

Talking Sports

Tom Shields



NHL Quickies

Well we've finally hit the quarter finals in the NHL playoff campaign that could take us all the way to May 29. In the first round of "quickies" I had two teams correct in winning, but I was far out on the other two rounds. I had an inkling that the New York Islanders would oust the Rangers and I also went with Pittsburgh winning in two straight. But the other two teams hit me worse than a Sandy Kofax Curve Ball on a hot afternoon. I predicted that the Bruins would handily dispose of the Hawks in two games, and it sure looked like it after the first game in Beantown when Chicago lost 8 to 3. But the grinning Indians (that's on their crests) came back to win the next two. They won the final game 6 to 4 although they were outshot 53 to 19, which would indicate that Tony Esposito was the star of the game. The other series between the Hollywood hot-shots and the Maple Leafs proved that the Leafs weren't falling and the Hot-shots weren't all that hot. Maybe the Kings burned themselves out in the regular schedule. It was the best first round series of the bunch, and it also was the wildest. Hockey fans now know that in a best-of-three series anything can happen. As far as I'm concerned, both the Kings and the Bruins had far more class than their position when you take the whole season in tow, but both are gone.

When the smoke clears we'll see...

After this round, only Philadelphia, Buffalo, Montreal, and Pittsburgh should remain in contention for Stanley the cup. That would give us a rough semi-final...Pittsburgh against Philadelphia, with a no love lost on either team, and we would also have a hockey series...Buffalo against Montreal which would be fast skating and puck control. And when the smoke clears, we will probably see a final series between Philadelphia and Buffalo for the whole bag of cookies and unless Buffalo starts smashing bodies, the Flyers just might win their second Stanley cup in a row. But the best series to view on T.V. from what I have seen so far, any of the NHL top five teams would murder the best in the WHA, with maybe the exception of Houston.

Boo to a loud mouth

Bush..... and I'm not talking about Eddie Bush, the loud-mouthed hockey coach to come out of Collingwood. I do happen to be referring to the WHA playoffs. After watching the Toros and San Diego and reading other reports, the WHA can only be tagged with the "bush" expression. Bush league is an expression which usually means terrible or resembling the rear end of a horse, and I'll go for the latter. Drunken fans, brawling players, and referees trying to pound out some fan in the box seats all lead to some comical games to watch on T.V. From what I have seen so far, any of the NHL top five teams would murder the best in the WHA, with maybe the exception of Houston.

The worst thing I saw was an official trying to get at a fan at the end of the Toro game last week. Even if he was provoked and he most certainly was, the linesman should have restrained himself and gone to the dressing room. If that ever happened in the OHA, I'll bet that Larry Belisle, the vice-president of said organization will agree that the official would be "on the carpet!". But we don't see that happening in the OHA. Our leagues haven't degenerated to that degree...at least not yet.

Snoopy and the Big M

But the worst is yet to come. I watched the game and because Frank Mahovich took the puck up the ice twice in the first period, the announcers said and I quote "well the big 'M' is certainly flying tonight". The only flying that the big "M" did was when the Toros caught the plane for San Diego. Since then, even Snoopy the dog has had more flying experience. If you don't know who Snoopy is, ask the comic-reading kid going to school.

Special note for Ron Marchildon.....Ron, notice how Elmvale will get the renovations done to their arena after someone put on a real hot show. (Note: Elmvale Arena burns on Sunday.) The Expos have now lost five in a row. The Yankees and their million dollar kid, Catfish Hunter took a week to finally win their first game of the season.

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NY edges Boston 6-5

New York edged Boston 6-5 on Friday. Most of the names of the goal scorers for New York were unreadable on the scoresheet except for Mike DesRochers who counted one goal and Brad Pike who notched an assist. Mike Duquette was the New York goaltender.

Ron Contois led Boston's attack with three goals and an assist. David Laurin and Gary Dubeau counted the other Boston markers. Martin Duquette and Peter McIntaggart earned assists for Boston.

Four snowmobilers nearly drown

Four Agincourt residents narrowly escaped death last weekend as a snowmobile excursion to Beausoleil Island and the ice to the north left two people stranded in a cottage, and two men forced to wade seven miles soaking wet after both their machines fell through the thin ice of Georgian Bay.

