

An easy time

Ron's Longhorns had an easy time of it against Orillia Peter Reino Wednesday, as they outran a weakened Orillia team to win 75-47 at Midland Secondary School. Dave Dubois was top scorer for

Longhorns with 14 points to lead his team to the first win of the quarter finals.

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Longhorns breeze to lead in cage playoff opener

Midland Ron's Longhorns took an easy one-game lead in their quarter final basketball playoff series with Orillia Peter Reino Wednesday night, as they outran an undermanned opponent into the ground for a 75-47 win at Midland Secondary School.

With two of their starting lineup missing and no bench strength, Orillia made a valiant effort in the first five

minutes of play, but quickly fell behind after Longhorns opened up a ten-point lead.

"The only way we had a chance tonight was if Longhorns were having a really off night shooting," said Orillia captain Ralph Cooke.

Unfortunately for Cooke and his teammates however, everyone on Longhorns was having a good night with six men figuring prominently in

the scoring. Dave Dubois lead all Midland shooters with 14 points and played a strong game on the boards retrieving the majority of errant shots by Orillia and making good on Longhorns rebounds as well.

Stan Didzbalis had ten points, while Chester Graham, Jim Bales and Kross Watson all contributed eight points on the night. Andy Wicksted had an interesting duel

with Orillia's Don Yorke, usually a 20-point scorer against Longhorns, Yorke failed to score in the game and had to content himself with three points from the foul line. Wicksted, who gave away almost six inches in height to Yorke, broke the Orillia defence for seven points.

Orillia made an attempt to narrow Longhorns lead in the

first quarter and came within three points briefly, but wound up trailing 35-26 at the half.

Another strong second half by Longhorns put them well into the lead outscoring Orillia by 19 points for the win.

Longhorns travel to Orillia tonight for the second game of the series and play game three, if necessary, in Orillia next week.

Kings come back with win

Penetanguishene Junior Kings made a healthy comeback as a coach could want Wednesday, beating Parry Sound Shamrocks 12-5 at the Parry Sound arena. But Kings coach Paul Henry isn't predicting a sweep of the remaining two games in the series.

"I wouldn't venture for one minute to say that, not in Junior C hockey, but I hope we do."

Kings announced their intentions for Wednesday's game in the 42 seconds of play as the club's leading scorer all season, John St. Amant, tallied to put Kings ahead 1-0. Ross Prentice and Marc Duquette laid the ground work for the goal that beat Shamrocks' goaltender George Edwards.

Kings pumped seven more goals past Edwards and finally drove him from the net in the second period. Steve Labrosse took over for the remainder of the game, but was also beaten by Kings fired up offence.

Henry praised all of his players for their work in the game, including Vince Decola who showed signs of a return to his former scoring prowess with two goals.

"Everybody played a good game, for a whole three periods. There was nobody along for a free ride this time."

Kings return to the arena tonight for the third game of the series, where they expect a capacity crowd to provide support sorely missed on the road.

Joe Rankin turned aside 29 shots for Kings and went the whole distance with John Duval sidelined with foot problems. Henry said Thursday, he did not know who would start for Friday's game.

"Either one," he said, "it doesn't make any difference. They're both competent goaltenders, but John has a problem

with his foot so I'll have to wait and see Friday."

Shamrocks tied the score briefly in the first period with a goal by Paul Dixon while Kings were a man short, but Vince Decola gave Kings the lead again with his goal less than a minute later from Paul Robillard and Mike Orser, making it 2-1.

St. Amant scored his second of three for the night at 16:24 from Marc Duquette and Gary Walter and Parry Sound came back with a powerplay goal one

minute later, to make it 3-2.

Andy Seeman and Paul Dixon exchanged goals within six seconds of each other to end the period with Kings leading 4-3. Andy Zurovski kept things jumping with a goal three minutes into the second period from John Beauchamp and Paul Robillard, but Shamrocks were able to come back once again with a goal by Jeff Barks.

Kings scored four straight goals to finally out the game out of reach and force Edwards from

the net in favour of Labrosse.

Prentice, Robillard, Zurovski and St. Amant scored once each to put Kings up by six going into the final period.

Assists on the goals went to Gary Walter, Ken Cowan, with St. Amant scoring his third goal of the night unassisted.

In the third period, Shamrocks scored twice more, including another powerplay goal, but Kings maintained their lead with goals by Vince Decola and Aime Gignac.

Powerplay goals set Bantams back

A pair of powerplay goals by Aurora in the first two periods were enough to give Midland Civitan Major Bantams a setback in their bid for the Ontario Minor Hockey Association championship Tuesday, as Midland took a 2-1 loss in the game played in Aurora.

The loss still leaves Midland with a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five series going into the fourth game to be played Sunday, at the Wasaga Beach arena beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Midland coach Bob Colbourne was mildly surprised with the play of Aurora, noting that a change in their style of play caused his team some trouble.

"They played us differently than the other two games, they put a checker on Pat Brodeur (Bantams leading forward) and kept shooting the puck into our end from centre ice making problems for us when we came out of our end."

"We don't have enough practice at carrying the puck out of our end, we have a system for it but,

with only one practice in four months, we can't devote all our time to that."

