

## Fin, Fur and Feather

by Brian Berriault

"We've got a problem on our hands," said Allen Leroux of Penetanguishene. "Wolves are starting to make their presence felt. We've found two carcasses of deer which the wolves have killed. The deer are starting to come back at Midland Point and so are the wolves. With the deep snow the deer are easy prey for the wolves," he stated.

I have to agree with him. The deer haven't got a chance when a wolf gets on their trail at this time of year. The deer have a hard time trying to stay on top of the snow with their pointed hooves, while the wolf having a pad does not sink as far. As everyone knows we haven't had this much snow for quite some time and the deer have been enjoying some easy winters. Allen also informed me that he has been hunting wolves for quite awhile in our area.

"Unless you are out to hunt wolves it's not very often you will see them, but, they are present," Mr. Leroux said.

Dogs running at large can be just as much a problem. Dogs that are let free where deer inhabit will often take to the sport of running down deer and killing them.

Another problem to the deer in our area are the poachers. I would bet my last dollar that more deer are killed by poachers in our area than by either dogs or wolves.

Ken Fournier of Midland, another well known sportsman, also agrees that there seems to be an over abundance of wolves this year. "We've had a couple of farmers tell us of wolves killing cattle," said Ken. He went on to say that on nearly every occasion he and his fellow hunters have gone out for wolves the dogs have taken to a trail. They may not get every wolf the dogs take to, but it does show that there is a great number. Our area is growing rapidly and the natural habitat of such animals is getting smaller and smaller. As the ice comes it gives the wolves more freedom to roam. They can cross the ice make a kill and return several days later to feed on it. With the deep snow the rabbits they may eat are too fast for them so their diet steers them to venison which is no problem for them to get.

There is no way that the wolf should be exterminated but due to their freedom they must be kept in check and hunting them is the only way.

The Ministry of Natural Resources states that we do not have what we know as wolves, but coyotes. The coyote is much smaller than a wolf, weighing about 30 to 35 pounds with some larger.

Allen Stewart fish and wildlife supervisor for Huronia District states that the population is expanding and that the areas south and west of Barrie have a greater population than we do because of the sheep herds which exist in that area. Much larger animals could possibly be a hybrid of a coyote and a timber wolf giving it a much larger size.

## Play 6 in 8 days, lose one

# Tough game schedule taxes Flyers

Only last week the Midland-Penetanguishene Flyers looked as if they were playoff bound, sitting two points back of Orillia who occupied the final playoff position. Atrocious scheduling by the OHA has changed that

however, as the Flyers played six games in eight nights, losing one and tying another. Six points now separate Flyers from the last playoff position with seven games left in the season.

Midland was outscored 44-24 in the six game stretch, beginning January 21 when they tied Barrie 7-7 and ending last Friday when the battered Flyers left the ice for a weeks rest after falling to Orillia 7-4.

