

# Brown succeeds in making his point with the Petes

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Dan Brown has always liked challenges which is why he enjoyed life in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) this year.

The 17-year-old, who patrolled the blue line for the Oakville Blades of the Central Ontario Jr. B loop last season, thought he would be spending at least one more season in the Jr. B ranks heading into the 1987-88 campaign. That was until he was drafted by the Peterborough Petes of the OHL in the seventh round of the midget draft last June.

"I thought I had something to prove," explained Brown, who felt slighted at being assigned a low ranking in the 1987 entry draft. He was vindicated when he made the talent-laden roster of the Petes in the fall.

As the only rookie in the defensive corps this year he has been broken in slowly by coach and general manager Dick Todd.

Being able to look after things in the Petes' end of the ice is one criteria Todd looks for when he drafts a player. It was this aspect of Brown's game which convinced him to take a flyer on Brown.

Brown had spent all his minor hockey career in Milton before leaving at major bantam when he was 15. He played one year in the adult White Oaks Hockey League and says it was a beneficial experience.

He spent this season between the press box and the Petes' lineup and played in 42 games. He scored two goals and added nine assists for 11 points and spent 40 minutes in the penalty box for the defensive-minded Petes.

On the year, the Petes finished atop the OHL standings at the Leyden Division with a 44-17-5 won-lost-tied mark. They proceeded to breeze past the Toronto Marlboroughs in the opening round, winning the best-of-seven in four

straight games. Then they disposed of the Ottawa 67's in four to advance to the final as underdogs against the Windsor Compuware Spitfires, which swept the Petes in four straight games.

Brown notched his first goal of the post-season in the first game of the finals.

"It's been a slow learning process. At first it was a little hard just to make the team but after a while it was pretty easy," remarked Brown.

The rugged defenceman had played the bulk of the season alongside captain and Washington Capitals' draft pick Dallas Eakins. Working with the OHL veteran has been the key to improvement in Brown's play this season.

"He's great and is really sound defensively," said Brown regarding his teammate.

Eakins takes care of the offence for the pair while Brown cleans up whatever comes up in the Petes' end of the ice.

"The play is a lot more intense right now. There's more hitting and all the players are trying harder," noted the 5-foot-11, 195 lb. rearguard.

"He's progressed throughout the season and improved in each area of his game," praised Todd.

Most notable to the coach was Brown's ability to adapt to the quickness of the OHL.

"He has made the adjustment to the speed and quickness of major junior hockey and he's taking a regular shift on defence for us now," Todd outlined.

The affable Brown possesses all the necessary tools to make an impact in the OHL, according to Todd.

"He has fairly good natural abilities but he's not very tall—he is strong though," stated Todd.

The coach is impressed with the swift-skating defenceman's ability to spot the open man.

"At first I was only concerned about getting the puck out of our



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end," Brown admitted. "I didn't do anything spectacular but as I got some confidence things came easier and I've been using my brains more," added the Grade 12 student.

Confidence was something Brown was lacking earlier this year but as the season has progressed he began to realize it was only a matter of time before he began contributing.

An added boost was the fact Todd doesn't carry on endlessly about miscues the players make on and off the ice.

"If you make a mistake he'll call you over and give you some constructive criticism," said Brown.

This was invaluable to Brown, who likes to feel he is a major contributor to any team he plays with.

"When I was with the Blades I was the third or fourth defenceman and was getting a lot of ice time. This helped me a lot and it was a confidence booster because I was only 16.

His half-season with the Blades was just the right preparation he needed for the Petes.

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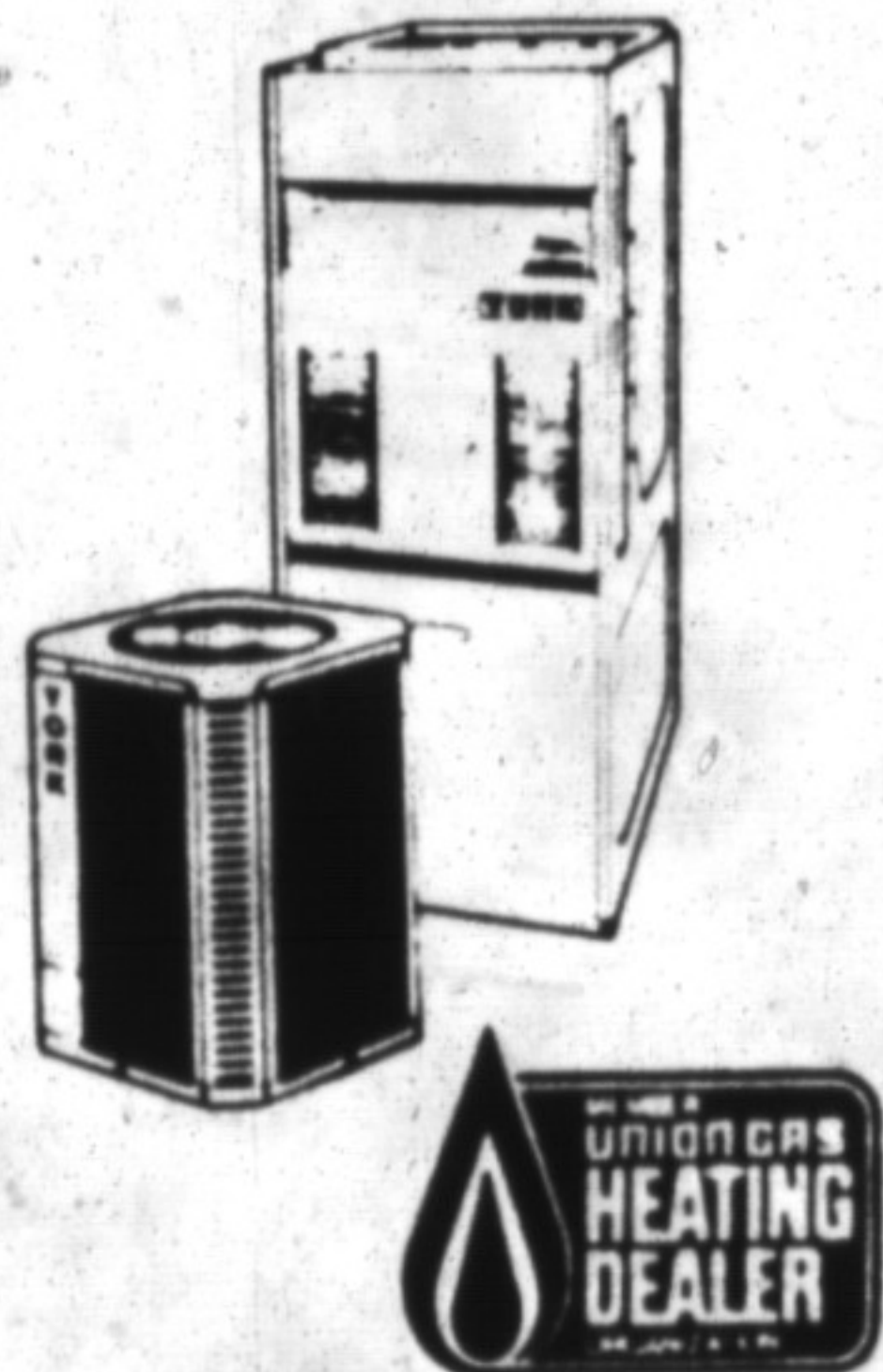


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