



Pardon my elbow

Ray Brien heads up court on one of the many fast breaks that allowed Ron's Longhorns to overpower Penetanguishene's Commodore Hotel 91-55 Tuesday at

Penetanguishene Secondary School. Brien was game's high scorer with 18 points.

Staff photo by Dave Fuller

## County basketball

# Longhorns bury Commodore

Ron's Longhorns ran into another letdown in the second half of their game with Penetanguishene's Commodore Hotel Tuesday, but it made little difference in the game's outcome, a 91-55 win for Longhorns.

The first six minutes of the second half was one of the few times Longhorns were not scoring on a hapless Commodore team as they hit many times early in the game to take a 24-point lead before the half.

Ray Brien lead Longhorns with 18 points in the game, most of which came in the first half. Doug Andrews scored nearly all of his 17 points in the first half as did Stan Didzbalis who added to the barrage with 10.

Kriss Watson had his turn to score in the second half when he netted the majority of his 14 points.

Greg Swiatek was high scorer for Commodore Hotel with 15 points followed by Dan Robitaille with 11.

Longhorns were not as effective moving the ball around the Penetanguishene defence as they were last week against Barrie Blues, but the need seldom arose as most of their scoring chances came on fast breaks.

"We worked our offence for a while," said

Longhorns coach Andy Wicksted, "but later we let up. We do that a lot, especially when we have a lead."

**Control**  
A zone defence by Longhorns allowed them to control play in the first half and, as well as slowing down the pace, it held Penetanguishene off the scoreboard.

"They used their defence to their advantage," said Penetanguishene's Ralph Battrick. "The zone was very tough and we came up cold and flat against them."

Longhorns switched their game plan in the second half and played a man-to-man defence but later in the game reverted to the zone.

"We really got rolling after the first ten minutes of the second half," said coach Wickstead. "We only scored six points in the first six minutes but then we poured it on."

The 32 points Longhorns added in the final 10 minutes of play were gravy, however. Penetanguishene could only reply with 26 points, not enough to overcome Longhorns lead.

"When a team gets 53 points on you in the first half they own the game," Battrick said, "the outcome by that time was pretty well decided." The referees were

apparently of the same opinion and there were few stoppages in play during the second half, although there were several long delays on technical calls.

Longhorns' coach

Wicksted was pleased with the effort of Dave Dubois who was effective on the fast breaking plays that enabled them to run up the score.

"He's the fastest moving big man in the

league," said teammate Doug Andrews.

Longhorns are now tied for second place in the Simcoe County Men's Basketball League along with Orillia Peter Reino, the only team to defeat

them this year.

Alliston is currently in first place after defeating G and G Disposers, last year's league champions, and are the only undefeated team to date.

## Midland strong in volleyball

Midland's Women's volleyball team won both matches of their home opener in a Simcoe County Women's Volleyball League tournament Wednesday night, downing Barrie and Bond Head in five games.

Midland's Scott Printing started the three team tournament with a convincing two game sweep of Barrie 15-6, 15-5. Barrie could not counter the stronger serving and setting of the Midland squad and were defeated in short order.

Barrie was the stronger team of Midland's two matches and they went on to beat Bond Head 15-5, 10-15, 15-7.

The final match of the evening saw Midland jump on Bond Head for an easy 15-4 win in the first game and then fall asleep on their feet for the second after building a 10-1 lead.

Bond Head came back to win the game 15-13 and Midland was forced to

stay sharp for the third game which they won 15-8.

In spite of the slip in their second game against Bond Head, Midland played a technically sound game and were only caught off-guard by Bond Head's desperation tip over shots. Midland coach Bruce Finlayson was complimentary of his team's steady play and the work of his second string players.

**Good depth**

"This year's second string are about equal to last year's first string at the start of the year," he said. "We're up a whole category from last year."

Midland is one of the two strongest teams in the league according to Finlayson, only Collingwood has a better record so far this season. Collingwood beat Midland in their last meeting.

"We're working on our positional play," Finlayson said, "it was weak last year."

"We've got to have the game experience to improve that and we are using the whole bench to give them that experience."

Finlayson has resisted the temptation to play his six best players and feels this will pay dividends towards the end of the

season in case some of the players are lost to the team.

"Other teams are playing their best six and trying to win early," he said, "we're using the whole bench now so everyone will be able to step in and play comfortably."



Spike

Sue Preston had no trouble getting off the ground to block a shot by a Bond Head player in a Simcoe County Women's volleyball league game Wednesday, in Midland. Bond Head was not nearly as mobile and lost both matches in the three team round-robin with Barrie and Midland.

