



Anything to get to first

Midland's Gerry Woods romps to first base while a Bolton player dives for the ball that just eludes his grasp. Rick Emmerson calls Gerry safe at first. Bolton

Tykes scored four runs in the second overtime inning to win the Ontario Baseball Association playoff game 9-5. Staff photo

Revision needed to decide winner after Hack, English tie in Sade Mason tourney

With the summer season moving along, activities at the Midland Golf and Country Club are now in high gear. Since our last summary of events, action and interest has been high. Several tournaments and events have been decided. Play in the ladies' section saw Joan Hack and Ilene O'Shaunessy winners with a net score of 67 for a 1/2 stroke win over runner-up Alma Marsell and Charlotte Tull. Third with 69 1/2 were Sade Mason and Carmen Reid in the Chapman Two Ball Play July 12th.

The two day ladies senior for the Sade Mason trophy went right down to the wire with Joan Hack and Maddy English finishing with identical 177 gross after 36 holes of play.

Joan came up the winner by revision. Third low gross went to Wanda Brouder at 203 and Helen Griffin picked up low net with 153.

A large field of 70 area golfers teed off July 14 for the Midland Ladies' Invitational. Picking up low gross was Maddy Tannahill's 85 with Kay Lapere pacing the low net score of 68.

Five ladies, two ball teams, journeyed to Collingwood July 21 with none reaching the winners circle. Highlight of the event was Marilyn Richmond's hole in one on the par 3 14th hole for her first ace.

Men's golf Play under ideal conditions in the Men's Four Ball Better Ball event saw the foursome of Murray-Bob Halford, Ken Tannahill and Alex Lapere take a narrow two stroke win at 50 over Richard Duval, P. Buttineau, Don and Len Lacroix.

Top twosome in the Woodruff Pairs were Jim Ridyard and Gev Dubbin, net 271 with P. Buttineau and Len Lacroix in the

runner up slot at 129. Men's Club Championship play has now reached the 3/4 pole with Sunday, Aug. 13 scheduled for the final 18 holes of competition. Playing through the Civic Holiday weekend under conditions from one extreme to the other have led to the following standings and scores:

Pacing the field in the championship flight is former club champion Dale Stringer with 212; Russ Howard - 218; Andy Wickstead - 225; Mike Jackson - 226; Brian French - 227; Chester Graham - 228; Glen Howard - 229; Paul Jackson - 230; Chuck Hatfield - 230; Bill Hack Sr. - 233; Ed Dorion - 236; Murray Halford - 236; Ken Tannahill - 236; Dennis Lemieux - 238; Ted Dyer - 238; Murray Yorke - 239; Gerry Hooper - 241; Don Tannahill - 243.

August 13 will have: Jim Seldon - 230, Frank MacLean - 232, Ken Richmond - 235, Wally Meisinger - 238, Tom Sweeting - 241, Jim Biggs - 245, Grant Geroux - 245, Paul Devillers - 246, Al Parent - 246, Dennis Abbott - 246, Jim Hill - 247, Alex Lapere - 247, Jerry Barbour - 249, Jim Beardsall - 252, Dick Hayes - 256.

Leaders in the second flight competition with this play completed were Ross Lemesurier, 248 and Ron Jeffery with 252. In the men's weekly Wednesday night events, good turnouts are reported by chairman Ed Dorion. Tee off time is 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., all are welcome. While small in numbers, interest remains high in our junior and intermediate sections, reports Paul Quilty. See you on number one tee...

Misunderstood birds - the birds of prey

by Susan Hallas, a student naturalist at Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre

Of all the living creatures in the animal kingdom, few have aroused such hostile feelings among mankind as those animals we call "predatory birds". Accused of killing chickens and stealing young livestock, many hawks have fallen from the rifle shots of irate farmers. Hunters and trappers also disliked our birds of prey, claiming that they were a source of competition for the animals supplying their livelihoods. Even among "bird-lovers" falcons, hawks and owls were despised for their threat to songbirds.

