

Talking Sports

by Tom Shields



From Russia with bad news

Another Canadian-Russian hockey series has come to an end, this time involving Barrie Midgets trip to the USSR. Barrie won one game, lost two, and tied two, which isn't too bad considering their treatment behind the Iron Curtain. According to reports we received here, from Barrie and our press, the tournament was just a pile of garbage. It was improperly run and the Barrie youngsters were treated badly in Moscow. Other reports stated that the Soviet teen-agers were going to win at any cost, thus the Barrie boys had to suffer through five games of terrible refereeing. I think by now, that we have learned our lesson, and we should concentrate more on playing in North America, and using North American rules and standards, and of course refereeing. Although the Soviets have great hockey teams, all other aspects in their hockey world are lower than an earthworm's tummy in the mud. I guess I had better change the subject, or I will be the subject of a KGB hunt.

Flyers still kicking

Although the Midland Flyers have been out of the Junior "B" playoffs for almost a month, they are still kicking. In fact, the Flyers will be holding a try-out camp at the Penetanguishene Arena in early April for local boys who might want to take a crack at Junior "B" action next season. This camp will be for boys from our area, from Base Borden and Beaverton district. The Flyers are quite high on Brian Pilon and a few other players from this season's Silver Stick championship midget team.

Baseball is already underway down south and once again the Montreal Expos seem to be one of the hottest items on the Grapefruit circuit. However, they just never seem to be able to follow through in the regular season. The Expos are shooting for a speedy ball team this season with good defence. So far, they are showing nothing but hitting power down south. Regular season gets underway in four weeks.

Indians will return

On the local scene, the Midland Indians will be once again entering the Ontario Baseball Association and South Simcoe League, but attention had focussed on the Barrie entry.

Former Orillia player, Nick Ownes is running this club and is gunning for a Senior "A" team. In doing this, he is trying to get some of the Orillia and Penetanguishene-Midland area players down to Barrie. But the new league will prevent this from happening as the teams will not be classified by the OBA committee until late in July. In other words, they study the team's performance, then rate them in as either Senior or Intermediate class, then grade them into either B, C, or D. So players will not be able to jump from one league unless approved by the Ontario Baseball Commission.

Back to hockey

Back to the unpredictable world of hockey to end off this week's column. First of all, Perrault's third goal on Sunday night when the Sabres beat the Leafs 11-2, was one of the nicest goals that I have seen in the past five years. The Sabres humiliated the Leafs, and brought them back to reality after their nine game undefeated string. As it now stands, the Leafs will meet Los Angeles in the first round. Other first round matchups will have Boston meeting St. Louis, Pittsburgh battling the Chicago Black Hawks and the New Yorkers clashing headon - the Rangers and the Islanders. These playoffs will all be a best of three affair getting underway on April 8th. Again I emphasize that this will happen if the standings and points stay in the same structure as they are now.

Bobby Orr should win the scoring championship, but the real battle for individual honours is for the Vezina trophy, between Philadelphia and Los Angeles. Now that Parent is healthy, I will go with him to win the goalies' award even though he is down by three goals at the present time.



Losers sometimes smile . . .

Losers can be winners or at least they can crack winning smiles. The members of the worst rink at the Annual Legion Bonsel in Penetanguishene last Saturday were not afraid to be photographed. Here they are in all their glory (from left to right): Paul Mills, Frances St. Amant, Lorette Cadeau and Wade Cadeau. Eight other rinks participated in the bonsel.



. . . more than winners

Members of the winning rink in the Annual Legion Bonsel held last Saturday in Penetanguishene are (left to right): Kay Lapere, Wyn Wice, Larry Desjardins (bonsel chairman presenting the trophy) Ken Tannahill and Bob Emery.

In Penetanguishene Industrial Hockey playoffs

IGA makes the finals, Esso evens series



John Bell

Luckily for Penetanguishene IGA all the teams in the Penetanguishene Industrial Hockey League make the playoffs. IGA finished in last place at the end of the regular hockey league schedule but in the playoffs the grocery boys have been an entirely different team.