According to Constable Richard Cooper of the Midland detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police, the four left a cottage on Peekaboo Trail, north of Penetanguishene at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, travelling with three machines.

It's do or die for IGA



Bill Klug

It's do or die for Penetanguishene IGA tonight as the grocery boys clash with Emery's Electric at 8 o'clock in the fourth game of the best three-out-of-five game playoff series for the town's industrial league championship.

On Sunday Emery's won its second game of the playoff series by doubling the count on IGA 6-3. The win was the second in a row for Emery's after dropping the opening playoff game 4-3. Emery's took the second game of the series 6-5.

Despite the score, the game was a close one until early in the third period. At that time IGA was pressing to tie the score at 3-3 but it was Emery's captain Bill Klug who scored goals on one of the strangest plays of the season. Klug was breaking in one on one, when he let go a weak wrist shot towards the left hand corner of the net. IGA goalie Pete Wilson slid over to block the shot behind his falling defenseman. The puck struck the defenseman and changed direction completely ending up in the right hand corner of the net.

That's the way the game went for IGA. Emery's Electric had the breaks and like a good team should, made the most of them. There were only three penalties in the game and IGA received them all. On two of the penalties Emery's power play clicked for goals.

IGA's Sandy McKillip opened the scoring by blasting a slapshot from just inside the centre ice line past a startled Ted Mason. Jerry Gignac and Ven Desroches drew assists on the goal which was scored only 54 seconds into the game.

Emery's Electric tied the score at 1-1 when Ken Popple found the range with his fifth goal of the playoffs with four seconds left in the opening period.

Jerry Gignac put Emery's



Mike Puddicombe

in front again at the 12:07 mark of the second period but Larry Dion tied the game up for Emery's by rifling in a pass from Ken Desjardins. With just over three minutes left in the second period Dan Dubeau clicked from Bill Klug and Ken Desjardins. Until the third period game was close with neither team having the upper hand. But in the final frame Emery's broke loose for three straight goals in the first ten minutes of play. Bill Klug scored on the deflected shot followed by goals from Jim Lethbridge and Jim Dagenais. Popple drew an assist on Lethbridge's goal while Klug and Dubeau were awarded assists on Dagenais' marker.



Jim Lethbridge

Mike Puddicombe scored the final goal of the game for IGA at the 8:38 mark but by then the game was over. For the remainder of the period Emery's slowed the game down to a crawl by icing the puck at every opportunity.

Midland Oldtimers lose

In one of the most exciting games at the Penetanguishene Arena in the last few years, the Midland Oldtimers lost by a narrow 6-5 margin to the Niagara Falls Oldtimers last Saturday night.

John Lizotte and former national hockey league star Wally Boyer paced the Midland Oldtimers with two goals apiece. Bill Grant added a single marker to round out Midland's scoring.

Although the Midland club lost they were defeated by one of the best teams of oldtimers in Ontario. Niagara Falls has only lost one game in the last three years. Midland came close to making it two in three years.

Terry Moore, coach of the Midland Flyers, and Brian Lemieux, former goalie for the Penetanguishene Garrisons, divided the goaltending chores in the Midland net.

In addition to excellent hockey the game featured a shoot-off between members from the Midland and Penetanguishene town councils.

Reeve Moreland Lynn of Midland and Deputy-reeve Art Stewart of Penetanguishene were shut out in the event which ended in a 2-2 draw.

Penetanguishene's two goals came off the sticks of mayor Vince Moreau and Chic Chadwick. Chadwick, a Midland hockey coach is not a member of the Penetanguishene town council but he graciously assisted a puck shot by Frances St. Amant into the net. Penetanguishene's Frances St. Amant hit the post on her first shot and drilled another wide of the net on the next try. However, Chadwick directed the rebound into the net.

Midland Deputy-reeve Kay Dion popped in a goal as did councillor Fred Jeffery. The night also featured an excellent figure skating display by the Midland Figure Skating Club. Penetanguishene's Brian Orser, sister Mary Kay Orser and Michelle Simpson of Elmvale starred in the show.