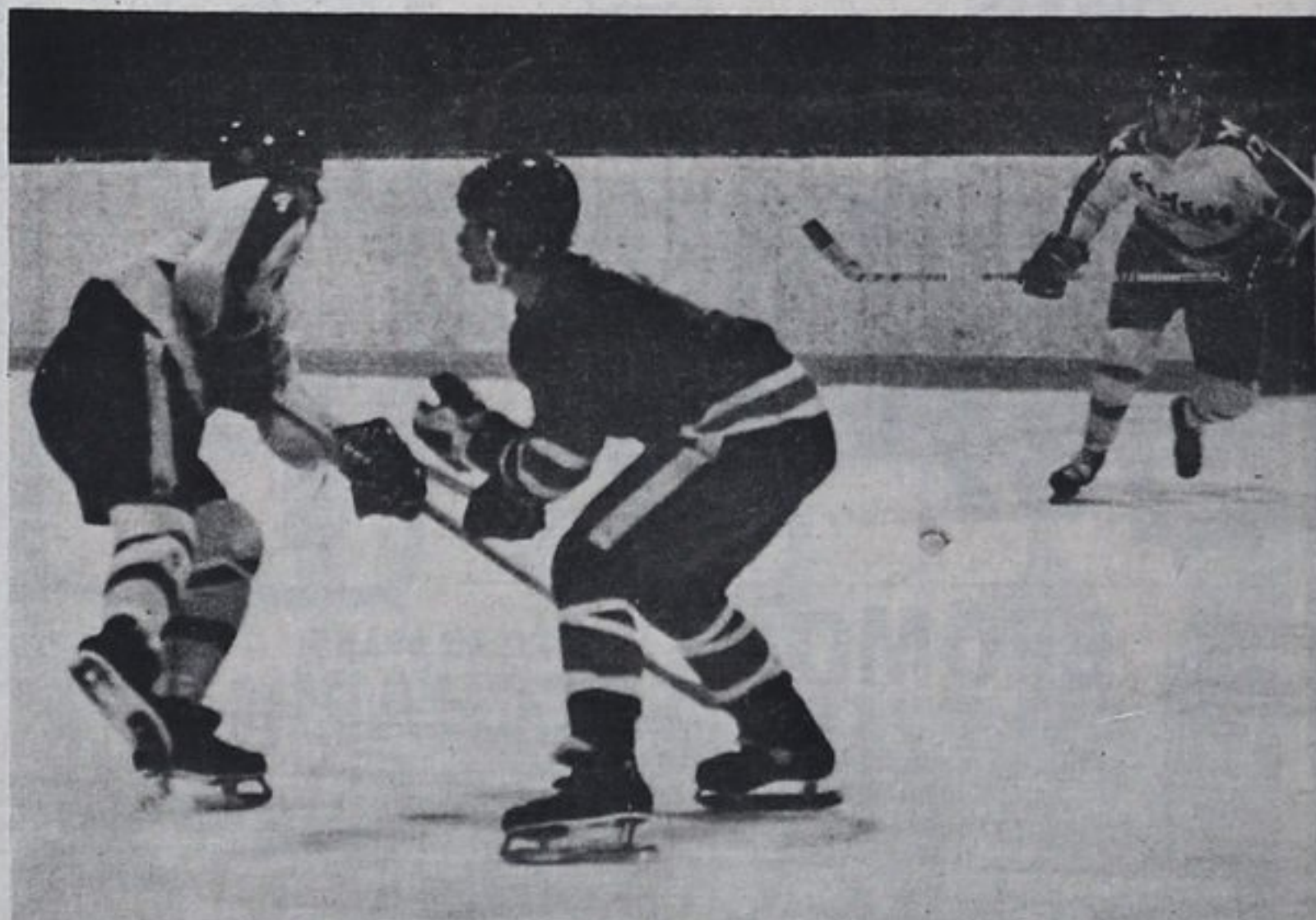
"We were able to get up mentally for the games but were just too physically tired," said goaltender Joe Gibson. "Once during each of the games we'd slack off for five or ten minutes and this is when they'd score

most of their goals." Tuesday in Owen Sound the Flyers outshot their opposition 37-30 but Owen Sound goaltender Paul McLaren turned back all of them on way to an 8-0 shutout. Five goals were scored in the third period, two by Scott McKelvie who collected his hat trick.

Amant was not a popular fellow at Penetanguishene arena as the Flyers were penalized for 40 minutes, all but six in the final period. At one point near the end of the game there were six Midland players and none from Barrie in the penalty box.

Flyers took a 2-0 lead on goals by Peltier early in the first period. In the second period Peltier left the ice after taking a hard slap shot that beat Doug Morley in the Barrie net but was called back on an offside call. A pinched nerve in his hip sidelined Midland's top shooter for the rest of the game.

John Beauchamp put Flyers back in front by two goals on an unassisted effort with 45 seconds remaining in the first period.