Aurora had their powerplay in good working order within the first two minutes of play and scored, with a shot that deflected off of a Midland player past goaltender Paul Teela.

Aurora scored again in the second period, while Midland was two men

short, to take a 2-0 lead.

Guy Forget scored the lone Midland goal from Gerry Borsa in the second period.

Midland Indusmin Minor Bantams scored three goals within two and a half minutes Sunday, to defeat Aurora 5-2 and sweep their best-of-five Ontario Minor Hockey Association playoff series 3-0 at the Wasaga Beach Arena.

With the teams tied 0-0 after the first period, Midland broke out for four goals in the second to take the lead and never look back. A goal by each team in the final period made it 5-2.

Steve Bressette assisted on four goals including John Walter's game winner in the second period. Walter scored twice in the game, with Bressette assisting

on the second goal as well.

Other goal scorers for Midland were John Johnson, Tim Trewin and Ken Sandy. Assistants went to Scott McKerracher, Craig Pender, John Johnson and Bressette.

Midland now advances to the quarter finals of the Ontario playoffs but, must wait to find out who their next opponent will be.

Pat Beauchamp went on a four goal rampage for Midland Midgets, Sunday leading his team to a 7-0 win in the first game of a best-of-five playoff with Elmvale in Georgian Bay Minor Hockey Association play at Wasaga Beach arena.

Brad Quinn assisted on four goals in the game for Midland's second four-point performance. Other goal scorers were Dwayne Storey, Kim Lavigne and Pierre Belanger.

Steve Friesen turned aside all shots on the Midland goal to earn the shutout.

No less than seven Midland players figured in the scoring with one assist or more. In addition to Quinn's four points, Belanger, Storey and Darryl Denis assisted on two goals each, John Ironside, Don Foxall and Kim Lavigne added one assist apiece.

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Aurora opened the scoring in the game, but Dean Marcellus kept Midland even with his goal from Ralph Seeman.

In the second period, Aurora scored twice, after Shawn Lesperance put Midland ahead 2-1 with a goal from Michale Magloughlin and Owen Quilty.

Magloughlin tied the score again in the third period from Jason Baguley but Aurora came back with the game

winner shortly after.

Midland downed Orillia in exhibition play Sunday, as Owen Quilty scored two, unassisted goals in the second period to put Midland ahead, after Orillia had scored in the first period.

Quilty's first goal came while he was on his knees in front of the Orillia net and the second rolled in on a weak shot fooling the goaltender.

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Kens Esso scored two very quick goals early in the third period, one at

15:27 and another only four seconds later. Jim Pollard scored the first, and Peter Gignac scored the second.

B and J scored once more also, thanks to the efforts of Tom Gignac. It was too little too late though for B and J, and Kens Esso wrapped the game up with a late goal by Rick Desjardins - with only 39 seconds left to play.

St. Theresa's high school midget basketball team chalked up another victory when they defeated the Elmvale midgets on Tuesday.

An excellent fast breaking attack by the Crusaders gave the local team the advantage they needed to beat Elmvale 49-46.

The game was extremely close, thanks to a very strong zone defence used by Elmvale.

The first quarter was tight, both defensively and offensively, with the score at the end of that quarter 12-10 for the

Crusaders.

Elmvale sneaked into the lead in the second quarter using their very capable ball-handler, Albert LaRose. LaRose managed to evade the Crusaders defence for most of the quarter, making the score at half-time 25-20 for Elmvale.

The Crusaders recognized Elmvale's LaRose as being a serious threat, and they covered him with two defenders in the second half. With LaRose contained, Elmvale's defence began to falter, but they managed to hold on to a

small lead till the end of the third quarter.

The score after three was 35-31 in favour of Elmvale.

The Crusaders made the final push in the fourth quarter of the game, and their efforts paid off. Leading the attack for St. Theresa's were Paul Duval and Pat Brodeur. Both these players had success with their shooting, inside and outside the key, and they emerged as the high-scoring players for the Crusaders.

Duval scored 18 points, and Brodeur netted 15

points.

Elmvale remained strong defensively till the end of the game, but they couldn't move the ball well enough to keep scoring, and the Crusaders slipped into the lead.

Honourable mention goes to Elmvale's two top scorers, Mike Handy with 15 points and Albert LaRose with 13 points.

The Crusaders managed to hold on to their lead, and the clock ran out leaving the final score 49-46 and giving the Crusaders another victory.

Recreational hockey

Hindson Marine holds first

Hindson Marine had no trouble holding on to first place in recreational hockey this weekend. They easily defeated Chalet Sports 10-3.

Hindson went into an early lead at 15:07 of the first period with a goal from Paul Henry, assisted by Glen Trotter and Roger Dusome. Gord Susome scored about two minutes later for Chalet, and tied the game at

13:48.

Hindson Marine scored three more times before the end of the first period. Goals came from Larry Marchand at 9:07, Mike Puddicombe at 4:55 and Paul Henry again at 1:40.

The second period saw only one goal scored. That made the score 5-1 for Hindson Marine and also gave Paul Henry his third goal of the game.

