

Huntsville trounces Kings 6-0

Junior Kings shut out for first time

There was still one thing that had not happened to Penetanguishene Chemical Valley Junior Kings this season; they had never been shut out by any team in the league.

But in hitting the lowest point of their current slump in the Ontario Hockey Association Junior C loop they have now accomplished even that.

Kings suffered their second loss in a row to Huntsville Huskies Monday, as they allowed six goals and were unable to reply on any of them. It was the third loss in the last three games for Kings who also suffered a 7-6 defeat at the hands of Bracebridge Bears Sunday, in Bracebridge.

The losses do not affect Kings standing in the league—they locked up a first place finish several weeks ago. However, it does seriously damage their confidence heading into the playoffs against teams who have improved their game tenfold

since the season began in October.

For Huntsville, it was a much needed win as they lost to Parry Sound the night before and are still locked in a battle for third or fourth place and the playoff berths that accompany them.

Huntsville scored once in the first period, twice in the second and three times in the third, completely frustrating Kings who came close to scoring on numerous occasions, but ran into hot goaltending by Huskies' Doug Thompson and a couple of fat goal posts.

For Kings coach Paul Henry, the loss was even more baffling than the last few where his team had taken the lead only to give it away in the late stages of the game.

"I haven't a clue," said Henry when asked why his team was continuing to slump. "They were totally disoriented out there, they had no drive, no desire and no heart."

Much of Kings' play comes from the play of centre Marc Duquette who according to Henry is

"the heart of the team." Duquette was not able to play the Monday night game and his absence was noticeable. Kings were unable to threaten Huskies, especially in the centre ice area where they gave up the puck as many times they were able to move it into the Huntsville end.

Henry was reluctant to blame his team's loss on the fact that for Kings the game meant little while for Huskies it meant everything.

"I consider these last few games every bit as important as the others, but they (Kings) weren't hungry for the puck. Huntsville really wanted it."

Huskies appetite was finally satisfied when Steve Pearce scored on Kings Joe Rankin with 31 seconds left.

In the second period Larry Cowan launched into his check with his arms high and ready and was called for elbowing.

Tim Kelly took advantage of the situation with a powerplay goal at 5:42 to make it 2-0.

Cowan again went off this time for five minutes

to allow the Huskies powerplay a chance to try once more and Mike Groh finally came up with a goal at 18:13.

To add insult to the injury Huskies scored a short-handed goal midway through the third period as Kelly again found the way to beat Rankin to put them up 4-0.

Ron Hazelton scored on a defensive miscue at 12:46 of the third and at 19:16 he broke in for his second goal of the night while Kings Mike Orser was off with two minute minor penalties for elbowing and slashing.

Bracebridge Bears handed Kings their second defeat in a row Friday, in Bracebridge with a 7-6 win that did little to affect league standings.

Bears are firmly entrenched in second place and the only thing the game meant to either team was a chance to gain some confidence for the playoffs.

Four goals by Bears in the second period gave them a 5-3 lead which they increased to 7-3 early in the third before Kings could come back to close

the gap. Kings scored three goals within three minutes, but could not get the tying goal with just under five minutes left in the game.

Marc Duquette's goal 11:29 of the first period from Ross Prentice and Kelly Larmand tied the score at 1-1 after Bears opened the scoring a minute earlier.

John St. Amant scored from Marc Duquette in the second period after Bears had opened up a two goal lead and Paul Robillard scored minutes later from Vince Decola,

but Bears answered with a goal each time to maintain their lead.

In the third period Bears went ahead by four goals as they scored twice in 35 seconds to open the

period. Kings began a rally that saw goals by Mike Orser, Prentice, and Decola but it fell short by one and Kings suffered their seventh loss of the season.

Kings will try to snap out of their losing a streak against the same Bracebridge Bears tonight at the Penetanguishene Arena. Game time is 8:30 p.m.



Tried in vain

Penetanguishene Junior Kings tried in vain to beat Huntsville goaltender Doug Thompson Monday, and were shut out for the first time this season. Huntsville scored a 6-0 win to embarrass Kings before a sparse crowd at the Penetanguishene Arena. Staff photo

No room for luck in sports

Angela Schmidt is coming home from Finland after three weeks in Europe with the Canadian National cross-country ski team.