Flyers move in

Larry Trotter gets a shot away on the Barrie net despite being closely covered by a Colts' player. Vince Decola rushes in for the rebound. Barrie beat the Midland-Penetanguishene Flyers 7-4. Staff photo

## M.S.S. alumni 'seniors' lose to students' basketball teams

"Three Cheers for the senior citizens!" chanted the girls' basketball team from Midland Secondary School after beating the

MSS alumni team Saturday night. The cheer was a bit of an exaggeration as the former MSS students

were only a few years older than the girls presently on the MSS team and they more than held their own on the

court. The girls beat the alumni 34-26 in the first match, then the boys beat the men's alumni 56-49 to break a three year alumni stranglehold on the title. This is the first year that a ladies team has been entered.

The night was not without its tragedies, however, as injuries struck the girls' alumni team. The most serious occurred in the first half when Diane Smith hobbled to the bench with a broken fingernail. Tough competitor that she is, Diane was back on the court for her next shift.

Chris Lafreniere and Lorie Courtemanche gave the MSS girls lessons on how the game is played with their excellent showing on the court. Also in fine form were Maureen Buchanan, Branda Leathwood and Cathy Henderson.

The powerful MSS boys' team defeated an impressive alumni lineup with excellent defensive play and good rebounding. Steve Agnew led MSS in the 56-49 victory, displaying dazzling moves and quick acceleration.

Lloyd Farquhar was the senior member of the alumni team, having graduated in 1959. Lloyd is now principal of Port McNicoll Public School.

Also in the alumni lineup were David Hamilton, Louis Lacroix, Brent Gordon, Rich Thorpe, Gerrit Havers, Brent Hamelin, Dave Mink, Kriss Watson, Rdn French, Chester Graham, Rick Leclair and Jeff Attwood.



'Hook shot'

Gerrit Havers appears to be trying to block the shot of his own team's player, Louis Lacroix, in the MSS alumni game Saturday night. The former greats were beaten for the first time in four years by the MSS senior boys' team. Staff photo

## Zellers Flyers trounce Collingwood

Midland Zellers Flyers resumed local league action Tuesday night, after returning from their Sarnia Silver Stick adventure and came away with a convincing 6-2 triumph over Collingwood.

The Flyers wasted no time in showing their opposition who was in command as they rapped in three goals in the opening two minutes. Mike Magloughlin started it at the 47 second mark and then at 1:45 Donald Seemann made it 2-0 followed at 2:01 on a goal by Owen Quilty.

Tommy Hook with two, Ralph Seeman, Billy Kennedy, Bobby Graham and Seeman all drew assists.

Midland then slackened off and the remainder of the first and the second periods remained scoreless.

At the start of the third the Flyers again came out fired up and in a matter of seconds upped the score to 5-0 on goals by Quilty and Seeman at the 23 and 46 second marks. Collingwood's David Jamieson broke the shutout at 1:36 but Midland's Quilty scored a short handed goal at 8:53 unassisted to kill any thoughts Collingwood might have had of making a comeback. Mike Sproule scored

Collingwood's other goal with 5:02 remaining as the Flyers skated to the easy 6-2 victory.

Midland's win moved them to within one point of league leading Owen Sound and the Flyers with two games yet to play against Owen Sound are still looking forward to finishing the season in first place.

## Lose Silver Stick prize

The Midland Major Peewee's had more than their share of trials and tribulations on the weekend, both on the ice and on the road. The team lost out in their bid to win the Peewee Silver Stick Championship partially due to the exhaustion of spending 19 hours cramped in a bus or wandering around a restaurant that resembled a bomb shelter.

The eventful weekend in Port Huron began Friday at 8 a.m. when the team drove into a bad storm west of Toronto. Near Woodstock conditions worsened and the bus, passed trucks, trailers and cars buried in snow drifts at the side of

the road and scattered across the road.

The bus pulled into a restaurant where more than 400 people from all parts of the country had gathered. At one time there were five hockey teams and a group of figure skaters in the restaurant.

At 9 p.m. the boys settled down for some sleep, curling up on bus seats and luggage racks. Some parents stayed with them and acting coach Bob Offord patrolled the aisles. Regular coach Rick Emerson had decided the bus was too crowded to travel in and tried to make it by car to Port Huron. Rick spent an enjoyable weekend in

Listowel, unable to navigate the roads to Port Huron.

