

## Talking Sports

by Tom Shields



### Down to paydirt

Well tonight we get down to the real nitty-gritty...the playoff hockey season. It's a brand new ball game, with things happening that you don't expect — the element of surprise. This series with the Bracebridge Hawks could very well go down in the books as a classic showdown. During the regular schedule, our Garrisons downed the Hawks in every game they played, but the Dubeau dandys won each game by only one goal, which in essence means that this best of seven series is up for grabs to the team that is the most hungry, and the team that is in the best shape with the least injuries. One big plus for the Garrisons will be the return of the mild mannered Connie Maloney to the lineup. Cautious Connie will make a big difference on the attack, and if "clear the track here comes Gignac" stays healthy, the only problem facing the boys will be to keep the puck out of their own net. A good turnout at the gate with lots of cheering can bring the team to new heights.

### Calling Guinness

If you are thinking of making Guinness book of world records, do it up right, break two records within 24 hours and you're guaranteed to see them in print. The most goals in a sanctioned hockey game, according to Guinness is 25. That was way back in the early 1900's when Ottawa beat Dawson City 22 to 3. That record fell by the wayside last Wednesday when Penetang whopped Minden 21 to 5 for a total of 26 goals. By the way, the Minden goaltender should have received third star for his efforts in that game. He must have seen about 100 shots go in his direction.

Within 24 hours of the completion of the Minden massacre, the Garrisons found themselves facing off at centre with the Fenelon Falls Flyers and losing 1 to 0 just four seconds after the referee had dropped the puck to begin the game. The quickest goal scored from the start of a hockey game is six seconds, with the record being held by Ted Kennedy of the 1948 edition of the Toronto Maple Leafs back when Toronto had hockey teams. The record is also shared by Henry Boucha who tied it last year when he was with the Detroit Red Wings. He now plays with Minnesota.

### Umps are doing it

In the last five years, the look in all pro sports has changed with the formation of unions. The players in all sports now have one, the owners also have one, and when a hot-shot kid gets ready for the jump to the big league, regardless of the sport, he no longer had dad there with him to see that he gets a fair shake. Instead he brings along the richest lawyers in the country to make sure that he too is rich before setting foot on the ice or the field.

The latest innovation has taken place in the United States where all innovations seem to take place anyway. The major league baseball umpires have banded together to stop the bad reports about them at the games. According to the men in blues, all the fans hear the players and manager side of the controversial plays. But this is all changing. Starting this year, the umps will allow the press to go to the umpires dressing room following a ball game, to get the umpire's decision as to why a certain call was made. This way, the umpires feel that they can stop a lot of heckling from the fans, and they can close the mouths of the ball players who often say, "my gosh Mister umpire, do you feel that call was a very nice one?" I do believe that if this practice catches on for the major league umpires, it will only be a matter of time before hockey and football will follow suit.

GO GO GARRISONS GO GO GARRISONS GO, GO GARRISONS GO, GO GARRISONS AND THE FANS SHOUT ON.

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# Garrisons take on Bracebridge in the playoffs

Although Penetanguishene's Intermediate C Garrisons lost their final game of the season the club managed to clinch first place when runnerup Fenelon Falls dropped its final game of the season to Elmvale on Sunday.

As a result of Fenelon's loss the Garrisons finished in first place with 41 points two more than the Fenelon Flyers. Bradford earned the same number of points as Fenelon, 39, but was relegated to third place in the standings. Bracebridge finished in fourth, followed by Elmvale and Minden.

Playoffs begin tonight with the Garrisons hosting Bracebridge starting at 8 p.m. in the Penetanguishene

Arena. The best of seven series should prove to be interesting even though Penetanguishene swept all five of the games between the two clubs this season. All of the Garrisons' victories were by a one goal margin.

Suspended Garrison centre Connie Maloney will miss the first game of the playoffs, sitting out the last game of his five game suspension imposed following a recent incident in Elmvale when he speared a referee.

For the Garrisons the past week was a record setting one. Penetanguishene won big, then lost big, and in the process established marks which if officially accepted would break those in the

Guinness Book of Records. On Wednesday the Garrisons humiliated a nine man Minden squad 21-5. The total of 26 goals surpasses the old record established in 1905 when Ottawa beat Dawson 23-2.

Following the Garrisons record setting Wednesday night performance a letdown of sorts in Thursday's game against Fenelon Falls had to be expected, but not a record setting letdown. The Garrisons dropped Thursday's game 9-4 to the Fenelon Falls. Ken Scott pumped in a pair of goals while Peter Bressette and Chuck Pearson added singles to round out the Garrisons scoring.

