

Professional hockey player makes his home in Milton

By Steve Cassina
Tom Martin of the Toronto Toros in the W.H.A. has returned to Milton, this time to live.

Nine years ago, Tom played for the Toronto major midgets in the annual Milton Juvenile Hockey Tournament but today he is playing professional hockey for the new Toronto based team, formerly Ottawa Nationals in the progressing World Hockey Association. Last season Tom accumulated an impressive 47 points from his right wing position.

Tom, along with his lovely wife Wendy and their three year-old daughter Kari, bought a new house on Willow Ave. in the Wimpey subdivision back in September. Considering he was playing for the Ottawa team at the time, this could be considered strange. However, Tom says that the players had heard the team might be moving to Toronto as far back as last fall.

Tom said, "We figured the team was moving to Toronto. The prices were good at the time and we're not far from Toronto, so we bought the house." When asked how he enjoyed living in Milton, Tom replied, "We enjoy it here, we're beginning to like it more and more. I belong to a golf course, we enjoy the nearby parks and it's nice downtown. The thing is, people are real friendly around here."

Won Memorial Cup
Tom put on his first pair of skates in his home town of Toronto at the age of four. He played his first organized hockey when he was eight in the Toronto minor league. Like many a good parent, his father would make a skating rink in the front yard every winter. Tom says that's where he learned to skate.

At 16, Tom was drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs and played for the North York Leafs, an affiliated Junior B team. The following year he played for the Toronto Marlies and they won the Memorial Cup which is the highest Junior hockey honor in Canada. It was no wonder they won, when you consider some of his teammates that year. Brian Glennie the great Toronto Maple Leaf defencemen was captain and others included Brad Park the all-star New York Ranger defenceman, Jerry Meehan captain of the Buffalo Sabres and Terry Caffery who was recently named "rookie of the year" in the W.H.A.

In the 1967-68 season, Tom was captain of the Marlies and played three games for the Maple Leafs. One of the most exciting moments in his hockey career thus far, occurred in that first game of professional hockey. His very first shot on net went in for a goal. The puck is now mounted in his home.

Signs with Ottawa
After playing one year for the Canadian National team, he turned pro and joined the Tulsa club in the Central League. That summer in 1970, he was drafted by Detroit and played two years in the Detroit organization, one year in the Central League and another in the American league. Finally, Tom got his big break



PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY PLAYER Tom Martin shows his 27 month old daughter Kari how to hit a baseball. . . with a golf CLUB? Tom plays with the newly based Toronto team in the W.H.A. and recently bought a home on Willow Ave. in the town's new subdivision.

(Photo by S. Cassina)

when he signed with Ottawa in the summer of 1972.

During his rookie year, Tom piled up some impressive figures. He was one short of 20 goals and assisted on 27 others. According to Tom, his biggest attribute is his shot. "I make plays and score goals. They say I've got a good shot but I'm not that good a skater. I'll never score 50 goals because I'm not fast enough."

The 25 year-old goal scoring play making right winger had some excellent words of advice to young people interested in a hockey career. "I would say that youngsters should definitely work on their skating. Never mind handling the puck so much, that will come. Another important thing is to get an education and the ideal way is to get a scholarship."

Tom is an educated man himself. He graduated from a Toronto high school with his grade 13. He has since been studying at York University towards his B. A. and has completed a year and a half of studies.

Leagues will merge
Tom feels the calibre of hockey in the W.H.A. is not far behind that of the long standing N.H.L. "If you put Orr and Esposito on

our team and play Boston, who is going to win?" he asked. "We're just one or two super-stars behind. There are players in the N.H.L. who wouldn't make our team. The players themselves realize the calibre isn't that much different."

Yet Tom says that the two leagues will have to merge sometime in the near future. "The teams can't afford to pay the salaries that players are asking any more. They're going to have to stop the war and the only way is to merge. They'll have to do it soon. I'll give it four years, if the W.H.A. is still allowed to steal players from the N.H.L."