Now, thanks to John Bell's overtime goal at the 7:25 mark of the first overtime period IGA is in the comfortable position of having a week off while they wait to see who emerges as the winner of the Ken's Esso-Emery's Electric series. IGA won the game 5-4.

Bell's goal knocked a determined Penetanguishene Marine team out of the playoffs. IGA took Marine in two straight games in the best two-out-of-three semi-final series.

Despite losing in two straight games Penetanguishene Marine played outstanding hockey against IGA. Marine lost the



Paul Dion

opening game of the series 2-1. In the second game of the series on Sunday, Marine fell behind 3-0 but three straight third period goals by Paul Dion enabled Marine to tie the game up. Larry Leroux, the league's second highest point getter during the regular season, capped a fantastic third period comeback by rifling the puck over the right shoulder of IGA's goaltender Pete Wilson with 5:32 left in regular play.

At that point in the game it looked like Marine would manage to force a third and deciding game the following week but Ted Devillers just managed to tuck the puck over the line in a mad

scramble in front of the Marine net. Devillers' goal, his second of the game for IGA, tied the match at 4-4 and set the stage for John Bell's goal in overtime play.

Marine players protested Devillers' game tying goal but the referee ruled that the puck had just crossed the line.

IGA jumped into a 2-0 lead in the first period on goals by Jerry Gignac and Brian Merkley. Ted Devillers

widened IGA's lead to 3-0 with a goal late in the second period.

Until the start of the third period IGA dominated play but with three goal lead the grocery boys went into a bit of a defensive shell. That's when Paul Dion tipped in three straight goals to tie the game up. Before IGA came out of its trance Larry Leroux had pushed Marine into a 4-3 lead.

Devillers' goal with 3:32

remaining in the third period tied the score and at 7:25 of the first overtime period John Bell ended the season for Penetanguishene Marine.

IGA should be stronger in the final playoff series. Their offensive leader and the league's top point getter, Ken Edgar, missed this week's game because of an injured knee. He'll be ready for the finals.

Regular season league

champions, Ken's Esso, blanked Emery's Electric 3-0 to even the other best-of-three semi-final series at one game apiece. Three players shared in Ken's scoring. Rickey Desjardins scored in the game winning at the 10:36 mark of the first period. Bill Couling and Mike Duval added single goals in the final period.

Mike Juneau, the league's leading goal tender during the regular season picked up

the shutout for Ken's Esso.

Emery's Electric won the opening game of the semi-final series so Ken's Esso had to win this one or the season would have been over for the league champions. Emery's took the first game of the series 7-2. The winner of next Sunday's Emery's-Ken's match will meet IGA in a best three-out-of-five game series starting the following Sunday for the league championship.



The champs

Here are the regular season champions of the Penetanguishene Industrial Hockey League. In the front row from left to right are: Don Desjardins, Bob Larmand, Bill Couling, Mike Juneau, Wayne Koroski, Jim Pollard and Mike Duval. Standing in the back row are: Paul Loughran, Dennis Lemieux, Ace Anderson (coach), Peter Arbour, Burke Thompson, Steve McDonald, Brian Arbour, Mike Brophy

(manager) and Ricky Desjardins. Bob Deschambault was missing when the picture was taken. Basically the same team under a different name (Wilson's Marine) won it all in the playoffs. This year Ken's Esso is currently tied at one game apiece with Emery's Electric in a best two-out-of-three game semi-final playoff series. The deciding game takes place this Sunday morning at the Penetanguishene Arena.



Jumping for Saturday's show

Dezi Bukovico, shown here doing the splits, will be one of the feature skaters along with Brian Orser at Saturday's figure skating extravaganza put on by the Penetanguishene Figure Skating Club. The members of the

figure skating club will put on Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and a Centennial skit. It all starts at 7:30 p.m. at the Penetanguishene Arena.

Staff photo

Minor hockey results

by Tommy Puddicombe and Steven Paul

Jr. C
Tigers 0, Panthers 4
Neil Charlebois paced the Panthers to a 4-0 win over the Tigers by firing in three goals. In the last three games team to victory in each of the contests. Steve Maddock added the other goal for the Panthers.