Slowly, as man has become more attuned to the complex relationships existing in his environment, he has realized the unique beauty of these birds as well as the great importance of their roles in

maintaining nature's delicate balance. By killing only for food those animal species of great abundance (and therefore those that are most easily obtained) predatory birds prevent the numbers of insects, rodents, rabbits and other small mammals from increasing greatly, thereby removing the threat of death by starvation for many. As population controls, predatory birds keep each species strong enough to survive. But what are these birds of prey?

Those birds that are active during the day, or are "diurnal" are the falcons and the hawks (both accipiters of the forests and buteos of the open areas). Extremely keen vision, a sharp beak and long talons are the adaptations of the diurnal birds of prey. Falcons, such as the Kestrel, Merlin and Peregrine Falcon have long pointed wings and long tails to

enable them to swoop down on their victims, whether they are grasshoppers, insects, field mice or small birds. Accipiters or True Hawks are equipped with rounded wings and long tails permitting them to fly with ease among the branches and trunks of

the forest. All Accipiters (Cooper's Hawk, Sharp-shinned Hawk, Goshawk) have slate grey backs for camouflage. Buteos or Soaring Hawks are the large, chunky hawks with broad tails and wings. They are usually seen riding air currents high above the

ground. The Broadwinged Hawks, Red-tailed Hawks and Red-shouldered Hawks are the most common buteos in this area. As dusk approaches the falcons and hawks settle down for the evening and the nocturnal birds of prey awaken. Owls are

especially well adapted for hunting in the dark. Their large eyes and "facial disks" that cover their ear flaps make it possible for them to locate their prey in virtually complete darkness. Special wing feathers with soft edges enable the owls to approach their prey in silence. In this region, the more common species of owls are the Great Horned Owl, the Barn Owl, the Screech Owl and the Barred Owl. Next time you see a bird of prey, whether it is a falcon, hawk or owl stop and study it. Each individual species is special in that it is the result of centuries of evolution.

