

Martin returns to Sweden and better hockey training

By Peter McCusker

Tom Martin of 842 Willow Ave. in Milton will be returning to Hagfors, Sweden in September to continue playing and coaching in first division hockey.

Martin has been taking his winter employment to Scandinavia for four years after his professional hockey career in North America ended with his being traded from Toronto Toros of the WHA to the San Diego Mariners, also of the World Hockey Association.

In the summer months he works at the Bramalea Hockey School and Sports Camp at the four rinks in Meadowdale.

He told The Champion he has learned more over in Sweden about training and conditioning than he knew here, playing in professional ranks.

He said the Swedes are ahead of the North Americans in their training techniques. The Swedish players learn why they make a move, how it affects their body and how to train in order to perform the move and there are constant game conditions throughout the drills.

He has no problem with the language as he said he understands Swedish now. His daughter Kari is bilingual.

Martin first strapped on a pair of blades at the age of four and by the time he was eight began playing in the Metro Toronto Hockey League. At 16 he was drafted by the Toronto Maple Leafs organization and played for

the North York Leafs, an affiliated Junior B. team. The following year he was with the Toronto Marlboroughs, Major Jr. "A" and won the Memorial Cup.

No wonder Marlies were so strong that year as Martin's teammates were Brian Glennie, Brad Park, Jerry Meehan and Terry Cafferty.

In Canada's Centennial year he was named captain of the Dukes and during that season was called up by PUNCH Imlach to play three games with the Leafs.

It was one of the biggest thrills he ever had as a hockey player, he told The Champion.

"Punch put me on late in the game," Martin laughed. "I was as excited as anything, still being in Grade 13, when he sent me out. The first time I touched the puck I was in front of the net and I scored. What a feeling!"

He played three seasons with the Marlies before joining the Canadian National Team in 1968. Following a year where he stepped to the Maple Leafs organization, playing with the minor league team the Tulsa Oilers.

He was traded to Detroit where he played with Fort Worth of the Central League and Virginia of the American League. In 1972 he jumped to the World Hockey Association.

In the WHA he played with the Ottawa Nationals before the franchise was moved to Toronto and formed the Toronto Toros. In September 1972 he and his family moved to their home at 82 Willow Ave., Milton.

He played three seasons with the Toros before being traded to the San Diego Mariners. He never reported. His attribute in the game 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," Martin told The Champion in an interview.

In his first season with Toronto Toros he scored 20 goals and 25 assists, in his second season 25 goals and 33 assists and in his final year, being played sparingly, he tallied 15 goals and 15 assists.

"I was not a great skater," Martin admitted. "But they always knocked me for it, even though I was doing my

job and getting the goals." "They always gave a rookie a better shot. I'm not angry about it. They just didn't have any hockey knowledge in that organization," he said.

Although he said it would not be any great advantage for a young player to study the game in Sweden, the youths there are given better training and conditioning programs.

The Europeans' approach to hockey has made them what they are today. The once-touted top professionals of North America are taking a hard look at the European systems and will have to adopt teaching, training and conditioning styles in order to stay competitive internationally.

Bay City Hockey School in town for second term

Minor hockey kids and junior hockey players who wish to get an early start on the season are again enrolling with the Bay City Hockey School.

The school operates at Milton Memorial Arena on Thompson Rd. and runs from July 24 'til Sept. 1, offering six one-week sessions.

The two men who instruct and run the school are Chuck Harrison who works with goaltenders and Jeff Toombs who instructs forwards and defense.

It is the school's second year in Milton but after a successful four week session in 1977, they are disappointed with the number of registrants in the expanded number of sessions this year.

The first three weeks of the program were slow, according to Mr. Toombs, but he said the final four weeks are equal in registrations with last year.

The week of August 28 to Sept. 1 is filled with 40 children having registered, but other sessions are still open.

Two group lessons are run each day with six to 11-year-olds being instructed in the morning and those over 12 in evening hours. A week's session cost \$45.

Toombs is from the Detroit area, having played Jr. "A" for the Fraser Highlanders and the Detroit Junior Red Wings. He met Harrison at Ferris State College where the pair played division one calibre hockey together.