Recreation Scene

by Ron Marchildon



Penetanguishene recreation coordinator

I hope that by the time you read this we will have a minor softball executive to help organize and operate a minor softball league for both boys and girls. It is also not too late for the intermediate girls baseball league to be thinking about organizing for the coming year. If anyone is still interested in helping out and has not made their intentions known, please do so by calling me at 549-8492. Your help is essential, so please give it so that others may enjoy the game of softball.

I have had some inquiries about the possibility of setting up a Horseshoe Pitching Club. I would like anyone who would like to form a club to call me. If enough interest is shown we will organize a meeting to help this sport get off the ground. It seems that most of our surrounding communities already have a club in operation, so competition is not hard to find. Again the responsibility is on you, if you wish it. I'm sure we can arrange everything necessary.

Mixed Volleyball The final games were played last Wednesday at Corpus Christi School.

In the semi-finals the Sonics defeated the Braves 2 games to 1 by scores of 9-15, 15-13, 15-8.

In the other semi-final game the Stars were victorious over the Bombers 2 games to 0 by scores of 15-6, 15-5.

The finals saw the Stars come out on top of the Sonics, 2 games to 0 by scores of 16-14, and 15-4. The members of the winning Stars team included: Rick Dubal, Roger Dusome, Jocelyn Kett, Ann Moreau, Brenda Hook, Gary St. Croix, Mike Playne. Our congratulations to the winners, as well as the other teams, who we hoped had an enjoyable time for the past few weeks.

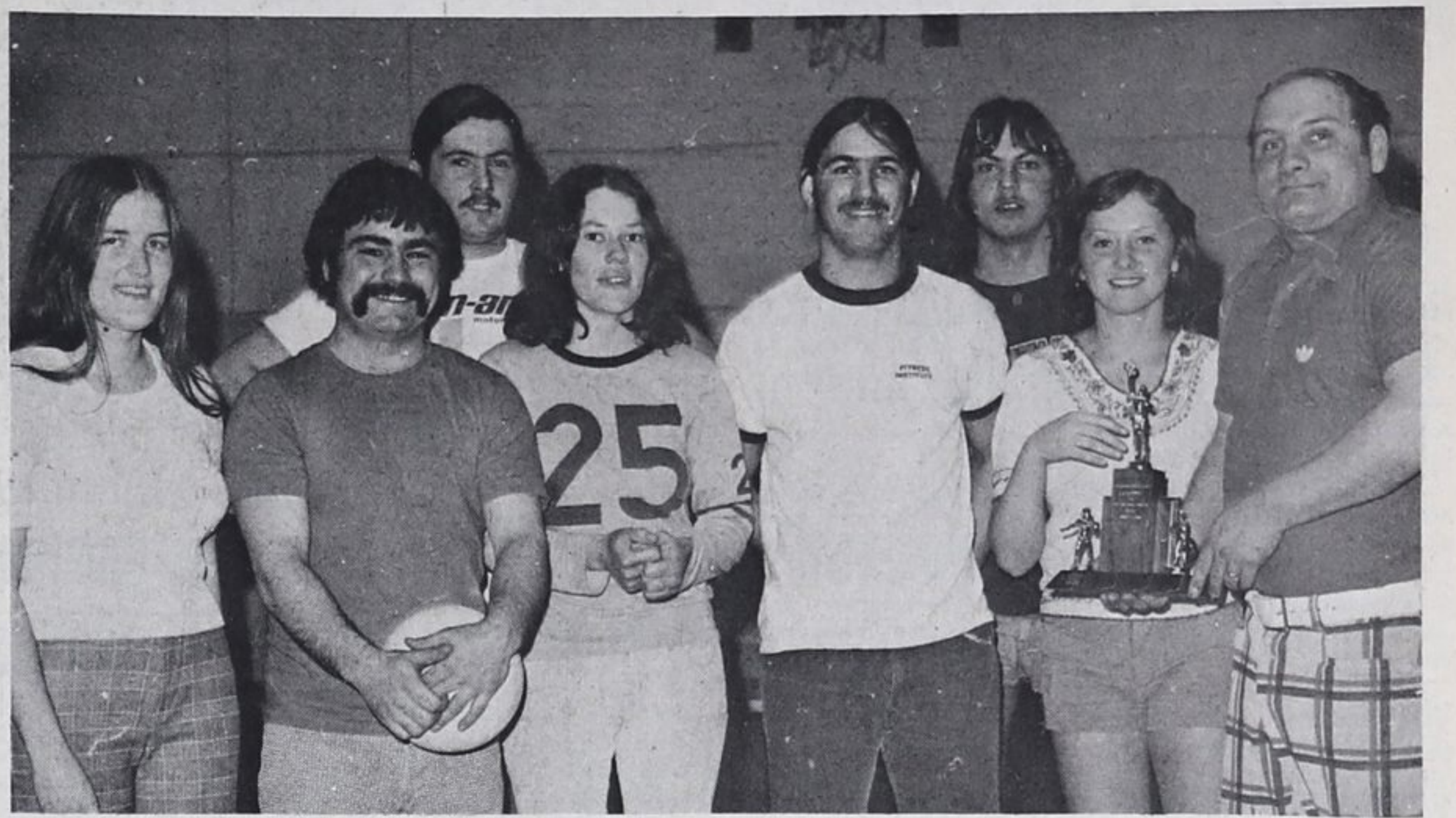
Mixed Basketball After two weeks in the mixed basketball league the results are as follows: Games played April 1 - Team 1 - 20 Team 2 - 33; Team 3 - 47 Team 4 - 51. Games played April 8 - Team 1 - 20 Team 2 - 28 Team 3 - 16 Team 4 - 52.