There are two players Tom Martin looks up to more than any others. They are Gordie Howe and Bobby Hull. Hockey fans will notice a peculiar thing. Both superstars are now playing for the W.H.A. Tom told The Champion, "I think Howe's one of the nicest guys I've ever met and a super hockey player. Bobby Hull made the W.H.A. People come out just to see him. He is such a gentleman, you cannot say enough about the guy. After a game in Ottawa, 2,000 kids would run to see him and he wouldn't leave until he autographed them all."

At 25, Tom has an excellent career ahead of him. Last summer he had ligament problems and his knee operation left him with a 10 inch scar but it hasn't really bothered him since. He is happy to see the team move to Toronto and figures they will get good support. In turn, this support will help the team which he predicts will make the playoffs for sure, maybe even go all the way. "It all depends on who they pick up."

Lawn bowling

There were all new winners at the regular Monday night session of lawn bowling.

In the men's division, Bruno Corradetti took top honors. He was followed by Harold Poppe and Al Munroe. Alice McFadden was the ladies' winner followed by Barbara Barr and Florence Bell.

Helen Service and Anna Cairns topped lawn bowling competitors in the women's section here Saturday night while William Woods and Cliff Brown were leaders in the men's division.

A team including Archie Cairns, Delbert Downs and Isobel Downs established themselves as high one game winners at a competition in Streetsville Saturday.

Three teams in first

Last week in the T-Ball league the United Auto Workers defeated United Steel Workers 25-20 and then U.A.W. defeated Elsley Pharmacy 30-15.

In the U.A.W.-U.S.W. game double hitters for U.A.W. were Ricci Serafini, Farry Ellis (3), Rob Newell, and Jay Frosh and David Sim hit triples while Jay Frosh smashed out two homeruns. Then hitters for U.S.W. were Bruce Lisk, Kevin Shisholm and Joe Finn, all with doubles.

In the U.A.W.—Elsley game doubles for U.A.W. were hit by Rob Newell, David Sim, Steen Jensen (2), Bill Brush, Jay Frosh (2), Greg Simons and Rob Gorth. Triple hitters were Rob Newell and David Sim, while homerun

Seven families join local camping club

Outdoors people may be glad to hear that attempts are being made to form a camping club in Milton.

Next week will see Richardsons challenge U.A.W. on Wednesday and U.S.W. meets Elsley. Next Monday U.A.W. plays Rotary.

hitters were Ricci Serafini (2), Jay Frosh, and David Sim (2). Wednesday evening, a meeting was held at the Legion Hall and seven families joined the new

camping club including one family from Oakville, according to Maurice Coulson. Only three more families are needed in order to attain a charter with the Canadian Family Camping Federation. The CFCF has membership throughout the country with the closest being in Burlington. Every two months a book is sent out to all members listing every event being held by clubs throughout the country.

The big camping event coming soon is a corn and wiener roast to be held at Lawson's Park in Freeton on August 17, 18 and 19. The proposed Milton camping club, which will be affiliated with CFCF if three more families register, will be meeting again at

the Legion Hall on July 18 at 8 p.m. Any interested campers are welcome to attend.

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Lots of action in Hornby tournament

Glen Williams nearly walked away with all the trophies at the third annual Hornby Ball Tournament played during the weekend at Hornby Ball Park.

Approximately 400 people attended the Saturday event which lasted all day. Four teams were entered in each category including atom, tyke, pee wee, bantam, midget and juvenile. There was even an intermediate and junior girls' division.

In the final games, Glen Williams' atoms trounced Lowville 13-6 and their tykes defeated Hornby 9-3. Glen Williams and Hornby also met in the pee wee and bantam finals with Glen Williams winning both finals 19-8 and 17-1.

Mike Leslie stars
Hornby midgets won over Burlington 10-3 backed by Mike Leslie's superb pitching performance. Mike went all the way on the mound and struck out 17 opponents as teammate Jim Scott supplied the batting power with a triple, double and two base hits. In Juvenile action, Maurice Curtis struck out 10 Guelph batters in leading his Hornby team to a 7-2 victory. Harold Merry hit a triple and two singles for Hornby and Guelph's runs came on a home run.

In the intermediate girl's ball, Acton slipped by Hornby in the last inning when Kathy McClure scored on an error and gave her team a 15-14 victory. Glen

Williams junior girls kept the winning streak going when they defeated Hornby 11-7 in the final game.

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