the sometimes belittled Southern Ontario league.

"Most of the talent in the Junior "A" Major league is on the top four clubs," Pete says. "I'd say our team, Detroit and Chatham could definitely

compete well with the bottom six teams in their league."

As evidence for his contention, he points out that CMC's beat London Knights in an exhibition game this year and that Chatham doubled the score on Peterborough Petes in a pre-season tilt last year. Many Junior "A" major teams have been reluctant to schedule exhibition games against Southern Ontario clubs. A prominent NHL scout has offered the opinion that the Guelph team is only about four players short of being Major "A" league contender.

Hit harder
"The guys hit a lot harder in this league," Pete says. "Globovsky and Durano were really the only two extraordinarily rough guys in the other league."

He rates teammate Bill Kestell as the hardest hitting defenceman in the Southern league. Oshawa Generals' blueline duo of Mike Amodeo and Paul Methe were two of the best belters he came up against last year.

"You learn to keep your head up, when you have to try to get past guys like them," he says. "Three of the best players he played against last year, Richard Martin and Jocelyn Guevremont of the Junior Canadiens and Marcel Dionne of the St. Catharines Black Hawks were first round choices in the NHL's junior draft. Martin is currently burning up the pro league (31 goals and 21 assists) in his rookie year with Punch Imlach's Buffalo Sabres, while Dionne is with the Detroit Red Wings and

Guevremont with the Vancouver Canucks. Michel "Bunny the bandit" Larocque gets Pete's vote as the toughest goalie in the Major "A" loop. He rates CMC's combo of Jake Dupuis and Ted Lenssen as the best in the Southern league. Marlies' Paulin Bordeleau impressed him as the fastest skater in junior hockey.

No letup
The fact CMC's are tied for first place with Detroit, have gone nine games without a loss and 20 home games without a defeat hasn't altered coach Bill Taylor's practice schedule. The team is on the ice for a 90 minute workout at Guelph Memorial Gardens every night they do not play, with the exception of the odd Monday.

"Bill doesn't show any signs of letting up on us," he says of Taylor.

Combining Junior "A" hockey with school work is no piece of cake. The 56 game league schedule takes the Guelph team on long bus trips to Detroit, Windsor, and Sarnia. Sometimes they don't arrive back in Guelph until the wee hours of the morning. In the latter part of February CMC's play 12 games in 16 days, including four in Northern Ontario against NOHA teams.

Pete is completing his Grade 12 at Acton District High School this year and living at home with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Ilio Marzo, Crescent St. He travels back and forth to Guelph for practices and games by car.

"I'd like to complete my Grade 12 this year, then take a real good shot at pro hockey next year," he explains.

Draft possibility
As a final year junior, Pete has to be conscious of the NHL's annual draft of overage juniors, as well as the timely appearance on the professional hockey scene of the World Hockey Association, whose promoters intend to set their new league in motion next season.

"I could take a hockey scholarship to a U.S. college, but if I get a good shot with even a CPHL or AHL team, I'd like to go. I'll decide at the end of this season," he says.

It was no surprise to Acton hockey fans, who have been watching him in Acton since he was only a novice age that Pete became the first modern day Acton Minor Hockey grad to make Junior "A". Nor was it any secret where he inherited his playing ability. His father Ilio and uncle Ezio were key members of Acton Tanners' 1938-39 O.H.A. Intermediate "B" champions. Ilio later went on to play professionally in the American Hockey League with Baltimore and Hershey. A second uncle Leno was also a better than average intermediate player and older brother Phil is a rugged rearguard with Erin intermediates.

It's only been three years since the Acton arena was Pete's home rink. Next year it could be any one of a number of classy American sports complexes. There has never been a player drafted out of the Southern Ontario Junior "A", since the new system was inaugurated two years ago. Pete Marzo would sure like to be the first.



HAMILTON Ti-Cat quarterback John Manel points out safety features of a football helmet to Rick Van Fleet. Manel was one of five CFL players in town for Monday night's Sportsmen's Dinner. —(Staff Photo)

Alliston victims

Sabres win fifth straight

Following a scoreless first period, Acton Sabres bagged a pair of second period goals, added three more in the third stanza and chalked up their fifth straight O.H.A. Junior "D" victory 5-2 over the second place Alliston Hornets here Sunday afternoon.

League scoring leader Ray Evans fired a hat trick, his 23rd, 24th and 25th goals of the season to spark the Sabre victory. Pete Morrison netted the other two Acton goals with linemates Dale Fisher and Gary Turkosz assisting on both.