The 9-4 score was not so

unusual except that the Garrisons ended up on the wrong side of it and the Flyers scored their first goal four seconds into the game. The Flyers quick goal eclipsed the previous mark of six seconds set by Ted Kennedy of the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1948 and tied by Henry Boucha of the Detroit Red Wings last year.

It's hard to describe Wednesday night's game other than to say a lot of goals were scored and the Garrisons got most of them.

last place Minden amounted to — a shooting practice. Although the Garrisons' big Tom Gignac drilled in four goals while four of his teammates picked up hat-tricks, (Peter Bressette, Mike Dubeau, Alvin Robillard, and Ken Scott) the real star of the game was the Minden goaltender.

By the third period he was falling down partly through reflex action to stop shots, but mostly because of

fatigue. And with seven minutes left in the game he took a hard Gignac slapshot from 10 feet out on his right shoulder, was obviously hurt, but continued to play for the totally lost cause. Some of the pucks could have been stopped if he had been a bit faster, and more alert but considering the amount of rubber which flew in his direction, it's a wonder the police weren't called in to stop the Garrisons and

charge them with assault and battery.

Larry Banks, Chuck Pearson, Peter Dubeau, Gerard LaChappelle, and Waxy Gregoire added singles in the Minden game. Footnotes: Wednesday was the first time this year in which the scoreboard has failed to operate properly and the fates couldn't have picked a better time. The scoreboard stayed stuck at 5-2.



### Put your hands up

Hands up seems to be the password at Thursday's basketball game between the Penetanguishene Secondary School senior boys and their rivals from Midland Secondary School. The PSS team effectively held

up MSS' attack for their first win over the neighbouring high school this season. For details read the game report in the sports section.

Staff photo



Tom Gignac  
Four goal scorer

Obviously, a better description is needed but what can you say when another team loses a game 21-5? As one fan commented it looked more like a practice where a bunch of guys throw a dozen pucks on the ice and start firing them at the goaltender.

In truth, that's what Wednesday's match against



### Flying through the air

Gerard LaChappelle flies through the air with the greatest of ease as the Penetanguishene Garrisons put another one of their record setting 21 goals past Minden last Wednesday.

Penetanguishene humiliated the Minden team 21-5. Playoffs start tonight at 8 p.m. with the Garrisons hosting the opening match of the best of seven game series.

### Although out of playoffs

## PSS boys' basketball teams beat Midland

Although none of the Penetanguishene Secondary School boys basketball teams can make the playoffs this year their performances last Thursday indicates that PSS basketball teams will be a force to contend with next year.

All three PSS boys teams won their games against Midland teams on Thursday. In senior boys exhibition basketball PSS outscored Midland Secondary School 57-43 for their first victory this season over the Midland team. Bob Dutton led the seniors attack with 14 points. Tim and Dan Robitaille netted 12 points apiece. Dan St. Amant hooped eight, Al Condren and Bob Laurin dropped in four points apiece, while Bob Berdan with three, and Ray Forget

with two, rounded out the seniors scoring.

Midland's other high school, St. Theresa's fell victim to the PSS junior and midget teams. The PSS juniors edged St. Theresa's 48-42. Greg Quesnelle spearheaded PSS's attack with 12 points, Ken Tessier and Tom Desrochers netted eight points each, and Dave Paille hooped seven. Jamie Maddock with five points, Frank Berdan with four, and Chris Robitaille and Mike Condren with two points apiece, accounted for the remainder of the junior's scoring.

The PSS midget boys basketball team whopped their counterparts from St. Theresa's 65-24. Pete Maracle paced PSS's attack with 15 points. Norm Zwicker scored 10, and Lloyd Cascagnette and Pat Fitzgerald hooped eight points each.

Mikey Whelan with seven points, Danny Cote, Marc DeCourcy and Brad Mar-

childon with four points each, and Peter Sauve with

three, piled up the remainder of PSS's scoring.

## Perkies end in third in Elmvale Senior League

The Perkinsfield Perkies showed they'll be a power to contend with in the upcoming Elmvale and District playoffs when they thumped first place KIL 9-6 last Thursday to finish the regular season with five straight wins.

The win earned the Perkies a second place tie with Mansfield but Perkinsfield was dropped to third on the flip of a coin. As a result the Perkies will meet last place Midhurst in the playoffs starting Sunday February 16 at 10:00 p.m. in the Elmvale Arena.

Richard the bean Lafaive sparked the Perkies attack with a hat-trick.

Raymond Parent and Doug Webb popped in a pair of goals apiece with singles

going to Andy Parent and Gary Preston.

