

Coach of the Week (year?)

Coach of the week is Tom Garner, coach of Midland Centennials Jr. C hockey club.

Midland Centennials overcame a great obstacle this past week to advance on to semi-final hockey action in Georgian Bay Jr. C hockey.

They were fighting the establishment of Penetanguishene Kings as resident champions, not only in this area but also in the entire league.

Penetanguishene Kings have finished in the top spots for the past four years and have taken the league championship three times in their four years of formation.

However, as Garner says, that's all changed now and the Centennials are now on top, having dethroned the Kings from the leading spot in the area.

Garner says he knew they had to win the best of five series in four games and that they did.

In fact, when he found out that the Kings manager, Peter Dubeau had chosen the Midland Centennials as the club they would face in the playoffs first, Garner got on the team bus and announced they were going to beat the Kings in four games.

The team members' reaction was a mixture of excitement and wonder.

After the first game in the series, the players must have been wondering if they really could do it as they lost to Penetanguishene 8-3.

But Garner sat down and analyzed what he had seen on the ice and he came up with a plan that effectively shut down the Kings' scoring plays.

Midland Centennials outshot the Kings in every game of the series and the Kings just couldn't seem to match the Centennials' play.

In the final game of the series, Midland won 7-6 in overtime after losing a 6-3 lead late in the third period.

Garner says he was praying they would be able to come out of the third period with a 6-6 tie, so it seems a coach may need a little more than just a well-rounded knowledge of hockey.

Midland Centennials are definitely up for the semi-finals against Parry Sound Shamrocks and they owe it all to positive thinking and the man that gave them that power was Tom Garner.

Because of Tom Garner, hockey may just take on a new look in the Midland-Penetanguishene area for as Garner states, "The King is dead!"



Tom Garner

Minor Atoms scraped out 3-2 by Wasaga

by Dave Chalmers
The Wasaga Atoms were hosted by Midland Gervan & Jones Minor Atoms at the Centennial Arena on Saturday and narrowly escaped with a 3-2 win.

A few costly giveaways resulted in two goals against Midland and combined with some tough luck around the Wasaga net, caused Midland to give up the two points.

Wasaga jumped into a two goal lead and carried that lead midway through the second period when Scott Bales drew the attention of the Wasaga defenders before sliding

a perfect pass to Greg Lalonde who was left with a yawning net in front of him and quickly flipped the puck in for Midland's first marker.

Midland didn't score again until the third period when Todd Weatherall found the mark after Scott Bales once again did the footwork.

With the score tied at 2-2, the teams exchanged scoring chances until Midland failed to clear the puck away from the front of their own net and Wasaga put it away to take the lead and hang on for the narrow victory.

A.E. LePage wins close victory over Jory's IDA

A. E. LePage of Midland Minor Hockey's Atom house league won a close decision over Jory's IDA 3-2 Friday night in Midland Centennial Arena.

Scoring for A. E. LePage were Shane Nichols, Sam Buttineau and Tim Sandy.

Robbie Rawn and Shawn Price assisted on Sandy's goal.

Jory's IDA scorers were Scott Dewitt and Joel Heins.

In the second game Friday, Georgian Bay Real Estate came from behind to win their game 3-2 over McQuirter's Real Estate.

John Brophey, Dave Young and Michael Waltenbury scored for Georgian Bay, Sean Best assisting on Waltenbury's goal.

Scott Dion and Craig Pattenden scored for McQuirter's with John

O'Rourke and John Midland IGA had a somewhat easier time of it as they downed O. K. Dutton assisting on those goals.

Johnson Travel 7-3 with Chris Quesnelle scoring four goals for Midland

IGA. Trevor Irvine received two assists.



Why are we here?

It's complicated now, but Patricia Demboer, left, and Nancy Rosewarne will have their charges, members of the Penetanguishene Figure Skating Club, in perfect form tomorrow afternoon and evening for the annual figure skating club exhibition in the Penetanguishene arena.

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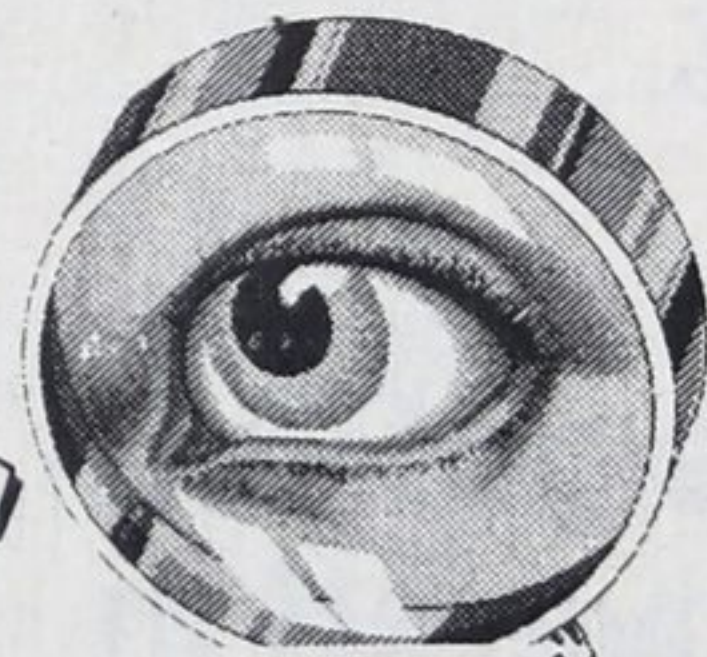


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