Harrison is from Burlington. Chuck Harrison's father, George Harrison also instructs at the school in the late sessions. He played with the New York Rangers' farm club in the American Hockey League.

For further information on the school, telephone 632-6592.

Two big name bands from the 1950s are starring at the Optimist Club's graffiti dance and car draw this Saturday.

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Limited Registrations

Bahnman, Bowes, Mike McConnell, Thorne, Gervais and Haringa. Russ Shaw, Hlushko, Brooks, John Parker, Robulack, Thorne and Gervais added doubles and Matt McCandless had two doubles.

The Windsor South team was just one of three teams entered from the Windsor area and the South team was division title winners in Windsor. Gervais said he was proud of his team's play and after one bad inning (the first, when Windsor tallied eight runs) the club played good catch-up ball from then on.

Singles were hit by Haringa, Brooks, Parker, Mitchell, Bowes, Venerus, Hlushko, Shaw, Thorne, Williamson and Gervais; doubles by Haringa, Parker, Bowes, Thorne; and a triple by McCandless.

Clarkson Indians went to the top and won the World Championship, defeating a good ball team Kitchener Forest Hill 22-16. Clarkson hasn't lost a game all season and has 36 wins to date.

Fantastic double play works but still no help to Tire crew

Despite a fantastic double play carried out by a couple of their four-year T-Ball veterans Stuart Thorne and Bryan Haringa, Milton's T-Ball rep team the Canadian Tire crew failed to come up with enough wins to clinch the World T-Ball Championship Tournament held in Ancaster on the weekend.

Tiremen lost their opener to Streetsville 25-11, but came back to trounce Rexdale 26-

14 Windsor South, however, narrowly edged the Tiremen 20-19 but it took until their eighth batter in the fifth inning to produce the win, as the locals fought valiantly.

The exciting double play, which brought the crowd to its feet, was the talk of the tournament. It came in the game against Windsor when Windsor got a man on first and the next batter cracked one out to left field. One

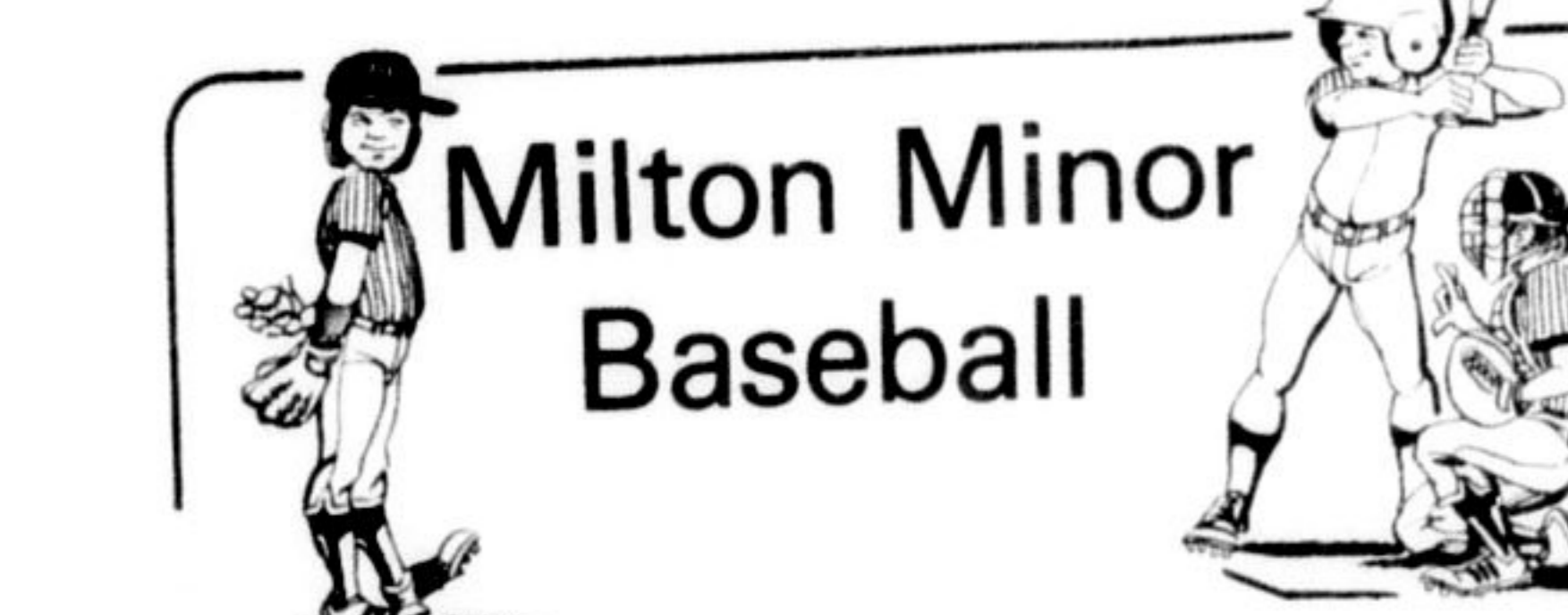
runner rounded second and the batter rounded first when the ball arrived at third base. The runners saw Stuart Thorne grab the throw-in from the field and headed back to second and first bases, but Thorne made a bullet-like throw to first baseman Bryan Haringa who made a good tag. Bryan then tossed a right-on throw back to Thorne as the man on second advanced toward third, and the runner was out.

