

# Citizen sports beat

## Talking Sports

by Tom Shields  
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### Nothings happening

This past week has seen a brevity in the world of sports. There I was, in the middle of last week thinking that I could watch the Wednesday night hockey game and relax, but once again Alan Greedy, (Eagleson) has got another contract into the world of hockey. In the NHL, they had the week off to be with their families. This doesn't distress me too much as they should be home on Christmas along with everyone else. Which also means that there was not much happening to report on.

### Rocket Moreau returns

Back in our area after a year and half absence is Rick the Rocket Moreau from Penetanguishene who is pursuing a wrestling career. Rick riddled in the area in the summer of '73 and since has been travelling in the United States where he was quite successful. Rick wanted to return to Canada and that's exactly what he did back last fall as he met Stu Hart, who led him into the Stampede Wrestling circle in Calgary Alberta. At this point, Rick said that he was on the losing end more often than winning simply because of a weight factor. Now Rick has put on some beef to bring him up to 220 pounds. But against an opponent who outweighs him by about 50 pounds and has considerable more experience than Mr. Moreau, Rick has found the going tough if I can be a little phoecious or however you spell it.

### Shot at the belt

Stu Hart did give Rick some good news in that he is going to start a Junior heavyweight class again in Canada and Rick should be in the top category making him eligible for a shot at the belt. Stampede Wrestling has been popular for a few years on the TVs in our area, but these are apparently old films in black and white. If the TV stations buy the new films from Stu Hart, we should see Rick the Rocket on TV. If we don't, Rick said that he hopes to return to the area this spring to wrestle the summer months around Huronia.

### Struggling Colts

On the local scene in the past week, it has been quiet. The Midland Flyers played one game on Friday night at the Midland Arena and lost to the Barrie Colts by a 6 to 3 score, proving that the Flyers are still having trouble with the Colts, who are struggling to make the playoffs in the Junior "B" loop.

### Playoffs are coming

Santa was pretty good to the Garrisons. They played on Sunday night in Bracebridge, but unfortunately, this column had to be done before game time. Any way I hope the Garrisons came up with a win. They'll probably be battling Bracebridge for first place, or they will meet in the playoffs. The playoffs are now only one month and one week in the future as all OHA league hit what is known as the stretch drive to playoffs in the month of January.

### Happy New Year

I hope that Santa was good to you over the holidays and that the rest was a welcome change after a hectic fall period. In the coming year I would like to wish you all the best and hope that '75 can be alive for you and yours. Although many people are predicting economic problems in the future, we must look on everything with lots of optimism, even in the world of sports. If we all get that "beaten" feeling, that's exactly what we will be...beaten.

I can make one prediction for the coming year, and that is that there will be drastic changes in many sports from rules to salaries and the whole ball of wax. Smash your glasses  
My reason is a logical one as it seems that people playing the games are making tremendous amounts of money and in more cases than not, fan support now appears to be on the down-swing, not only locally, but on the National level.

Have a toast for me on New Year's Eve. Remember, that you're New Year's wish only comes true if you smash your glass.

## Minor hockey scores

**Bantam B**  
New York 6 Montreal 2  
Mario Moreau and John Lefave scored two goals apiece to spark New York to a 6-2 drubbing of Montreal. Andre Quesnelle and Bradley Pike rounded out the New York scoring.  
Montreal's goals came off the sticks of Donnie Legault and John Brunelle.

**Toronto 8 Chicago 6**  
Two goal performances by Mark Stevens, Terry Schell, and Dan Cote powered Toronto to an 8-6 victory over Chicago. Cote also picked up a pair of assists in the game.  
Marc Marchildon, and Pierre Genier picked up single goals for Toronto. Marchildon was also awarded an assist.

**Chicago's goals** came from six different players. Danny O'Hara, Pat Duval, Michael Price, Allan Ladouceur, Stephen Zoschke, and Vincent Garrrett accounted for Chicago's markers.

**Detroit 3 Boston 2**  
Bobby Day's two goals provided the extra edge for Detroit in a 3-2 squaker over Boston. Pierre Therrien notched the other Detroit marker.

David Laurin and Maurice Roi popped in Boston's goals.

**Junior B**  
Barrie 0 Newmarket 6  
Dennis Patenaude played perfect hockey in recording a 6-0 shutout over Barrie.

Mike Rustin and James Grozelle led Newmarket's scorers' with a pair of goals

each. Two players notched singles; Denis Leroux and Don Twist.

