

Women's volleyball now a competitive sport

by Bruce Finlayson
Volleyball is growing quickly as a sport in Midland. As coach of the Y.M.C.A. Women's volleyball team, that wrapped up its season last week, I have watched the team grow from a group of women interested in exercise and fun into a team interested

in playing well, improving skills and team play and in competition. In September, Jim Morache asked me to coach the team. It consisted of fourteen players eager to improve their volleyball skills; Bobbie Andrews, Mary Besley, Pat Brown, Cathy Cadieux, Laurie Cour-

temanche, Carol Finlayson, Cathy Gibson, Barb Godridge, Kathy Henderson, Cindy Loughran, Sonya Mount, Jane Murray, Sue Presse and Anne Scott. Christy Swales joined the team in January and our resident fan was Gerry Trutwin. The team practised twice a week at St.

Theresa's High School. Every second week they travelled to Base Borden to play in the Simcoe County Women's Recreational Volleyball League.

The league consisted of 10 teams and, at the end of the regular schedule, we had a record of 21 wins and 15 losses, good for fifth place. During the regular schedule every player received ample floor time, however during the playoffs, the team philosophy changed and if a particular line player well they were

allowed to continue. The strategy paid off.

In the quarter-finals, we defeated fourth place Base Borden in a two out of three series. In the semi-finals we met first place Barrie A who had a record of 35 wins and one loss during the regular season.

Naturally, this was the series to win. The team played extremely well and won the best of five series, 15-8, 11-15, 15-10-4, 15, 15-2.

The semi-finals and finals took place on the same night (April 12).

After defeating Barrie A we immediately went on to meet Orillia. The team played well but the strain of playing 10 games in one evening took its toll. Orillia came out on top of a close series, 15-9, 6-15, 15-12, 13-15, 15-9.

We had a great season - lots of work, lots of fun and lots of success. However the exciting aspect in my mind is that everyone is looking forward to next year.

Anyone interested in trying out for the team next fall should contact me, at 526-6032.



Bowling league

It was banquet night for the Huronia District Hospital Bowling League at Midland's Legion on Saturday. Winners of the first series were (left to right):

Camilla Murphy, Bill Murphy, Beryl Girard, Rick Slanisky and Shirley Moreau. Absent for the photo session was Joyce Spiker.

Midgets lose 9-7

The Midland Legion Midgets ended their season with a wild and unusual 9-7 loss to the Midland Oldtimers.

Forwards Mike Abram and Fred Wallace shared the netminding duties for the Midgets, while goaltenders Craig Watson and Paul Goodine tried their hands at playing forward. Wallace now has played at least one game at every position on the Midget team.

Only five members of the Midgets will be with the team next season. The rest will try their fortunes in the O.H.A. at the Junior level or advance to the Juveniles.

A season that began last May in preparation for their Sweden trip, ends for the Midgets May 25 with a banquet at the Legion.

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