The early departure for Schmidt comes hot on the heels of three defeats by Celine Giguere of Quebec who spent most of her time chasing Schmidt for first place, and coming quite close much of the time.

The news did not surprise Skiing fans here in Midland, they knew that Giguere was good and that her experience might give her an edge in stiffer competition in Europe. And according to Schmidt's mother the turn of events is probably all for the better.

"I think it's good that things have turned out like this, Angela hasn't been skiing as long as Celine and if she lost a race on the senior team she might feel it was her fault if they lost."

Schmidt has risen to international competition in only four years of skiing and can certainly afford the

delay in her competitive career.

Still, it will be a disappointment for the 17-year-old competitor, who won a place on the team originally with 9 three race sweep of the team trials at Horseshoe Valley Ski resort three weeks ago.

The problem of team selection for international competition has always been a problem in any sport, with each country trying to ensure it has the best possible representatives at any game they've decided involves their national character.

Ever since the Russians made international competition a vehicle for political debate, the nations of the world have felt it increasingly more important that they go with their best. And competitions that used to decide who would get the honour of representing the country now mean only that a person wins the right to be considered, and the chance to be rejected.

There is no more room for the luck of the draw in sport, sure bets only please.

Hindson Marine leads hockey

In Penetanguishene recreational hockey action this weekend, Hindson Marine continued on their winning streak by defeating Kens Esso 5-3.

Hindson Marine opened the scoring at 11:19 of the opening period with a goal from Roger Dusome with help from Paul Henry.

Kens Esso tied the game at 11:02 of the second period with a goal from Paul Loughran and Martin McNamara. Hindson scored again at 10:44 with a goal from Paul Henry and Bob Dion.

Kens Esso tied it up once more at the end of the period thanks to efforts by Martin McNamara and Greg Quesnelle.

Hindson Marine opened the scoring in the last period with a goal from Larry Marchand and Roger Dusome, but Kens Esso wasn't far behind, and they tied the game for the third time when Paul Loughran scored unassisted.

Hindson took the game away near the end of the period with two quick goals from Peter Dubeau and Ray Cote. Assists on those goals went to Larry Leroux and Mike Desroux.

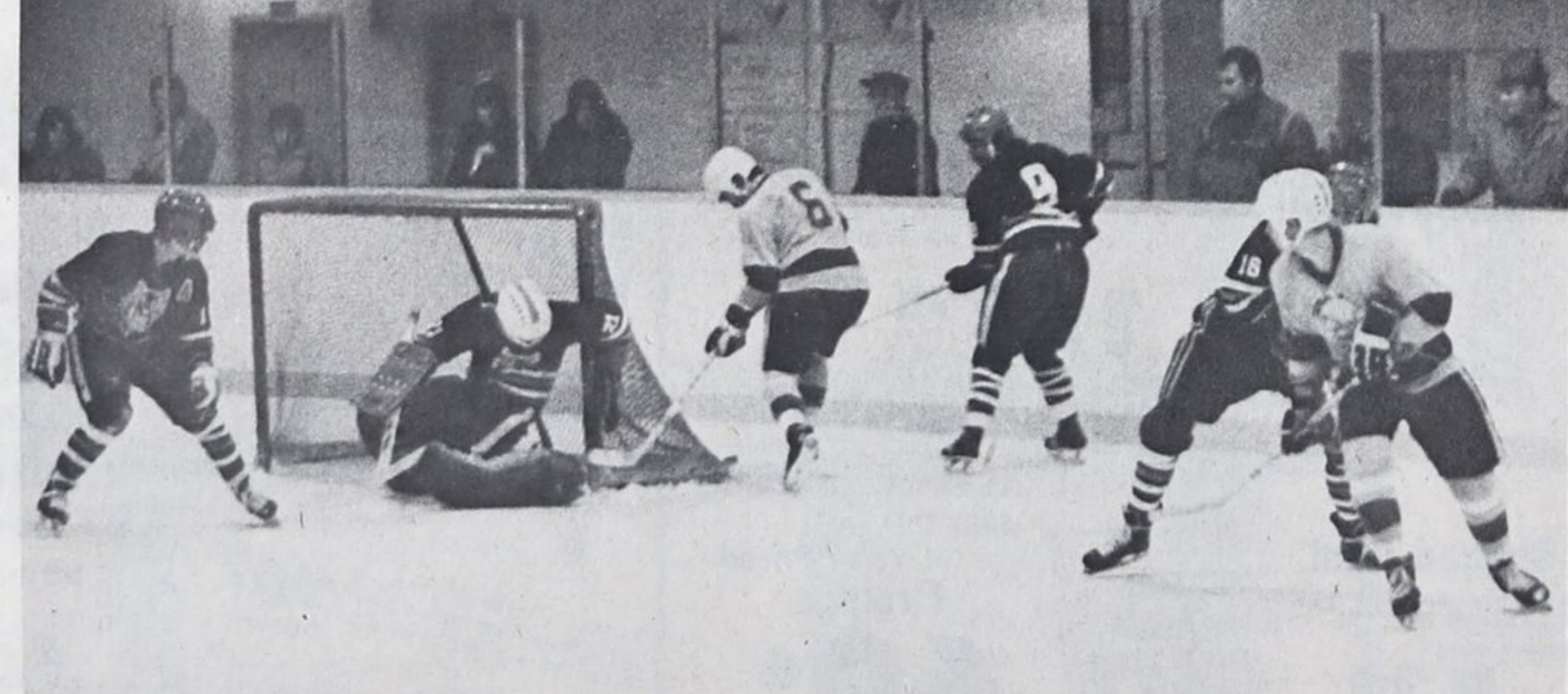
of the last period, and Gord Dusome made the score 7-1 at 11:22.