**St. Kitts 2 Weston 0**  
Victor Leblanc and Greg Marchildon scored a goal apiece in St. Kitts 2-0 whitewashing of Weston. Ken Leclair picked up the shutout for St. Kitts.

**Junior C**  
**Tigers 3 Panthers 1**  
The Tigers mauled the Panthers 3-1. Brent Pubeau, Vincent Brunelle, and Peter Dion scored single goals for the Tigers. Charles Coutineau replied for Panthers.

**Peewee B**  
Vancouver 3 Philadelphia 1  
David Pattenda drilled home two pucks for goals in Vancouver's 3-1 win over Philadelphia. Kieth St. Amant scored the other Vancouver goal.

Philadelphia's lone goal came from Andre Gignac. David McConkey earned an assist on Gignac's marker.  
**Buffalo 1 Oakland 8**  
Brian Robitaille went on a scoring rampage against Buffalo and when the smoke had cleared young Robitaille had picked up five goals to lead Oakland to an 8-1 win over the herd. Robitaille also recorded an assist in the game.

The other Oakland goals were scored by Maurice Quesnelle, David Desrochers, and Paul Hartley.

Assists went to: David Desroches (2), Bobby Buttineau, Paul Hartley, and Ken Corriveau.

## 1,000 fans view Maple Valley snowmobile races

An estimated 1,000 spectators and 69 competitors braved the uncharacteristically warm December weather Saturday as they turned out for the first snowmobile races of the season at the Maple Valley Club near Lafontaine.

With the exception of one corner that was getting "a little worn down" by the end of the day, the quarter-mile track of packed snow held a reasonably solid surface.

Joe Woods with 354.32 points and Dave Desrochers with 347.77 took the top overall honours for the day, followed by Harold Peterson of Toronto with 257.15. Woods and Desrochers both compete for Central Sports and Marine of Midland.

Desrochers is from Penetanguishene. A total of \$4,500 in purse money is at stake in the five-race card this season, with \$860 earned on Saturday. The races attract drivers from across Ontario. Saturday, one man from Ottawa competed.

Club members worked hard over the summer, grading the track and widening the bend at the number four corner, and according to one spokesman the track "is way better than last year." The club also added registration and concession booths to the grounds.

And it appears that the fan support is also on the up-swing. Of the estimated

crowd of 1,000 last weekend, 890 paid the \$1 admission charge — "our best attendance yet", said the spokesman. And he added that the club is looking to increase at the gate with each future day of races.

The Maple Valley Club again this year will supervise races at the Penetanguishene Winterama. The future club race dates are Sunday, January 12, Saturday and Sunday, February 1 and 2, and Sunday, March 2.

This weekend at Peterborough, January 4 and 5, the A-sanctioned Kawartha Cup International meet is being staged. It's billed as the biggest weekend of the season for snowmobile racers in Ontario.



### Tearing through a corner

Snowmobilers tear around the track at the Maple Valley Raceway during the club's first meet of the season. Four more meets are planned during the winter season. The next is on Sunday, January 12. Staff photo

## Only one challenger

# Ruth takes table tennis championship



J. Mikel Ruth

The sports scene has been relatively inactive during the Christmas and New Years break. Skiing and pleasure skating have been on the rise but competitive events have been cut to a minimum giving players and fans alike a chance to rest and enjoy the holiday with their friends and family.

However, there was one major competitive sporting event which took place over the holidays — the North Simcoe table tennis championship.

On Thursday, December 26, Jay Michael Ruth retained his championship by downing Gerry Light, another Penetanguishene resident, in the tri-yearly championship match.

Ruth used a crisp backhand combined with a hard effective overhand smash and a bit of lady luck to edge Light 21-18 in the deciding game played on Light's home court at Robert Street East.

The North Simcoe tour-

namant is an exclusive affair. In his post game comments Jay Michael explained that "although we call the match the North Simcoe Championship it's actually a closed league so that no one else can get into it." And the victor had words of praise for his vanquished foe saying that although his opponent lost "Gerry still retained his over 50 championship." "He just doesn't do as well when he competes with young blood," Ruth said of Light.



### Presenting the trophy

Reg McKerracher, president of the Midland Minor Hockey Association presents Penetanguishene Midget Captain Marc Duquette with a trophy for winning the regional Silver Stick Championship after four days of hockey at the Midland arena. The team beat Midland 3-1 on Saturday, expecting to meet Owen Sound later for the championship. Neither of the two teams learned until after the game that the Owen Sound team had dropped out.

## Local Midgets win Silver Stick

The Penetanguishene Midget all-stars won the West Central District Silver Stick Hockey Tournament by downing their cross town rivals from Midland 3-1 over the weekend.

