

Purple Valley captures Broomball title

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A thrilling tournament that started Friday night and finished late Saturday afternoon provided plenty of action for the sports minded over the weekend.

In a close fought match between Purple Valley and Hepworth, the Valley held on to win a 3-2 decision and capture the championship trophy.

In an overtime consolation game, Bill Smart of the Oxenden broomball club scored two goals in overtime to give his team a 3-1 win over the Warton Pacifics. Oxenden captured the consolation trophy and Smart was awarded the Couch Cowboy trophy for the most valuable player in the tournament.

In the ladies tournament, the Warton Merchants emerged victorious again when they trounced Oliphant 3-0. The Shallow Lake ladies team downed the Warton Mermaids 2-1 to capture the consolation round.

Waughs were early pioneers

In 1866 Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Waugh came to the Bruce Peninsula and were the first settlers in Eastnor Township.

Mr. Waugh left his wife and family in Adamsville with the Couch family and continued north alone through the bush, breaking a trail as he went until he reached the area now known as Hope Ness.

He was less than a mile from the place where the next day he began to clear a home-site, but that first night he slept in a cave in the rocks.

All the material for the house was hewn by hand. There were no nails then and wooden pins were used.

At first Mr. Waugh walked to Colpoys Bay for provisions, a distance of about 12 miles, carrying the supplies home on his back until he could clear a road wide enough for the ox and sleigh. He hauled grain to Colpoys Bay, where it was taken across to Oxenden mill in a row boat.

They made maple syrup and sugar each spring and took it to Owen Sound to trade for provisions.

Wild fruit was picked and preserved with maple sugar.

They cultivated wild plum trees and found wild grapes.

Soap, boots and clothing were all made at home. Wood ashes and animal fat were used in the making of the soap, animal hides were tanned for leather for boots. Wool was shorn, washed, carded and spun on the wheel, and woven on a loom into cloth.

Their religion was Methodist. Mr. Waugh helped build the first church in Hope Ness,

and he was a steward of the church and a school trustee for many years.

They had 12 children who all lived happy and successful lives, and there are Waughs who still live on the Bruce Peninsula.

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