Defence good
Sabre defence, which has allowed a total of only five goals in the last three games, continued their fine play, keeping Hornets off the scoresheet for all but a 19 second stretch in the third period, when the visitors connected on two screen shots from the point. Larry Halbert and Paul Robinson were the marksmen.

Craig Weldon was a solid performer in goal for the Sabres. In the first period he made at least three key saves on two on one Alliston breaks.

Sabres also benefitted from the return of rearguard Rick Mitchell, who missed the last two games, because of exams at the University of Western Ontario.

Pretty goal
Morrison's second goal resulted from one of the prettiest three way passing plays of the season. Dale Fisher and Gary Turkosz combined with him on the play. Morrison has scored 10 goals in 12 games, since returning to the Sabre lineup after a leg injury.

The game was very mild compared to previous Sabre-Hornet contests. Referee Jim King handed out only six minor penalties, four to Alliston and two to Acton.

The game attracted a crowd of 300 in freezing weather and in spite of the fact it was the bucking Super Bowl telecast.

Minor lacrosse registration

Registration for minor lacrosse will be held at the community centre this Saturday from 10 a.m. until 1 and the following Saturday, January 29 between the same hours. Registration fee of \$2 must be paid at the time of registration.

These will be the only two days of registration for all age groups.

Junior "D" stats

(Not including last night's game Schomberg at Fergus)

	P	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Fergus	18	12	4	2	26	123	62
Schomberg	19	11	5	3	25	128	81
Alliston	20	12	7	1	25	90	81
ACTON	21	11	10	0	22	125	101
Bradford	18	8	8	2	18	103	93
Shelburne	20	0	20	0	0	56	207

Game Scores

Schomberg 13—Bradford 6
Fergus 6—Alliston 2
Acton 5—Alliston 2
Schomberg 19—Shelburne 1

Future Games

Tonight (Wednesday)—Fergus at Bradford)
Friday January 21—Bradford at Alliston
Sunday January 23—Fergus at Schomberg, Shelburne at Acton 1.30

Top Scorers

	GP	G	A	Pts
Ray Evans, Acton	20	25	35	60
Bill Field, Acton	21	27	15	42
Tom Coffey, Bradford	17	13	24	37
Sandy Fleming, Fergus	18	20	16	36
Dale Fisher, Acton	21	12	24	36
Kim Beirnes, Fergus	18	14	21	35
George McPhail, Acton	20	8	25	33
Randy Fleming, Fergus	15	18	14	32
Andy Purmals, Bradford	18	18	12	30
Bruce O'Brien, Schomberg	15	9	21	30



PETE MARZO
CMC Scoring Star

Hillsburgh give Y's Men battle

Acton Y's Men's pee wees over came a 2-1 deficit with three unanswered third period goals and

Bantams tie Hillsburgh

Acton Legion 4-town bantams played to a 3-3 tie with Hillsburgh in an exhibition game here Saturday afternoon.

Hillsburgh led 1-0 at the end of the first period and 3-1 at the end of the second. Acton scored two unanswered third period goals.

Rick Baginski, Jim Hurley and Gord Toth scored the Acton goals. John Ashley picked up a pair of assists.

Rick Lane potted a pair of goals for the burgers. Ian McIntyre netted a single. Ron Tilcox and Ed Peavoy drew assists.

Bill Fisher is coaching the Acton squad this year, while Harry Ensing is handling managerial duties.

defeated a surprisingly strong Hillsburgh squad 4-2 in an exhibition game here Saturday afternoon. The loss was only the fourth in 15 games for the burgers. Two of the losses have been to Acton.

Kent Kennedy gave Hillsburgh a 1-0 lead in the first period, but Ricky Holmes tied it up for Acton on a penalty shot in the second frame. Randy Van Wyck gave the visitors a 2-1 lead before the period ended.

Knots count
Joe Gardin knotted the count early in the third and Jeff Shields took a Ricky Holmes pass and beat the Hillsburgh goalie on the left side for the winning goal.

Gardin stickhandled past three Hillsburgh players to score the prettiest goal of the game, an insurance marker for Acton in the dying minutes.

Coach Dennis Van Wyck and

Acton Minor Lacrosse REGISTRATION

For the 1972 season will be held at the

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on the following days:

Sat., Jan. 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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A two dollar (\$2.00) registration fee will be collected upon registry.

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