Staff photo

# Younger Y Keegos dominate Bracebridge swim meet

Midland's Y Keegos made an impressive showing at Sunday's Huronia developmental swim meet in Bracebridge, as they dominated the younger boys' and girls' classes completely and placed many swimmers among

the top finishers in all events.

In the boys 11 to 12 year-old class, Kerry Heins was the top swimmer by far, as he took a first place in all six of his events and swam a leg for the Keegos winning relay team in the boys 13 to 14

year-old class.

Heins was the fastest swimmer in the 100-metre free-style, breast stroke and backstroke events as well as the 100-metre butterfly. He also won the 200-metre individual medley and freestyle races.

Shelley Brown nearly accomplished the same feat in the girls' 11 to 12 year-old class as she took first in all but one event. Brown's wins came in both the 100-metre freestyle, and butterfly events, the 200-metre individual medley and the

200-metre freestyle. She was also part of the relay team from Midland that took first place in the girls 11 to 12 year-old race. In the 100-metre backstroke she finished in second place.

Tracy Hutton continued her strong swimming in

the girls' 13 to 14 year-old class and claimed five first and one second place finishes.

Hutton was first in the 100-metre backstroke, freestyle and butterfly events as well as the 200-metre freestyle and individual medley. She also claimed second place in the 100-metre breaststroke.

**Relay strong**  
The Keegos' entry in the Senior boys' relay consisted of Perry Grasic, Kevin Cowden, Chris Vogt and Holister King and captured a second place finish in that event.

Jason Hamner finished first among 13 to 14 year-old boys in the 100-metre freestyle and butterfly and 200 metre individual medley.

In the 100-metre backstroke and breast stroke, Hamner finished second as he did in the 200-metre freestyle and

was part of the first place boys' 13 to 14 year-old relay team.

Chris Vogt swam a strong meet but was unable to finish first in any of his races. In the 100-metre freestyle and breast stroke he place second and repeated the effort in 200-metre individual medley and freestyle. A third place in the 100-metre butterfly and a fourth in the 100-metre backstroke rounded out his afternoon performance.

**Girls relay**  
The Keegos on the girls' 11 to 12 year-old relay team that took first place were Elaine Baumgardner, Shelley Brown, Allison Moore and Cathy Hutton.

Kevin Loughran swam to a first place in two races, the 100 metre backstroke and the 200-metre freestyle, both in the boys' 13 to 14 year-old class.

Also competing in the girls 10 and under class were Molly Wadge, who claimed a second place, two thirds and two fourths, and Lynn Heins who had a third and a fourth place finish.

Wadge, Heins, Tania Corbett and Debbie Lee finished third in the girls' relay.

The boys 13 to 14 year-old relay team which finished first was comprised of Greg Daniels, Kerry Heins, Jason Hamner and Kevin Loughran.

The contingent from the Keegos included Heather King in the girls' 13 to 14 year-old class, who took a fifth and sixth place in her two best events.

Five teams competed in the meet, including the host Orillia Channel Cats, Barrie Y Neptunes, Base Borden Barracudas, Midland Y Keegos and the Muskoka Aquatic Club.

# Crusaders denied shot at finals

St. Theresa's High School Senior boys' volleyball team was ousted from the Ontario championship for the second time in one season, Wednesday, when they learned there would be no place for them as the host club in the 12 team final tournament.

This year's Ontario Federation of Secondary Schools' Association Senior A championships

are being held in Midland with St. Theresa's as the organizers, and are set for Saturday, November 12 at Midland Secondary School.

After losing in the finals of the Georgian Bay championship to Stayner, the Senior Crusaders were given a second chance to compete for the Ontario crown by virtue of the fact that until Wednesday, there was an

odd number of teams entered in the tournament.

At 5:00 p.m., Wednesday evening, the news came that an entry from a 12th qualifying team had been received, eliminating St. Theresa's.

"It's like being beaten out for the finals twice in one season," said a bitterly disappointed Frank Borsa of the Crusaders. St. Theresa's coaches

Rick Presse and Bruce Finlayson were also dismayed by the news which arrived while team members were already gathering for a practice in anticipation of the playoff berth.

"We just found out at the last minute," Presse said, "the last entry came in just under the deadline (November 7)."

The Crusaders were convinced their entry would be allowed since no

other team had come forward by Monday, however, the entry was received post marked the day before and has been accepted by the OFSSA.

Round-robin play begins in the MSS triple gymnasium at 9:30 a.m. and continues throughout the day until the finals begin at approximately 3:00 p.m. There is a one dollar admission for adults, students are admitted for 50 cents.

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