Milton had missed a couple of sure double plays in the last inning of the first game, against Streetsville. Milton kept Streetsville's "big bats" under control, thanks to good defensive ball. The two clubs will meet again in the Clarkson T-Ball Tourney Aug. 19 and 20.

John Parker had a triple, Matt McCandless two singles and two doubles, Brett Gervais and Jay Williamson three singles each. Singles were turned in by Steve Bowes, Jason Bahnman, Todd Hlushko, Mike Brooks, Scott Mitchell, Ray Venerus, Nick Robulack, Thorne and Haringa.

Good defensive ball was a feature of the Milton-Rexdale game, which Milton won 26-14, but coach Buck Gervais said his Tiremen were a little too open after building up a good lead (15-7 in the first two innings).

Mark French was back from holidays in time to play this game and turned in a triple for one RBI. Singles were added by Venerus,



Milton Minor Baseball

Fobert Real Estate defeated Milton Pools by a score of 24-10 in a Milton Minor Softball Association T-Ball game Wednesday, Aug. 9.

The highlight of the game was the defence of Fobert who allowed only one run in the third inning. Mathew McCandless and Brent Currie played "super ball". A special thanks to Jay Williamson who played for Fobert and made a triple play unassisted.

Leading hitters for the winners were Mathew McCandless, two home runs and one triple, Brent Currie one triple and two doubles, Chris Gorman three singles,

Jay Williamson three doubles, Brad Hawkins one double and two singles, and a hard earned single by Joshua Crocker.

Leading batters for the losers were Stacey Arpa one triple and three doubles, Clayton Foxall three singles, Jason Kinsale one triple and two singles, Shane Pisani one double and a single.

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Kin girls lead Glen in semis

Milton Kinsmen girls have come through with wins in the first two games of the semifinals in Squirt Rep play against Glen Williams.

Kinsmen defeated the Glen 10-3 in the first match, with Nancy Ellesmere hitting a triple and two singles, Linda Gaeton two doubles and a single, and Lynn Schaffhauser a double and single.

In the second game, Kinsmen won 19-3. Home runs were hit by Tammy Hassel-feldt and Lynn Schaffhauser and Jane Stickle hit a triple, double and single.

The PeeWee Reps, the CMH's Canadian Champion Milton Welding-whalton Community Credit Union won their first playoff game 26-12 against Lowville, with CMH's Marian Gies and Sandy Moore sharing the pitching. Joanne Auger came through with a homer and a triple, and Sandy Moore hit a triple.

—There are "big" bargains in "little" Champion classifications.

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Atom — Born 1968
Sept. 9 — 7 p.m.

Minor PeeWee — Born 1967
Sept. 9 — 8 p.m.

PeeWee — Born 1966
Sept. 9 — 9 p.m.

Minor Bantam — Born 1965
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