Jr. B
Weston 1, Barrie 4
David Trudeau scored Weston's lone goal as his team bowed to Barrie 4-1. Bobby Haworth notched three goals for Barrie while Ian Wilson added a single.

Jr. B
Newmarket 3, St. Kitts 0
Three players shared in the scoring for Newmarket; James Grozelle, Bobby Delorme and Denis Leroux fired in single goals as Newmarket blasted St. Kitts 3-0. Mike Ruston picked up an assist on Keroux's goal.

Peewee B
Vancouver 1, Philadelphia 2
Bruce Leclair banged in a pair of goals to enable Philadelphia to edge Vancouver 2-1. Dave McConkey earned an assist on one of Leclair's goals.

Tim Twitchin fired in the only goal for Vancouver when he connected on a pass from Dave Patenaude. **Minnesota 3, Pittsburg 2**
Bruce Forget's two goals paced Minnesota to a close 3-2 win over Pittsburg. Ken Mitchell added the other Minnesota goal. John

Lacroix picked up an assist for Minnesota. Jim Perrault played an outstanding game for Pittsburg picking up a pair of goals in a losing cause. **Buffalo 0, Oakland 5**

John Legault and Brian Robitaille whipped in a pair of goals as Oakland romped over Buffalo 5-0. Brian Robitaille also picked up an assist in the game. Paul Hartley, a consistently good playmaker for Oakland, added the other goal to Oakland's total.

Toronto 7, Detroit 2
A four goal performance by Marc Marchildon led Toronto to a 7-2 romp over Detroit last Thursday. Marchildon popped in the first two Toronto goals early in the first period followed shortly after with what proved to be the winner by Marc Steven with 8:37 left in the first period.

Jeff Breiden narrowed the gap to 3-1 with 5:45 left in the first. Pete MacDonald drew an assist on the play. Pierre Therrien made the game closer in the second period when he scored Detroit's second goal of the game within the first three minutes.

However, Marchildon with his third goal of the game gave Toronto a two goal cushion on which to build. Goals by Ken Laurette, Marc Marchildon (his fourth) and Danny Cote rounded out the scoring for Toronto.

Rene Parent and Terry Shell picked up a pair of assists each for Toronto. Tony St Amant and Marc Marchildon added single assists.

Louis Forget put in a solid performance in the Toronto net.

Chicago 4, Montreal 3
Chicago came back from a 2-0 deficit to edge Montreal 4-3. Four players shared in the scoring for Chicago but only three of the names on the score sheet were readable. Allan Ladouceur, Vincent Garrette and Pat Duval popped in single goals for Chicago.

Montreal's goals came off the sticks of G. Quesnelle with a pair and John Brunelle. B. Axton and Wayne Quesnelle picked up assist for Montreal.

Roger Patterson was the winning goaltender.

Boston 6, New York 3
Boston doubled the count on New York 6-3. The Duquette's dominated the scoring for both teams. Dave Duquette picked up a hat-trick for Boston while Marc Duquette added a single marker. Meanwhile Mike Duquette was busy popping in a pair of goals for the losing New York team.

Marion Moreau notched the other New York goal. Rick Quesnelle earned an assist for New York. Boston's non-Duquette goal scorers were Armand Maurice and Ron Gontois. Marc Brunelle earned an assist for Boston. Maurice Duval was the winning goaltender.

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games will resume next week
at Corpus Christi School
at 7 p.m.

Teen Town Dance

Wednesday, March 19, 8-12 p.m.
Tom Shields and the Stirlings
at the Legion Hall
cost is \$1.50 per person
open to ages 12-19

Archery

Thursday, March 20
cancelled for the winter break
will resume next week
at Corpus Christi School
at 8 p.m.

Ringette Tournament

Thursday, March 20
at the Penetanguishene Arena
from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Public Skating

Friday, March 21
open skating from 7-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 23

open skating from 12:30 to 2 p.m.

Figure Skating Carnival

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