

Fin, Fur, and Feather

by Bryan Berriault



April 26th marks the opening of a new trout season. To the ardent trout angler the opening of trout season is second in importance only to New Years Eve. Trout season, being one of the first seasons to open in our area, brings the fishermen flocking to the rivers and streams in their quest for trout. If the price were calculated per pound of trout I am sure it would be cheaper to buy salmon in the store but the excitement that makes grown men act like kids and leave the wife and children just would not be there.

Sitting on some river bank at five in the morning soaking wet may not sound like enjoyment to some people but I sure is to a trout fisherman. I think trout season for '75 will be better than most years because of the cool weather we have been getting in the early part of April. The rainbows are starting to spawn in the Sturgeon and Coldwater rivers and have been doing so for weeks in the Collingwood area.

Smelt fishing is upon us and the Ministry of Natural Resources wants smelt fishermen to take smelts from Lake Simcoe before they become a problem to the more desirable species now in the lake. Parry Sound should bear smelts very shortly and its not as a rule hard to get all you need up there.

Each year through the kids and snags the tackle bow gets lower and lower. At this time of year we start to look for something new that will catch fish like nothing we have ever had before. I have run across a few lures that I think are worth mentioning.

Heddon has perfected a new lure called Tiny Tad-polly. The action is good and it is designed for the rainbow fishermen but I think it just may be good on the walleye as well. As soon as the blanket of ice leaves the water I may get a chance to try it.

Nebco Vibro-Tail has to be a real fish catcher. Its rubber body and weighted head gives the lure the advantage of being able to bounce along the bottom like a feeding minnow. The tail on this lure is so good that it has been patented and after seeing a demonstration at the Sportsmen Show, I can see why. This lure will be a killer on bass and walleye with any fish that get within seeing distance a possible victim of the Vibro-Tail.

Normark head rumours that some fishermen were catching fish too big for their Rapala knife to handle in the filleting department so they brought forth a nine inch Rapala knife to complement the four and six inch knives we already have. This nine inch should handle all the fish we can catch no matter how big.

For those fishermen that spend their time fishing for deep water fish such as the lake trout or salmon, the Big Jon downrigger will be just the thing. This downrigger will enable the fisherman to use spinning or even fly rods. The Big Jon will get your line down to where the lunker lurk and you will catch them on light tackle instead of the conventional steel lines.

Victoria Harbour has a new sport shop. The new shop is called J.C. Sporting Goods. The owner John Sajan, a fisherman himself, knows the needs of the Sportsmen of this area and carries the necessities we need along with live bait. The sport shop is located on Martha Street which is the same street as the Victoria Harbour Legion's east entrance is on and most fishermen know where that is.

I hope some of the past lures and items will help in the field. For some reason it takes a long time for new lures to reach us fishermen up here and now maybe we will get the jump with these lures. Remember Snagging is illegal.

Midland bantam all-stars end season with big win

The last major tournament of the current hockey season wound its way to an end on Sunday. Penetanguishene teams failed to win a championship game in the tournament. The Midland Bantam all-stars were the only team in the Penetanguishene-Midland area to clinch a championship game with their 3-0 win over Base Borden on Sunday in the final game of the weekend series.

The following is an account of games played by the Penetanguishene, Midland and Elmvalle all-star games. Penetanguishene Midgets 8 Owen Sound 7

Brian Pilon and John St. Amant paced the Penetanguishene Midget all-stars to a narrow 8-7 win over Owen Sound by scoring two goals apiece. Grant Quesnelle, Mike Orser, Ken Cowan and Marc Duquette added single markers.

Assists were awarded, to Andy Lacroix (a pair), Greg Arbour, Aime Gignac, Larry Cowan (two), Ken Parent, Ken Marchildon, Mike Orser and Ray Cote. Midland Bantams 5 Owen Sound 4

Fred Wallace's two goals sparked the Midland Bantam all-stars to a 5-4 victory over Owen Sound. Robert Haats, Rick Story and Gary Walter popped in single markers. Andy Zurwaski earned an assist.