The Penetanguishene Midget team skated onto the ice Saturday afternoon hoping for a win and the chance to meet Owen Sound for the championship later that day.

Neither they nor their competition, the Midland team, knew that Owen Sound had dropped out and that they were playing for the championship. They played a fast, close checking and very rough game which saw Penetanguishene take a 3-1 win and top honours.

Brian Pilon took the first Penetanguishene goal early in the opening period unassisted. John St. Amant with the help of Larry Cowan gave the team a 2-0 lead in the second before John Beauchamp came back for Midland's only goal in the final period. He was assisted by Jerry Lalonde. St. Amant popped in the final goal with assists from Ken Marchildon and captain Marc Duquette.

In the Atom game Penetanguishene downed Huntsville 3-0 and they played again on Sunday for the championship. Details were not available at press time.

In the Saturday, game, Chris St. Amant slipped in the first goal from David Robillard and Albert Gignac. Paul Robillard claimed the second one on a pass from Mark Dubeau and then David Robillard needed no help for the final goal.

The Midland Peewees found themselves the consolation winners after losing to Collingwood 4-0 on

overtime period after two minutes of play. It was a very despondant Huntsville team one of the referees directed his comment at. "It's almost a shame you have to have a winner," he said.

## Ken's Esso leads league

Ken's Esso moved into a first place tie with Penetanguishene IGA on December 22 by downing the league leaders 4-1.

The win leaves IGA and Ken's Esso deadlocked with 10 points apiece, three more then runner up Penetanguishene Marine. Emery's Electric remains in the cellar with four points.

These are the standings as of December 22. Sunday's games on December 29 are not included.

Penetanguishene IGA took a 1-0 lead in the first period on a goal by Kenny Edgar at the 17:58 mark. Edgar continues to lead the league in scoring with a total of 22 points on nine goals and 13 assists.

However, despite Edgar's early marker Ken's Esso came back. Paul Loughran's goal at 10:45 of the second period tied the match less than two minutes later Dennis Lemieux fired what proved to be the winning goal.

The goals by Loughran and Lemieux increased their scoring point totals to 15. Loughran has ten goals and five assists while Lemieux has four goals and 11 assists. Both players are locked in a third place tie in the leagues scoring race.

Bob Deschambault and



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## sports calendar

<b>PSS Boys Basketball</b> Wednesday, January 6, 3 p.m. Twin Lakes at PSS
<b>Bush League Hockey</b> Thursday, January 2, 10:30 p.m. Perkinsfield vs K.I.L.
<b>Industrial League Hockey</b> Sunday, January 5, 9:30 a.m. Penetanguishene Marine vs Arbour's Esso
11 a.m. Emery's Electric vs Penetanguishene IGA
<b>Junior C. Hockey</b> Sunday, January 5, 2:30 p.m. Stayner at Penetanguishene
<b>Garrisons Hockey</b> Tuesday, January 7, 8:30 p.m. Penetanguishene at Bradford
<b>All-Star Hockey</b> <b>Minor Atom</b> Saturday, January 4, 2 p.m. Penetanguishene at Wasaga Beach
<b>Major Atom</b> Saturday, January 4, 7:15 p.m. Penetanguishene at Owen Sound
Sunday, January 5, 6 p.m. Base Borden at Penetanguishene
<b>Peewee</b> Friday, January 3, 7 p.m. Penetanguishene at Owen Sound
Sunday, January 5, 7 p.m. Base Borden at Penetanguishene
<b>Bantam</b> Friday, January 3, 8:15 p.m. Penetanguishene at Owen Sound
Sunday, January 5, 8:15 p.m. Base Borden at Penetanguishene
<b>Midgets</b> Saturday, January 4, 7:45 p.m. Midland at Penetanguishene
<b>House Leagues</b> <b>Junior B</b> Saturday, January 4, 10:10:50 a.m. Newmarket vs St. Kitts
11-11:50 a.m. Weston vs Barrie
<b>Junior C.</b> Saturday, January 4, 12:12:50 p.m. Tigers vs Panthers
<b>Peewee B.</b> Saturday, January 4, 7-8 a.m. Philadelphia vs Oakland
8:05-8:55 a.m. Pittsburg vs Buffalo
9-9:50 a.m. Minnesota vs Vancouver
<b>Bantam B.</b> Thursday, January 2, 5:30-6:25 p.m. Chicago vs Montreal
6:30-7:25 p.m. Detroit vs Toronto
7:30-8:25 p.m. Boston vs New York

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