Some decided to stay up all night and walk around the restaurant. People were slouched over tables, stretched out on beds or pop cases, or lying on the floor. Children were sleeping on bags or blankets in the washrooms, on cartons, on the floor and even up on shelves. The manager and staff of the restaurant supplied tea, coffee and food all night.

The OPP were on hand

to see that no one pulled out of the parking lot. If you did it meant an automatic careless driving charge. Officers went out in snowmobiles and brought in people from stranded cars.

The restaurant was vacated at 8 a.m. and the remaining distance to Port Huron covered without incident. Port Huron residents were there to meet the team as they had been quite concerned.

ice for their first game against Garson at 1 p.m. Midland was outshot 47-19 in the match and Brian Quesnelle in the Midland net was outstanding.

Midland saw a 4-2 third period lead shatter in the space of a few minutes as Skanateles rebounded to defeat Midland 5-4. Scoring for Midland were Wilson Cowan from Rick Rever and Steve Bressette, John Johnson from Chris Emerson, Bressette unassisted and Gary Wencker from John Walter.



'Filly' bonspiel winners

Just about every weekend, the Midland Curling Club is where the action is. Last weekend was no exception. Here John Nielsen, district manager for Hiram Walkers Ltd. presents the Hiram Walker Trophy to the Melyn Rink of

Elmvalle, winners of the 'filly' competition. From left to right are Mr. Nielsen, Laverne Melyn (skip), Dianne Truax (vice), Mignon Thiffault (lead). Absent is Mary Sheremeto (second). Staff photo

## Longhorns win 76-75 in last minute rush

Andy Wickseed potted a basket with 50 seconds remaining to give Ron's Longhorns a 76-75 over Orillia Brass in Simcoe County Men's Basketball League action on Friday.

Longhorns were down by 14 points with four minutes remaining when the team suddenly became psyched up and hungry for victory. The

win followed on the heels of last Tuesday night's 73-57 trouncing of Penetanguishene Colour Wheel.

The game was a wide open affair and the Longhorns took advantage of the open court to stretch their leg muscles and run circles around Penetanguishene.

Numerous steals were engineered by the Longhorns who were accurate from outside for a change, as well as scoring many from close lay-ups. Dave Shalof was top scorer with 15 points, Ray Brien earned 12. Longhorns play host to Orillia in a return match tonight.

## Take home Parry Sound title Midland Legion Midgets continue winning streak

Midland Legion Midgets capped another feather to their cap on the weekend as they won the Parry Sound Midget Tournament.

Midland met up against Penetanguishene in the first game, coasting to a 7-2 win. Andrew Zurowski fired a hat trick with Andy Seeman, John Reid, Dwayne Story and Robert Haats netting singles.

Assists went to Kevin Denis, Fred Wallace and Andy Seeman each with two, Martin Veall, John

Reid, Mike Gouett and Zurowski. Randy Leroux scored both Penetanguishene goals.

Midland jumped into a two goal lead in their second match against North Bay, Steve Dunn scoring twice just four seconds apart. Kim Lavigne made it three before North Bay came back with a pair in the second.

Seeman replied with two goals to give Midland a 5-2 win and a berth in the final. Assists went to

Ken Lagrandeur, Mike Abram and Zurowski, each with two.

In the championship game against Parry Sound Robert Haats from Denis and Neall and Steve Dunn from Story put Midland two goals ahead at the end of the second period.

Parry Sound came back to tie it but with three minutes remaining Haats took a pass from Fred Wallace and relayed the puck to Denis for the winner.

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**SIMCOE COUNTY MEN'S BASKETBALL LEAGUE ACTION**  
Ron's Longhorns hit the court tonight to take on Orillia in their third last game of the season.  
Game time at Midland Secondary School is 8 p.m.

**OAK RIDGES DYNES VS. MIDLAND-PENETANGUSHENE FLYERS**  
The Flyers are six points out of a playoff position and desperately need a win against the first place Dynes. Game time Friday night at Pen arena is 9 p.m.

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