Penetanguishene Major Atoms 0 Base Borden 2

The Penetanguishene Major Atoms bowed to Base Borden by a score of 2-0. Elmvalle Novices 5 Wasaga Beach 2

Doug Kirton blasted in four goals to pace Elmvalle to victory. Danny Clement added the single marker to round out the scoring. Paul Steele, Roger Allen and Wayne Allen picked up assists for Elmvalle. Penetanguishene Peeewe's 2 Collingwood 1

Dan Le Clair and Terry Pilon drilled in single goals to enable the Penetanguishene Peeewe all-stars to down Collingwood 2-1. Trent Maracle, Robert Quesnelle and Carl Cowan earned assists.

Bryan Lethbridge starred in the nets for Penetanguishene. Midland Midgets 4 Base Borden 7

Base Borden thumped the Midland Midget all-stars 7-4. Gerry Lalonde popped in a pair of goals for Midland. Kirby Wagg and Tim Merkle added singles for Midland. Assists were awarded to Kirk Hargrave, Deryle Romanowski and John Beauchamp (a pair). Penetanguishene Midgets 5 Base Borden 7

Base Borden downed the Penetanguishene Midget all-stars 7-5. Andy Lacroix popped in a pair of goals for Penetanguishene. Brian

Pilon, Aime Gignac and Ray Cote added single markers. Pilon and Lacroix each picked up three assists. Penetanguishene Midgets 13 Elmvalle 6

Aime Gignac and John St. Amant each notched hat-tricks as the Penetanguishene Midget all-stars crushed Elmvalle 13-6.

Brian Pilon, Ken Marchildon and Ken Cowan popped in a pair of goals apiece. Larry Cowan scored a single goal. Ken Marchildon and Brian Pilon each picked up three assists.

Penetanguishene Bantams 3 Collingwood 7

Collingwood bumped the Penetanguishene Bantam

all-stars 7-3. Randy Leroux scored a pair of goals for Penetanguishene. Peter Maracle added a single marker. Assists were awarded to

Chris McConnell, Steve Buttineau (a pair) and Danny Cote. Midland Atoms 3 Owen Sound 4

Wilson Cowan, John

Johnson and John Walter Sound. Mike Playford and John Johnson earned assists for Midland.

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Midland minor atoms to Georgian Bay final

The Midland Zeller's Minor Atoms, after finishing regular season play in seventh place, have battled their way to the Georgian Bay hockey finals after a pair of victories last weekend in Elmvalle and Stayner.

To reach the finals, they had to beat both Wasaga Beach and Owen Sound — two teams they had failed to defeat during regular season play.

The championship match, against the undefeated Elmvalle squad, was slated for Sunday, but the fire at that arena has forced the contest to be rescheduled for this weekend.

Friday, playing in Elmvalle, against Stayner, Midland won 4-2, led by Steven Charlebois, whose pair of goals gave him a total of 50 for the season. Peter Wright and Owen Quilty rounded out the Midland scoring.

At the Stayner Arena Saturday, Midland eked out a close 3-2 win over Owen Sound, led again by Charlebois who picked up another pair of goals. Ralph Seeman notched the other Midland marker, as well as assisting on both of

Charlebois' goals. After an up and down season, it looks like the Midland squad has finally found a winning combination — with only undefeated Elmvalle standing between them and the league championship.

Barrie rink wins bonspiel

A Barrie rink captured first place in the Centennial Bonspiel at the Penetanguishene Curling Club last Thursday. Harry Campbell's rink composed of Keith Collins (lead), John Murphy (vice) and Vaughan Collins (second), walked away with first place in the 9 a.m. draw.

However, Penetanguishene was not shut out from one of the top spots. Mayor Vince Moreau skipped his Penetanguishene rink to a close second place finish in the 9 a.m. draw.

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