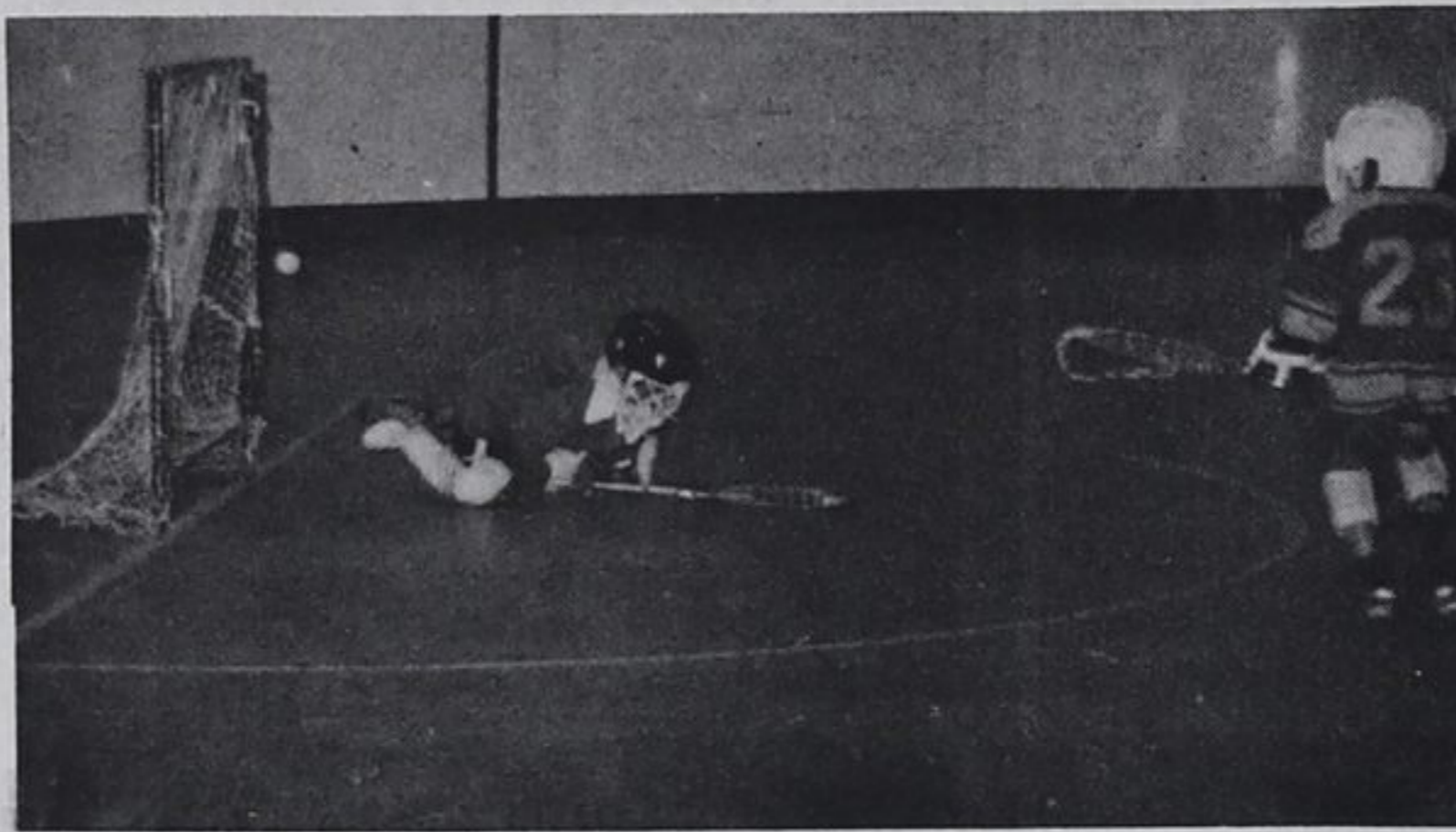
Huron language is alive, well

There is an old joke which regularly passes from one generation of children to the next. One person says to the other: "I can make you talk Indian talk." The hoped for reply is: "How?"

Here in the Midland area, you can make someone speak Huron (technically a "dead language") by asking him what his home province is, or by getting him to tell you what big Canadian city he would hate to be caught in on a hot summer's day. Both Ontario and Toronto are Huron

place names: Ontario meaning "great or beautiful lake"; and Toronto meaning "where there is a tree or log in water" (usually used with reference to a log bridge across a river). The two

terms were first recorded in the 17th century: Ontario in a Jesuit Relation of 1641; and Toronto - as "Lac de Taronteau" (Lake Simcoe) - on a map drawn up in 1670.



Small man - big save

Barrie's Ricky Warman stops a shot from a Midland lacrosse player during playoff action in Elmvalle Wednesday night.

Auto stolen

At 9:25 a.m., Saturday, August 6, O.P.P. Constable George stopped a 1977 Astre driven by two juveniles and subsequently charged the two youths with theft of the auto. The car had been stolen from Sadlon Motors, Barrie, and was travelling along Highway 12 near the fourth concession of Tay when it was apprehended. The two juveniles were turned over to the Barrie Police Department.

"Migraine" lost On Saturday James Wesley Brandon, 43, of Midland reported the theft of a 1970 white Munroe boat, a 105 hp Chrysler motor, and trailer. The outfit was stolen from Evan's Sports, Victoria Harbour. Valued at \$2000.00, the boat is christened "Mother's Migraine".

Registration opens for Wasaga School Hockey

The Hockey School planned to begin in August at Wasaga Beach is already half full and applications are now being accepted from Stayner, Collingwood, Midland and other towns in the area.

Total enrollment for the school is 80 and so far more than 40 applications have been accepted for the two-week hockey school to be held at Wasaga Stars Arena.

The School is open to boys ages 6-13 and instruction is being given by professional hockey players headed by John Van Boxmeer, defenceman for the Colorado Rockies. There are two one-week hockey school sessions. The first one started Monday, August 8.

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Elmvalle and District Flag Football League wish to announce a gong show on September 23. Anyone wishing more information call George Woods at 322-1111.

Elmvalle and District Flag Football League will be holding an organizational meeting at the Palace Hotel on Wednesday, August 17 at 8:00 p.m. Anyone 18 years of age or older who would like to play on the team is asked to attend.

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