B and J managed to score one more goal at 8:48 of that period, thanks

to the efforts of Jerry Gignac.

Presently, Hindson Marine is in first place in the recreational hockey league. They have nine

points. Chalet Sports is second with five points, and Kens Esso vs third with four points. B and J Gas Bar is pulling up the rear with two points.



Stopped again

Blue Jays to hold clinic in area

We may still be caught in the icy clutches of winter, but already the thoughts of some sports

organizers are turning towards the venerable sport of summer, baseball.

The Ontario Baseball Association has announced that a coach's clinic will be held February 19 in Orillia. The association invites all coaches and interested persons over the age of 16 in Midland and area to attend the clinic.

It will be free of charge. Assisting at the clinic will be two members of the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team. The players will provide demonstrations of coaching techniques, and will instruct coaches in the fundamental baseball skills, with the hope that they will be passed on to players.

Films will also be shown at the clinic, in part, designed to instruct coaches in the aspects of proper baseball skills. The clinic is being

sponsored jointly by the Ontario Baseball Association and the Toronto Blue Jays Baseball Club.

It will be held in the Normandy Room of the Orillia Legion, and will begin at 1 p.m.

Local rink wins

A rink skipped by Shirley Turner of Cookstown emerged as the victors in Saturday's Penetanguishene-Midland Coach Lines Ladies Bonspiel, held at the Penetanguishene Curling Club.

A two-game point total of 38 and three-quarter points was enough to place the Penetanguishene rink of Diane Ruston. The Ruston rink notched 38 points. The highest single

game point total of the day went to a Midland rink skipped by Marilyn Richmond. Although not enough to place in the top three point standings, the Richmond rink counted for 29 points in its first match.

Third place in the final standings went to a rink skipped by Millie Whelan of Barrie. Rinks from Penetanguishene, Midland, Bradford, Cookstown, Mactier, and Barrie competed in the day long bonspiel.

Civitans win third in a row in Little NHL

The Civitans won their third in a row by downing Sniders 6-2 in Little NHL action last week.

Scoring for the winners were Peter Quesnelle, Vince Garret Rob Huson, Marshal Marion, Kelly Marzen, and Kay Monaque. Tim Twitche and Greg St. Amant scored goals for the losers.

Mitchell and Pat Dorian also scored for the winners, while Brian Dorian and Russ Brock replied for the losers. Also in Bantam play, Wintario continued to be the team to beat as they got their third straight win downing Moreaus 4-0. David Gianetto picked up a hatrick and Albert Gignac a single.

Friday night play in Jr. B action saw IGA double the score over Asselins 4-2. Trevor Scott and Andy Bayfield scored for Asselins while Steve

Mailloux and Rob Weber hit singles for IGA. Chris Duckworths pair of goals gave the game to IGA.

