

# Cross-town rivalry

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The number of players actually playing for Midland from those areas is negligible but it must be remembered the numbers are there.

Penetanguishene on the other hand, is cut off by Georgian Bay to the north and west from other communities.

They can, however draw from Elmvale but they must compete with Barrie, Angus, Stayner and Midland for their signing.

## Junior B

Because of the tremendous drawing area of Midland, Penetanguishene's executive felt that Midland should be raised to Junior B status.

Tom Garner, coach of Midland Centennials commented on this statement, thus, "No way, surrounding areas don't count. It's the population of the town where the team is."

The OHA committee chose not to say much concerning that proposal.

To show how this wide area of choice has helped Midland put together a Jr. C hockey club, one only has to look at their roster as of Oct. 31.

Out of 20 regular signed players at that time, 11 were from the outlying areas.

Those 11 were from Victoria Harbour, Elmvale, Collingwood, Hillsdale, Port McNicoll, Waubashene and Stayner.

Five other players were played but not registered, one of those players coming from Christian Island.

## Verdict

Despite Penetanguishene Kings' statement of defence, Midland Centennials protest was upheld by the OHA committee but Penetanguishene did manage to hold onto two of the three players as automatic waivers.

That put the burden of the choice on Don Tannahill, coach of the Kings and Peter Dubeau, manager of the club - what player would go to Midland.

Penetanguishene were allowed four waivers, and since

Goodine's move to Penetanguishene was not recognized by the OHA committee, the team was considered to have five in their lineup.

That meant that one player had to be released to play in Midland.

The decision was made to let Todd Clarke go to Midland because he would not be returning next year as he will be hopefully attending a college in United States on a hockey scholarship.

The other four players will be returning to Penetanguishene next year to play hockey.

## Uncertain

The situation has left Todd Clarke uncertain whether he will get that scholarship though.

At the beginning of the season, he was assured that there would be no problem in his playing for Penetanguishene but the whole situation has changed into a nightmare for him.

Midland Centennials will decide if he can play for them until Wednesday night's practice in Midland Centennial Arena.

At that time, a decision will be reached upon the feelings of management and players.

If the Centennials decide not to play Clarke, he would have to sit out for the remainder of this season, and he would lose all chances of getting the scholarship this year.

He would then attend a Canadian university or college and hope to attract the U.S. scouts' attention there.

If the Midland Centennials decide to play him, Clarke could help their team on right wing.

But for now, Clarke has to wait and see what the Centennials will decide.

When asked for his feelings on the situation, Clarke responded by saying, "I was happy in Penetanguishene, I was happy with the way I was being treated in their system. They've left me in the position where I play in Midland or not at all. I really don't have a choice."

Clarke added that, "If I had a choice, I'd be in Penetanguishene."

Clarke realizes that

he can expect some resentment from team members in Midland for going to Penetanguishene first but hopes that they understand his position.

Clarke chose Penetanguishene because he felt that Don Tannahill, coach for the Kings, could help him the most.

Clarke appreciated his capabilities, adding that the higher standings of the club would expose him to scouts more and thereby increase his chances at getting the scholarship.

## Likes Midland

That doesn't mean that Clarke wrote off Midland entirely though.

He sees Midland as a good, competitive club that has definitely improved and he feels that they certainly have the potential to play

championship hockey. One thing that must be avoided in this situation though is that resentment that he sees.

The players should realize that they would have likely done the same thing he did if they were in the same situation.

A wrong decision based on resentment could hurt Clarke's hockey ambitions and could deprive Midland Centennials of a good hockey player.

## Kings doubtful

The decision by the OHA leaves Peter Dubeau, manager of the Kings in an unsure state of mind as well.

He is not very sure if their club will be able to operate under the new restrictions on recruiting areas.

His team is now limited to getting players from Elmvale and Penetanguishene.

As Dubeau, says, "We're going to get by this year, but next year?"

Tom Garner, coach of Midland Centennials feels this way about that statement. "I don't think so. He can get players out of the other areas. They just have to come in as waivers."

Penetanguishene Kings will lose four players next season to over age, not counting those that will be leaving to attend school elsewhere.

It is this fact that has Dubeau worried.

## Politics

Amidst all the politics and team rivalry, one person is caught in the middle, Todd Clarke.

The final outcome of the whole situation will have a real effect on his hockey career.

It all depends upon Midland Centennials and what they decide.

# Cents scalp Indians

Midland Centennials hockey club trounced Gravenhurst Indians 7-0 Friday night at Midland Centennial Arena.

Midland came out flying and put four goals into the Gravenhurst net in the first period.

Indians didn't believe what they were seeing and neither did the fans but they loved it all the same.

Midland's Paul Hahn accounted for his team's first two goals, getting assists from Noel McEachern and Ken Mugford on both goals.

The third goal for Midland came with roughly three minutes left in the first period, Steve Dunn tallying for Centennials.

John Webb and Ed Cooper received assists on that goal.

Midland's fourth goal came a half-minute later: Dale Denis scoring that marker unassisted.

Midland played just as aggressively in the second period as in the first, but Gravenhurst had adjusted to Midland's play by then.

Indians managed to hold Midland to two goals in the second period but still couldn't get on the scoreboard themselves.

Midland scorers in the

second period were Paul Hahn from Ken Mugford and Noel McEachern and Andy Seeman from John Webb and Steve Dunn.

Andy Zurawski added Midland's final goal seven minutes into the

final period, the assist going to Dale Denis.

Steve Friesen recorded the shutout for Midland, facing 28 shots.

Midland fired 41 shots at Gravenhurst's net.

# Civitans nip Collingwood

Midland Civitan Major Peepees tripped up visiting Collingwood 3-1 in rep hockey action in Midland, Sunday evening.

Neither side got on the scoreboard in the first period however all that changed in the middle stanza when Midland went to work.

Robbie Fortin opened the scoring for Civitans at the 9:34 mark on a goal he notched. Assist went to Chris Duckworth.

Eddie Richardson made it 2-0 for Midland on an unassisted goal and the local lads were ahead to stay with Eddie rounding out the scoring in

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the third period with his second goal of the night, also an unassisted affair.

Midland played well in all three periods with Collingwood's only marker of the game coming about half-way through the last period.

It is interesting to note Collingwood's goal game while a pair of Midland players were serving back to back minor penalties.

Midland netminder Brian Dusomes was robbed of his shutout although the young netminder starred anyway turning back some hot Collingwood shots throughout the three periods of shinny.

Eddie Richardson proved to be the top player on the ice having notched a pair of goals in the match for Midland.



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Thursday, Dec. 4th - 7:30 p.m.

All interested 15 to 18 years olds who wish to play hockey in the Midland Minor Hockey System, whether registered or not, please attend.

If no interest is shown, The Midget House League will have to be altered or cancelled for the season.

NOTICE  
the Progressive  
Conservative Association of  
Simcoe South

will be holding a

MEETING

of its members at the  
Trinity Parish Hall in Barrie

December 9th, 1980 at 8:00 p.m.

This meeting will be to elect delegates and alternates to be sent to the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada General Meeting. The General Meeting will be held in Ottawa on February 27th, 28th and March 1st, 1981.

The election will be for three delegates, one of whom must be a woman, and four alternates, one of whom must be a woman.

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