Although the Perkies had opened up a 5-0 win by the seventh minute of the second period KIL came back and almost won the game. By the third period KIL had reduced Perkinsfield's lead to 6-5 but in the last ten minutes of the final frame the Perkies came alive and put the game out of reach with three goals.

The Perkies ended the season with a record of eight wins, five losses and a tie.

They enter the playoffs as the defending league champions.

The order of finish in the regular season is as follows: KIL (first), Mansfield (second), Perkies (third), Wyevalle (fourth), Elmvale (fifth), and Midhurst (sixth).

## Flyers split opening games

Midland and Collingwood split the first round of their playoff series as each won one game on the weekend.

On Friday in Collingwood Midland got off to a flying start with a 7-3 victory over the Blues, and it looked at first as if this victory would be repeated on Sunday as the Flyers skated to an early 2-0 lead.

But the Flyers came crashing to the ice as their team was confronted by two Collingwood short-handed goals. After that the Flyers stopped soaring and seemed to walk for much of the rest of the game.

They came back in the second period to score once more but that was it for the Flyers. Clark scored his second goal of the evening with an assist by Rick Campisi, to tie the game at 3-3.

The Flyers picked up their game in the third period and started to check but the Collingwood players were not having any of it at that point and simply skated around the Midland players.

Collingwood scored once more in the second period and twice in the third to

bring the night's final tally to 6-3 for the Blues.

Midland has yet to lose one game on the weekend. Collingwood ice having won three games and tied twice.

At home against Collingwood, however, their

record is not quite as attractive. They have only one win, three losses and one tie.

The next home game in the series will be on Friday, February 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Midland Arena.

### Beat Ayr in final

## Midgets win Elmvale tourney

The Penetanguishene midgets won the annual Elmvale midget tournament at the Elmvale arena last Saturday.

Penetanguishene defeated Ayr 4-2 in the A championship game to win the tournament. The teams were tied 2-2 until Penetanguishene struck for two straight goals to clinch the victory.

Penetanguishene reached the championship game by defeating the Elmvale midget A's 5-4 and then beating Oro 3-2.

Ayr earned their way to the championship game by beating Stroud 3-2 and then getting a bye into the finals. The Elmvale midget A's



Andy Lacroix  
Midget allstar

came back off their opening game 5-4 loss to Penetanguishene to take the A consolation championship. To do this, they beat Midland 2-1 and then

overcame Stroud 7-4 in the A consolation championship game.

Stroud moved into the consolation championship game after losing their first game to Ayr by a 3-2 margin. Creemore won the B championship by beating Stayner 4-3 in the first round and then beating the Elmvale midget B's 10-3.

Stayner won the B consolation championship by beating Wasaga Beach 6-1 after losing 4-3 to Creemore in the first round.

Other scores in the day long tournament were Oro 5, Midland 2; and Elmvale midget B's 4, Wasaga Beach 3.

## League leaders continue winning ways

League leading Ken's Esso and Penetanguishene Marine fattened their lead over the bottom two teams, Emery's Electric and Penetanguishene IGA in Sunday's Industrial League hockey action.

Ken's Esso maintained its hold on first place by thumping Emery's Electric 5-2. Rick Desjardins paced Esso's attack by turning the hat-trick. Paul Laughran and Wayne Desjardins added the other two goals for Ken's.

The victory over Emery's Electric pushed Ken's unbeaten streak to five in a row.

In the other Industrial

League game, Penetanguishene IGA came



Larry Leroux  
Two goals

close but not close enough to winning its first game in the

second half of the season.

Trailing 7-6 with less than a minute left, IGA pulled its goaltender only to have Penetanguishene Marines' Ken Morrow shoot the puck into the empty net with roughly 40 seconds left in the game.

Marine looked like it had a comfortable lead, but IGA threw a scare into them when Ted Devillers scored to pull the grocery boys within a goal of Marine with 30 seconds left in the game. IGA threatened in the remaining half minute but failed to score. The loss was the ninth in a row for Penetanguishene's grocery

crew.

Larry Marchand drilled in three goals for Penetanguishene Marine. Larry Leroux with a pair, Dave Cousins, Ken Morrow, and Ricky Legault accounted for the remainder of Marines' scoring.

John Bell led the IGA marksmen with a hat-trick. Kenny Edgar, the leagues' leading point getter, picked up a pair of goals while Sandy McKillop and Ted Devillers popped in singles.