Standings as of April 8 Team 4 W L F A P Team 2 2 0 103 67 4 Team 4 2 0 61 36 4 Team 1 0 2 40 85 0 Team 3 0 2 63 79 0

Senior Girls Ringette

The Toros finally defeated the Jets in the final game of the Senior Girls Ringette League by a 21-15 score. Donna Brooks again led the Toros attack with 12 goals, Marilyn Bellehumeur had 6 goals and Michelle Lacroix had 3 goals. Pat Peltier led the Jets attack with 7 goals, Cathy Lethbridge had 6 goals, while Sherry Vaillancourt rounded out the scoring with 2 goals. The Toros won the six point series 7-1.

Members of the winning team were Coach Anne Marchildon, Marilyn Bellehumeur, Cathy Dupuis, Michelle Lacroix, Cathy Quigley, Donna Brooks, Karen St. Amant, Michelle Brunelle, Sue St. Amant. Congratulations girls.



Penetanguishene's volleyball 'Stars'

The winners of the mixed volleyball championship held at Corpus Christi School, last Wednesday, are the Stars. In the front row from left to right are: Jocelyn Kett, Gary St. Croix, Brenda Hook, Rick Duval, Ann Moreau and Ron Marchildon (recreation co-ordinator). Standing in the back row are: Mike Playne (left) and Roger Dusome. For details on the game read Ron Marchildon's column, Recreation Scene.

Midgets try out for Midland Flyers

The Midland Flyers are holding a closed invitational hockey camp this Saturday at the Penetanguishene Arena for 18 area hockey players who management feel have a chance of making the team next year.

Players from Midland, Penetanguishene, Camp Borden, Elmvale and Beaverton will be among those attending the camp. The reason for the camp

"is to get a good look at the local hockey talent" said Flyer President Ron Sauve. "The idea of the team is to give kids around here a crack at it."

Brian Pilon of the Penetanguishene Midgets is one of the players Sauve claims has a good chance of making the team. Four other Penetanguishene Midget all-stars will be invited to the camp. They are: Andy Lacroix, Marc Duquette.

Ken Cowan and Larry Cowan. A few of this year's Flyers will be attending the camp.

Among them is Penetanguishene's Paul Robillard who made the jump from the Bantam all-stars to the Junior B Flyers this year. According to Sauve, Robillard is National Hockey League material. "If that kid don't (sic) make it no one here is going to," Sauve said. "He's got the

right attitude and he's going to make it."

Andy Zurawski of the Midland Bantam all-stars has also been invited to the Flyer camp.

The camp will be run from 10 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. After that, the Flyers and Flyer hopefuls have the rest of spring and summer off until September 1 when the Flyers training camp opens for the 75-76 season.

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