

Me and my shadow!

Billy Byruck is seen here trying to outrun his shadow but found he couldn't do it. So, instead he outran his opposition but to no avail. Even though his team, the Redskins of Penetanguishene

Recreational Flag Football were ahead until the final moments of play, Athenian Raiders managed to score a late touchdown to retain their championship from last season, winning the game 14-13.



Better watch out!

Penetanguishene Kings played heads up hockey Sunday night in Penetanguishene Arena as they defeated Midland Centennials 5-3. This is one moment however that they let their guard down and this King had better watch out as Al Pumputis bears down on him.

Centennials blast Huskies

Midland Centennials Jr. C hockey club blasted Huntsville Huskies 11-2 Friday night in Huntsville. Ken Mugford scored four goals and three assists in the game for Midland while teammate Paul Hahn received three goals and three assists.

Huntsville scored their two goals early in the first period.

In fact, only two minutes had elapsed in play before they were ahead by a score of 2-0.

Midland stopped them there though as they answered back with four goals of their own in that period.

Ken Mugford scored his first goal half way through the first period, the assist going to Frank Dance.

Seven minutes later, it was Andy Zurawski's turn to get on the scoreboard, Mugford and Travis Bonneville helping out on the play.

About a minute later, John Webb scored, Steve Dunn and Andy Seeman getting assists.

Only 10 seconds had elapsed before Midland scored once more, Mugford popping his second goal of the game in the net.

Zurawski and Bonneville were awarded the assists.

Midland repeated a four goal period in the second period, goals coming from Steve Dunn, Paul Hahn, Travis Bonneville and Ken Mugford.

Hahn also got two assists in the second period. Other assists were recorded by Paul Hayes, Andy Seeman, Frank Dance, Ken Mugford and Andy Zurawski.

In the third period. Hahn scored two more goals while Ken Mugford rounded off his scoring with another.

Zurawski got an assist as did Travis Bonneville, John Webb and Frank Dance. Hahn and Mugford both got assists in the third

period. Brad Bumstead faced 38 shots in net for Midland.

Athletics victorious!

by Don Lawrence

Midland Athletics Intermediate A hockey club has really taken their attempt to salvage their first season of play to heart.

Friday night, they got their first victory in 12 games as they downed Port Elgin Sunocos 7-4 to an appreciative home crowd.

The Athletics are now under the guidance of Wayne King as playing coach who recently replaced Bob Monteith in that position.

Monteith's value as a player has proven that much more effective with the move.

Midland was the only team to score in the first period with close hockey taking form as the two teams battled it out.

Newcomer Larry Trottier got the marker for Midland with Terry Spiker and Ross Prentice assisting.

Midland took a three goal lead early in the second period with goals by Ken Knapton at 1:22 and Bill Beauchamp at 7:04.

Knapton and Beauchamp also were handed assists on each other's goals along with Trottier on Knapton's goal and Ross Walten on Beauchamp's goal.

Port Elgin got on the scoreboard four minutes after Beauchamp's goal to make the score 3-1 for Midland.

Playing coach

Midland's Ken Knapton and playing coach Wayne King put Midland ahead by two more goals, one coming at 16:45 and the other at 17:04.

Beauchamp got the assist on the first marker with Terry Spiker and Ross Walten getting the credit for help on the second goal.

Midland scored again 37 seconds into the third period, Monteith scoring his second goal of the game.

Assists were handed to Ken Knapton and Hugh Robertson.

Port Elgin made a strong comeback at this point with three quick goals coming around the 16 minute mark, their

Minor hockey dance in Coldwater

All proceeds will go to Coldwater and district minor hockey from a dance that will be held Nov. 29 in Coldwater and district community centre.

Festivities will take place from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m., music provided by Northern Edition.

Admission will be \$3.50 per person.

last being scored while win. they were shorthanded.

Midland's lead was sufficient though to keep them out in front but they scored one more goal to make sure of the

That goal came with 31 seconds left to play, Ross Walten putting it in the net with help from Knapton and Beauchamp.



Don Lawrence sports editor

A lot of teams, professional or otherwise, believe that they can improve their play by simply changing coaches or managers.

Now, there is a certain amount of truth to that in that the way a team is handled can really affect their performance.

Take for example, Midland's entry in Ontario Hockey Association's Intermediate A level, the Midland Athletics.

They began the season off on the wrong foot and recorded 11 losses before they managed to win a game.

That win came after they had changed coaches, Bob Monteith stepping down as playing coach in favor of Wayne King, an other player on the team.

Since that move, the team has improved greatly and even came up with a near win against the leading team in the league, Georgetown Raiders.

That doesn't necessarily say that Bob Monteith was a bad coach.

After all, coaching a team that has just been formed is hard enough but playing while you're coaching the team is even harder.

Also, the guys may not just get the right feeling about working with one coach that they might with another person in charge.

Not degrading Bob Monteith, it just wasn't working out.

Often times, a team has to have a change of managing personnel in order to stimulate the right feeling between players and managers.

Besides, Bob Monteith is a better addition to the team in playing than as a playing coach.

On the bench

On the ice, he leads the men in a way that he couldn't on the bench.

The players follow him more and Wayne King's record as playing coach has proven that the Athletics could become a team of contention in the very near future.

What exactly causes this to happen has not been fully figured out by any team to this day but it works.

If you're having a losing season, you change the coach or manager.

It's a formula that has no reason or rhyme. The question arises then as to what is a good time to change these positions.

Midland Athletics decided that a good time was after 11 losses.

Some professional teams change more often not allowing two losses in a row before they change.

For this reason, they may have three coaches they alternate between.

Each team must decide for itself and among itself as the Athletics did.

They must know what they are looking for in a coach or manager. A good working relationship between

management and team members is important in any sport, and certainly in the business world.

There can't be any feelings of separation between the two groups and the players must want to win for the coach or manager.

It's a rare combination but it does happen when a team and a coach hit it off just right.

It's especially rewarding when it does as friendships become the most important goal the team can strive for.