

As I See It

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Athletes prove worth in 1980

It's been a good year for Midland-Penetanguishene athletes, some reaching national exposure and others gaining notice within this area.

Brian Orser of Penetanguishene made his name known as the youngest senior level skater ever to compete in international figure skating.

He captured a first in senior men's figure skating in Gervais, France and a second in Oberstorf, Germany in September.

In July of 1980, his sister Kay Orser signed a two year contract to skate in the Ice Follies, marking her claim to fame on the ice.

Midland's Angela Schmidt became the top Canadian female cross-country skier in the winter Olympics at Lake Placid after winning the Shell Cup for cross-country skiing in Quebec in February.

The curling rink of Russ Howard, Larry Merkley, Bob Ruston and Kent Carstairs won the Labatt Tankard Southern Ontario championship in February.

For that win, they advanced to the Canadian championships in Calgary in March where they represented Ontario.

In Calgary they showed that our athletes can compete on a national basis.

Midland's juvenile boys' volleyball team, an entry into the Ontario Volleyball Association finished third in Ontario Challenge Cup championships in Toronto Feb. 23 and 24.

Midland Bulls rugby club competed in Europe against rugby teams there and found some good competition and returned late March with a new assessment of their play.

Midland Oldtimers hockey club reached the semi-finals in Can-Am Oldtimers Tournament in Lake Placid, N.Y. State over the Easter weekend.

Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School students Carrie Fedorwich and Brent Farquhar made it to All-Ontario Track and Field Finals in Toronto in May as did Ernie Desroches of Midland Secondary School.

Three local girls, Kelly Swales, Vicki Baziliauskas and Mary Pat Quilty, students at St. Theresa's High School in Midland competed in Ontario's Summer Games as part of ladies' volleyball team and received a gold medal in that competition.

Mike Josland of Midland Secondary School also won a gold medal for his part in the victory for the Southern Ontario rugby team in the Ontario Summer Games.

The list goes on and on with local athletes making their mark in the sports world.

And in the midst of those sport notables, there are one or two that are bound to go on to attain higher degrees of excellence.

There will be many more as well with some budding young athletes in the area that will be known for their performances on the sports fields, courts and tracks.

The year 1980 was indeed good for local athletes and 1981 promises a younger, stronger group.

So, in closing I would like to wish all residents of Midland and Penetanguishene and their families a renewed strength, not only in athletic activities but also in relations between family and neighbours.



Spiker drops in point race

Terry Spiker of Midland Athletics Intermediate A hockey club has begun a steady drop in league scoring after riding high on the wave for so long.

In recent weeks, he has been holding onto the top spot and since then has dropped to second place and now to fourth as of Dec. 23.

Spiker is now tied for fourth place with Murray White of Collingwood Shipbuilders with 36 points.

Despite that fact, Spiker still has the most goals with 21 and he ranks high in the assist department with 15.

Just a week ago, Spiker was chosen Molson's Player of the Month for December.

The top 10 spots in the league look like this:

	G	A	Pts
Les Burgess, Collingwood	14	26	40
Vytas Urbas, Orillia	19	20	39
Myles McCauley, Collingwood	18	19	37
Terry Spiker, Midland	21	15	36
Murray White, Collingwood	18	18	36
Steve Lyon, Georgetown	7	28	35
Frank Sheffield, Barrie	16	18	34
Lance Kealy, Owen Sound	16	17	33
Ron Twiss, Georgetown	15	18	33
Mike Kinnear, Orillia	17	15	32
Steve McAleese, Collingwood	17	14	31
John Matthews, Collingwood	15	15	30
Rav Tonelli, Georgetown	12	18	30

Athletics getting nowhere fast

As of Dec. 23, Midland Athletics' position in league standings looked bleak as they sat in last spot with two points.

That comes from their one win in 20 games. In those 20 games, the Athletics have allowed 190 goals against while they have almost scored half that amount with 90 goals to their credit.