Tyke action was also close as Cawaja edged Richeleau 3-2. Goals by Shaun Desroches, Chris Tannahill and Keith Lorrie came for the winners. Ken Brooks and Rob Leclair kept things close for the losers.

Desjardins and Scott Brunelle scored for the Tigers while Mark St. Amant and Bob Brunelle replied for the losers.

Peewee action, which has been expanded to three house league teams plus the minor peewee all star team saw more lopsided victories.

Stedmans was the big winner over Maries by a 10-1 score. The winners had a four goal effort from Guy Genote, and hatrick from David Bayfield, and singles by

Fin, Fur and Feather

1978 marks the 50th Anniversary of the Federation of Anglers and Hunters in Ontario. The 50th Annual Convention will be held on February 9 to 12. The Constellation Hotel in Toronto will be hosting the convention. All members of the federation are invited to attend and it promises to be the gala event of the year.

The registration is \$50 which includes workshops, guest speakers, such as, Frank Miller, Minister of Natural Resources, and Pauline McGibbon, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. Three workshops include enforcement in fish and wildlife as well as the future of recreational fishing in Ontario and the future of recreational hunting in Ontario. All three will be of interest to any outdoorsman. If you have been thinking of joining the Federation of Anglers and Hunters drop a line to Box 28 Peterborough, Ontario K9J 6Y5 and ask for additional information on what the federation is doing.

Add your voice to the thousands of members that want a say in what is being done to our outdoors. If you put it off it will never get done.

The federation also has a family membership which gives membership to all the children under 18 years of age as well as the wife. Having had the wife to the Zone 5 Convention, I know they do enjoy themselves. The family membership also includes the outdoor magazine that the federation puts out entitled The Angler and Hunter in Ontario. All this for only \$18.

A few angling season pamphlets have been filtering themselves to some of our local sportshops. If you are planning a trip in the spring check with your local sportshop and see if he has managed to get the openings. In Georgian Bay walleye, pike, rainbows and brown trout are open all year as well as lake trout and splake. Bass will open in Georgian by on June 24. Muskie will open on June 17.

In division 4 which takes in Somcoe County, with the exception of Lake Simcoe, bass opens on June 24 with pike and walleye opening on May 13. Lake Simcoe opens its bass, pike and walleye seasons on the same days with the only change being lake trout which opens on January 1 and closes on March 15 only to reopen on May 13 until October 5th. Brown, rainbow and Speckled trout all open on the 29th of April. Muskie in Division 4 open on June 3 and run until December 15. This should give all you anglers a good idea of what week to ask the boss for sick leave.

From what I have been able to pick up lately the pike haven't been hitting too well, but I am sure once the weather settles down they will start on a feeding rampage. Much to the delight of the winter anglers. A few fish have been picked up but mostly it has been

spotty. Ken Gauthier of Penetanguishene tells me that a few good size pike have been taken out of Penetanguishene Harbour. Might be worth a try.

Schmidt home

Three defeats by Celine Giguere of Quebec have shortened Angela Schmidt's stay in Finland with the Canadian National Cross-country ski team competing there.

According to a report from Joutsa, Finland, Schmidt had placed second to Quebec's Monique Watterus in a junior women's five-kilometre event Saturday, but had been beaten by both Giguere and Watterus in races prior to Saturday's event.

Giguere has reportedly replaced Schmidt as the fourth member of the senior team and will stay with the team in Finland for the World Championships in Lahti, at the end of the month.

Schmidt registered a 16th place finish behind the two Quebec skiers who were 13th and 14th respectively, and Sunday, she phoned home to say she would be returning with the Canadian junior team members on February 13.

Schmidt originally won a place on the senior women's team after she won all three races at the team trials held recently at Horseshoe Valley Ski resort near Barrie. Giguere has been the toughest competition for

Schmidt, only in her second year of skiing at the national level and has had more experience in competition.

Orser places third

Penetanguishene's Brian Orser finished third in the Junior men's class at the Canadian Figure Skating Championships in Victoria British Columbia, Sunday winning the bronze medal.

Orser stood second after the compulsory figures competition earlier in the week, but, dropped to third overall after the freestyle program.

Orser will represent Canada at the world junior championships in Megeve, France along with Vancouver's Denis Coi who won the gold medal in the junior men's event.

The world championships are being held March 21 to 26.