Standings as of Feb. 12

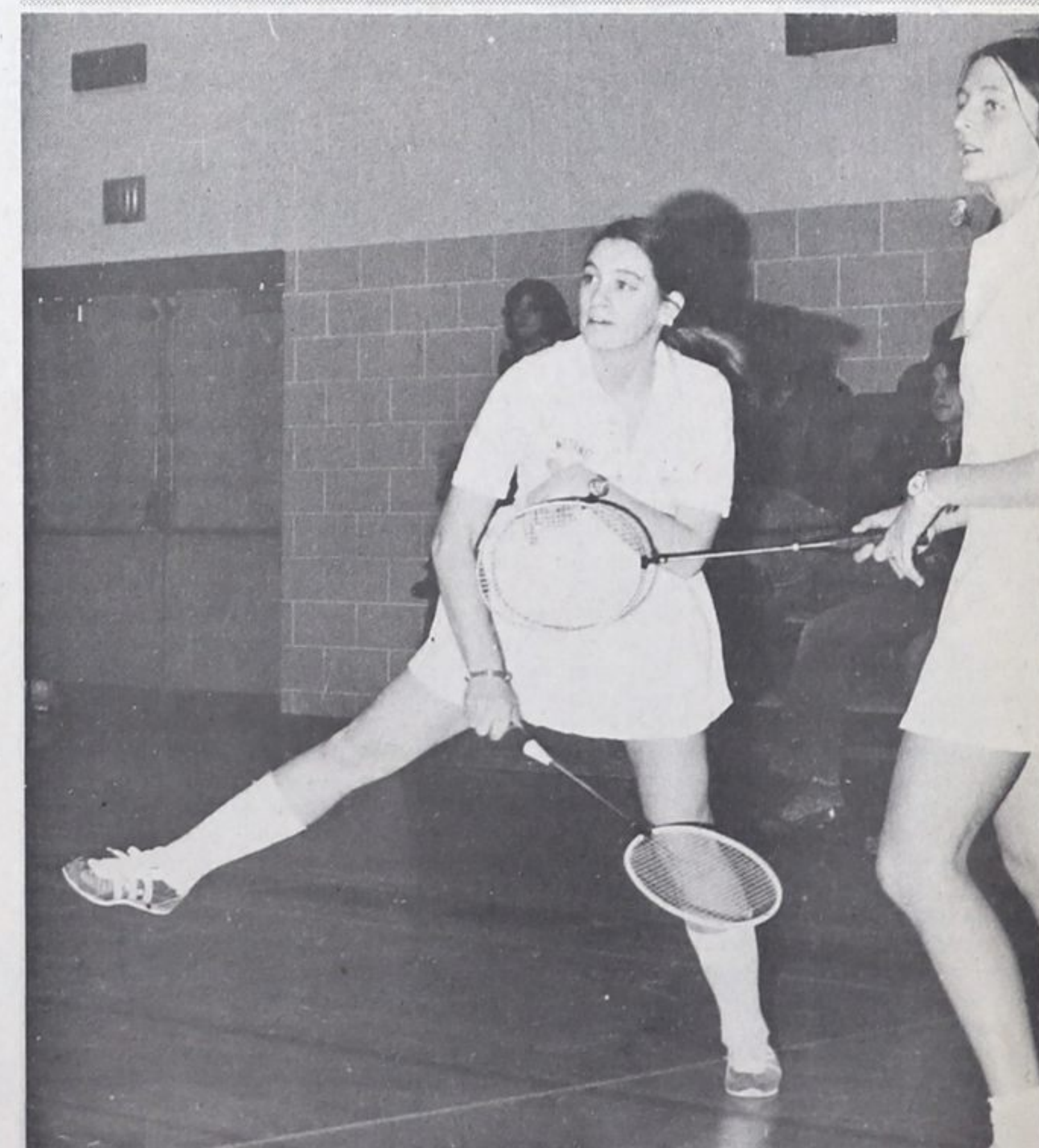
Team	W	L	T	Pts
Ken's	11	4	0	22
Marine	8	6	1	17
Emery's	5	9	1	11
IGA	5	10	0	10



### Another one drops in

Basketballs kept on dropping the right way for the Penetanguishene Secondary School seniors last Thursday as they downed their neighbours from Midland Secondary School for the first time this season. For game details check the basketball report in the sports section.

Staff photo



### Returning a shot

Kathy Payne completes a forehand smash during the Barrie Eastview-Penetanguishene Secondary School interschool badminton meet last week at PSS. The doubles team of Beatty and Kathy Payne won two games in the meet. PSS's top mixed

doubles team of Mike Berdan and Angela Wesser also won two games. Bob Harrison and Frank Berdan teamed up for two more PSS doubles victories. In singles action Mary Sue Beatty won a pair of games. Mark Lavigne won one match.

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