



Author paddles

Shonnecti participant tells his tale

by Scott Barnum
On Saturday, July 12 the weather co-operated beautifully for Sainte-Marie among the Hurons' first "Shonnecti." The excitement started to build as eager enthusiasts gathered and began to register at the Centennial arena parking lot.

The beautifully coloured costumes and the firing of hand-made muskets gave a touch of realism to the many

people dressed and travelled in the days gone by. Once organized we started the long, exhausting portage down King Street to the main docks where we proceeded to launch our canoes. Tourists, friends and photographers hastily snapped pictures while we, the canoeists, bumped, clunked and slithered, jockeying for the best positions on the starting line.

As the "Shonnecti paddle" was lowered, ours were too, as we dug in furiously, attempting to gain a good lead. One canoe tipped several yards from the starting line but the Coast Guard and other boats were all on hand ready to lend assistance. A few more dumped as we travelled through the choppy waters around the coal docks.

Throughout the race some people charted to keep up steady paddle rhythms, while others sang Alouette and other French tunes. As we entered the calm lily pad covered Wye River it was much easier going but we were tiring. We knew by this time that others had won by the firing of muskets, and happy

cheering throngs who lined the banks, but we paddled on. Warily we hoisted our canoe from the water one by one and gratefully accepted the cold glasses of lemonade and sumach tea. Now there was time to rest and wander through Sainte-Marie park to admire the fine exhibits set up by the Ontario Corp of "Coureurs de Bois" (Runners of the Woods).

Some of the old talents being displayed were hide scraping, fur tanning and one young boy made a fire with a flint while others made

moccasins and cut fringes in their hand-made costumes. After this relaxing break we sat on the grass by the stage while those with stamina and ability as well as other characteristics went forward to receive their prizes.

After the prizes were awarded there was a French sing-a-long and some fun games of the "Coureurs de Bois" such as the tump line and the 25 metre portage races.

others who made arrangements for this festive occasion. I truly hope we'll have another "Shonnecti" next year. Editor's note: Scott Barnum entered the first Shonnecti race with Penetanguishene Citizen editor Rod Deacon. Mr. Deacon was paying off a debt to the Student Employment Centre crew who beat the Media baseball team last week. We hired Scott for the race and thankfully, we didn't tip — thus saving one slightly expensive 35 mm. camera from ruin, not to mention the editor's job.

Midland men victorious in Vasey

Midland walked off with the Simcoe Rural Fastball League invitational tournament title, in action this past Sunday in Vasey.

Midland had a perfect 4-0 record, sending

Wyevale, Wyebridge, Vasey Royals and Hillsdale down to defeat.

In the first round of elimination play, Wyebridge defeated Elmvalle by a score of 5-0. Hillsdale beat

Coldwater 3-1 and Midland edged Wyevale 1-0. Phelpston shut out Perkinsfield 3-0 and the Vasey Royals trimmed Vasey 4-3.

The five remaining teams paired off, with Vasey royals drawing the second round bye. Hillsdale trounced Phelpston 8-1 in the next round, and Midland ended Wyebridge's chances to continue with a 6-0 whitewash.

Into finals

Hillsdale drew the bye into the third round, setting up Midland and Vasey Royals in the semi-final action. Midland went on to the finals against Hillsdale as they downed the Royals by an 8-2 margin.

It must have been a magic number. Midland captured the Vasey tournament title beating Hillsdale by the same 8-2 score.

Toanche tourney

Another invitational tournament goes this Saturday at Toanche Park during that community's fourth annual carnival. Eight area teams are slated to compete.

In the opener Midland Therriens go against Penetang Sand and Gravel. Coldwater is up against Penetang's Commodore Hotel, and the Midland Athenian Raiders take on Caswells. The last first round game sees Lecar versus Burlington.

The action gets started at 9 a.m. in Toanche.



left in play.

Paul Duval scored this final goal, breaking the tie to give Pen-Mid Merchants a 7-6 win.

Scorers for Merchants were Carl Cowan with two, Randy Asselin, Paul Balabuck, Brian Garner, Dave Wright and Paul Duval all with one.

For Olympia Jerome Ladouceur scored two while David Robillard scored the other.

Graphics, Merchants keep winning

Penetang-Midland Ball Hockey action got underway again Sunday, this time with the Junior league taking the arena.

In the first of two games Graphics defeated Penetang Legion 11-5.

Goal scorers were Bryan Lethbridge with five, Allan Arbour with two, Trent Maracle with two and Gilbert Quesnelle and Wayne King each with one.

For Penetang Legion, Robert Quesnelle scored four while John Webb scored the other goal.

In the second game Pen-Mid Merchants beat Olympia Sports with a mere 28 seconds

They'll be back in December

The Ontario Corp of the Coureur de Bois will be back in December. They plan to hold their second general meeting at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons over one weekend. The administration has offered them the run of the site and they plan to stay in the longhouse.

The society members will have a wild game banquet on the Saturday

evening. The general meeting will be open to the public.

The Corp's interest is divided between shooting black powder guns and learning skills needed to survive without support in the woods.



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