Complete league standings follow:

	W	L	T	Pts
Collingwood Shipbuilders	19	3	0	38
Georgetown Raiders	16	3	1	33
Barrie Flyers	12	10	0	24
Orillia Terriers	10	11	0	20
Owen Sound Greys	9	9	1	19
Port Elgin Sunoco's	3	15	0	6
Midland Athletics	1	19	0	2

Edgar rounds up four goals for Flyers

Ken Edgar proved to be the driving force behind the Athenian Flyers as his team downed Duggan's Polar Kings by a score of 5-3 Dec. 22 in Midland Arena in Midland Recreation Hockey action.

Edgar scored four goals for Athenian Flyers while Paul Adam scored the other marker for the Flyers.

Singles came from Mike Duval, Mike Huffman and Marcel Vallee for Duggan's Polar Kings.

Performance Sports edged out Roadrunners 5-4, Brent Gordon getting two for Performance Sports in that game.

Brad Newhouse, Randy Simpell and Keith Bath tallied up singles for Performance Sports, Bath's goals being the game winner.

The Roadrunners' John Butler scored a pair of goals while Ken Mitchell and Gord Paul each got single markers for Roadrunners.

Earl Scott scored the winning goal for Olympia Sports as they put out Hebner's Taxi 3-2.

Williard Cadeau and Karl Todd each scored a goal for Olympia Sports.

For Hebner's Taxi, Jim Patchell and Rick Griffis scored singles.

Brophy claims shut out for Canadians

In Penetanguishene recorded the shut-out for the Canadians with Minor Hockey, the Canadians of the eight-year-old section defeated the Nordiques 2-0 in Dec. 19 action in Penetanguishene Arena. Watson and Robitaille for the Canadians.

Aaron Brophy

One way or another!

Gilles Robillard of Penetanguishene Peewees found there was more than one way to stop the puck as his team played a club from Lindsay

Saturday in Silver Stick Competition in Midland Centennial Arena. As they say though, when the going gets tough...the tough get going.

Tanner takes Huronia Cup

Maple Valley Snowmobile Races held this past weekend, sponsored by Dock Lunch of Penetanguishene, were quite successful, especially for Henry Tanner of Grand Valley. Tanner rode his 340 Yamaha to a first-place finish for the Huronia Cup with 331.62 points.

The Huronia Cup is presented to the driver who accumulates the most points over the duration of the races.

Coming in second with 288.27 points was Robert Kendall of Port Perry on his 340 Yamaha.

Third was Andy Hess of Sauble Beach on his 440 Arctic Cat who amassed 243.83 points.

In the super-stock division, there were only two competitors, Ken Avann of Keswick getting the top spot on his skidoo with 64 points.

Rick Rayner came in second with 32 points.

In the stock division, Andy Hess came up with 243.83 points to take first place.

Ted Harshman of Sauble Beach scored 223.84 points on his 440 Yamaha for second place while Rob Grady of Owen Sound claimed third with 203.29 points on his 340 moto-ski.

Robert Kendall took first place in mod-stock with 174.83 points and Joseph Ryba of Oshawa came in second with 161.53 points on his

Bowlers knotted

After Dec. 21, Born Loser's and Lucky Striker's were tied for first place in Sunday Sinners' Bowling League action with 73 points each.

Pat's Rat's was further back with 59 points while Heavy Roller's and Alley Cat's were tied with 46 points for third spot.

Even further back in fourth spot was Seven Up's with 28 points.

Dean Chapman held onto men's top average with his score of 214 with Jim Bressette in second with 211.

For the ladies, Stella McIntaggart was in top spot with 185 while Sherrin Sykes was only one pin behind a 184 for second place.

Gerald Lesperance's 350 high single without handicap and 365 with handicap stood firm for men's standings while Shirley Simmonds held onto ladies' high single without handicap at 289.

Piotrowski with two goals, both assisted by Thor Hervieux and Kyle Hewitt and Hervieux from Hewitt and Piotrowski.

Leafs blanked 3-0

The Nordiques of Penetanguishene Minor Hockey's eight-year-old section shutout the Leafs 3-0 Dec. 20 in Penetanguishene

Arena. Michael Charlebois was in the net for the Nordiques.

Goal-getters for the Nordiques were Mark