



Bronco busting?

Ken Knapton may have thought he was back in the Commodore Hotel on the bucking bronco when he decided to take a ride on an opponent in the game

Sunday between Midland Athletics and Barrie Flyers. Athletics lost to the Flyers 7-3. Knapton dismounted having found the ride a little too tame.

Public awareness sought

A lot of us take for granted the ease which our lives have shown us, what with technology being as advanced as it is.

Yet, a person in a wheelchair cannot take full advantage of these things as we might.

A person confined to a wheelchair must face difficulties every day trying to do the simplest things we may never give a second thought to.

A program is coming to Midland which might make people in the area realize exactly what problems are working against these people. The program is en-

titled, "Put Yourself in the Picture Wheelchair Obstacle Course" and will be set up in the parking lot of Huronia Mall in Midland Saturday.

It has been created to promote awareness of the public of the growing problems handicapped persons in Midland and Penetanguishene face every day when they travel out into the community.

Saturday has been declared, Public Awareness Day by Moreland Lynn, mayor of Midland and the program is backed by

the Ontario March of Dimes, Barrie Region and the Midland and District Ability Association.

The Midland and District Ability Association has been in existence for one year now and find that their major problem is public awareness.

It is hoped that Saturday will remedy that problem.

Mr. Doug Lewis, M.P. for Simcoe North and Mr. Gord Smith, M.P.P. for Simcoe East will be on hand at 11 a.m. Saturday to try the course, with members of Midland council also attempting to maneuver

their way around the course.

Members of the public are also welcome to try the course so that they might attain a further understanding of what a person in a wheelchair goes through on a daily routine.

Course obstacles will include ramps simulating curbs, pylons representing narrow doorways and a steep ramp as a person might encounter upon entering a store in Midland.

Other problems faced by persons in wheelchairs will also be shown in the course.

MSS 3-0 in football on year

Midland Secondary School's senior football squad is quickly establishing a reputation as a team to reckon with.

They now sit at three wins and no losses in this season's schedule, after their defeat over Twin Lakes Secondary from Orillia Thursday at MSS 38-14.

It was a close game until the end of the first half when Midland led Twin Lakes by a slim two point margin 16-14.

Twin Lakes came no closer and Midland started to pull away at the beginning of the second half.

Steve Friesen was the driving force behind Midland with a total of 436 yards being compiled by the Marauders.

Todd Clarke was outstanding in this game, scoring two touchdowns and running with the ball for 147 yards.

Carl Cowan ran 156 yards with the ball and scored a touchdown for the home team.

Scott Shaw also got in on the act with six points of his own and a two point conversion.

With four passes completed by Kevin Cowden, Midland was treated to another touchdown and a two point conversion.

Cowden ran 74 yards while Brad Loper caught three passes for 27 yards.

Midland's backs moved the ball out of the line quite easily with the fine hole opening by Wilson Cowan, Mike Josland, Ian Moreau, Dave Wright and Ron Ubbens.

Twin Lakes only managed to raise 158 yards offensively, largely due to the strong defense of Matt Karwacki, Matt Gleben, John Gallagher, Roger Reid and Deane Woods

on the interior line.

Ron Mohan, Gary Beausoleil, John Wright and Fred Webster performed well on controlling outside running plays for Twin Lakes.

This left passing as the only play open to Twin Lakes which didn't work very well either as it met with some im-

pressive opposition by Bill Vaillancourt and Morris Reynolds as defensive halfbacks.

Midland's team will have its chance to extend their unbeaten streak to four wins and no losses tomorrow when they will meet Orillia District Central Vocational Institute in Orillia.

St. T's now ranked second in Ontario

St. Theresa's High School's senior boys' volleyball team was ranked sixth upon entering York University's High School Volleyball Classic.

20 teams entered the tournament, the best in Ontario with St. Theresa's claiming second place.

In the round robin competition, St. Theresa's came up against four teams, Neil McNeil High School, Victoria Park High School, Waterloo-Oxford, and Molvern High School.

Molvern was ranked second going into the tournament.

At the end of the round robin, St. Theresa's were tied with Molvern, but were granted first place based on a better point differential.

Quarter finals saw St. Theresa's come up against Chippewa High School from North Bay.

They defeated Chippewa 15-12 and 15-7. The first game was a comeback win for St. Theresa's as they were down 10-2 but came back to advance to the semi-finals.

Some stiff competition awaited St. Theresa's in the semi-finals when they met Sir Sanford Fleming High School North York.

St. Theresa's were leading 14-5 when Sir Sanford Fleming had a late rally.

The Crusaders managed to hold on for a 15-11 victory and then went on to outscore Sir Sanford Fleming 18-16.

In the finals, St. Theresa's battled the top team in Ontario, David and Mary Thompson High School from Scarborough.

Down 5-1 at the beginning of the first game, St. Theresa's came back to tie the game at 13-13.

However, their drive fell short and they were beaten 15-13.

Outstanding performances were provided by Gerry Crowley on defence, Jeff Dunn, Lee Crowe and Paul Duval giving the team a well balanced attack, and Paul Cox and John Quilty on spikes and sets.

Both Cox and Quilty were named to the tournament all-star team for their play.

Facemasks: do they help or hinder?

As I See It

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A rule by the Ontario Hockey Association recently made it mandatory for players in Jr. C level of play to wear face masks.

Before this, only the younger players were entitled to this safety measure on an obligatory status, but now players in Jr. C must comply with this rule.

Some view this as an infringement upon their rights saying that they should have the choice of wearing a helmet or not.

Others feel that it is about time that something was done about the rising number of injuries in hockey, seeing the face mask as a possible deterrent to some injuries.

However, there has been much discussion on whether or not this is the effect the face mask has on hockey.

With the added protection of the face mask, fights should get less common as players find out that they cannot hit the other player as easily.

Yet, it is easy enough to remove a helmet in a fight.

A different type of infraction is increasingly

evident now in hockey, one which is not uncommon in football, that of pulling the face mask down.

Such action is certainly unsportsmanlike and can lead to injuries involving the neck and face area.

It's already happened in the Midland-Penetanguishene area with one player receiving a game misconduct for this.

Sure, that's an isolated case, but this may soon grow into a regular penalty.

But, there must be something good to say about face masks in hockey.

They decrease injuries as they were designed to do.

An apparent example of this was at an exhibition game not too long ago between a local team and a visiting team in which the visiting team were not wearing face masks.

There were no less than three eye cuts in that game.

With the face protected, it will be much more difficult to hurt a player.

For this reason, the players might not think that they can actually hurt someone.

This might result in a rise in high sticking offenses as the players are bound to push the safety measure to the limits.

The importance of face masks has long been known by hockey players, ever since Jacques Plante devised his own form of face protection.

Of course, Plante was a goaltender but that doesn't mean that forwards and defencemen are totally safe from flying pucks and sticks.

Hockey violence is at an all time high with stricter penalties being enforced and better equipment being designed.

The face mask is just one piece of that better equipment.

For better or worse, face masks are in force for Jr. C. players in the area and like it or not, they are going to stay.

It is hoped that their presence will speed up the action and therefore, make the game that much more enjoyable for players and fans alike.

And that's what hockey is all about, enjoyment and action.