Hindson went into high gear in the final period. Glen Trotter opened the scoring at 19:33, and the first place team stamped to victory from that point on. Larry Marchand, and Bob Dion got single goals, and Larry Leroux chalked up two in the final period of play.

Chalet Sports managed to score two goals also. One came from Ken Poppel at 7:08 and the

other from Ken Desjardins with 34 seconds left to play.

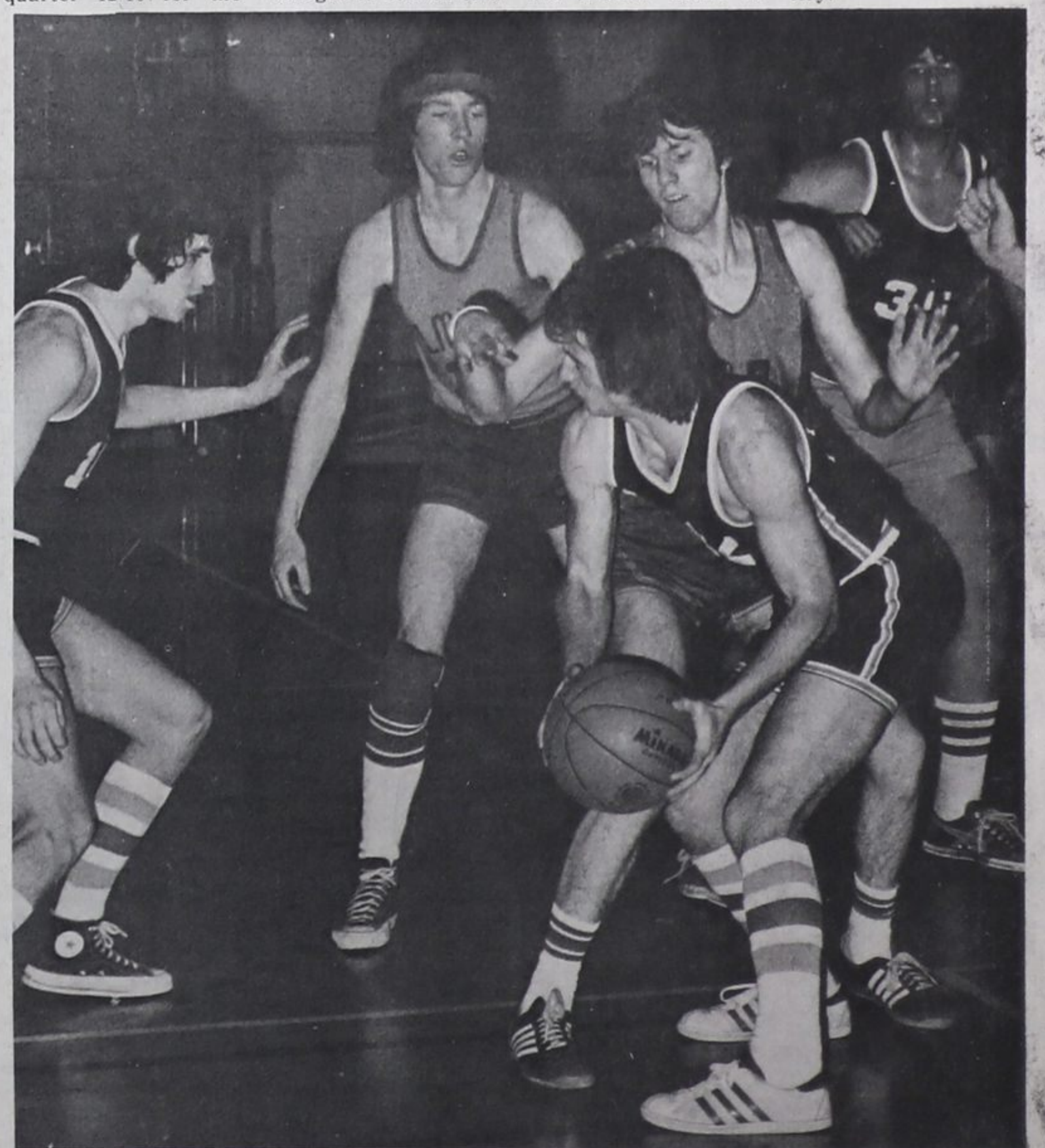
In other recreational hockey action, last place B and J Gas Bar lost another game to Kens Esso by 6-3.

The first period was deceptive, both teams playing evenly and neither managing to score. Kens Esso took off in the early part of the second period with three

goals. Bill Arbour scored an unassisted goal at 17:45, and another goal at 15:31. Paul Loughran made the score 3-0 with a goal at 14:40 of the period.

B and J also scored two goals in the second period to keep the game close. Marcel Vallee scored for B and J at 9:14, and Tom Gignac scored at 6:50.

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Strong fourth quarter

St. Theresa's Senior basketball team met Elmvale for a pickup game at St. Theresa's Tuesday, after Elmvale was forced to concede the game due to lack of players.

St. Theresa's Midgets came up with a strong fourth quarter effort to defeat Elmvale 49-46 and earn a berth in the playoffs.

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