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## As I See It

It was reported recently in a Toronto news media, there is a woman in that city trying to form a ladies rugby club. At first glance, one thinks of the rough and ready sport played by men on the pitch

## Sports, a testing ground for ladies as well

at Midland Secondary School. The game is that and much more. It is a game of strategy and it demands excellent physical condition and endurance of those who play it.

Is this a game for women then, you ask? Certainly not, say some, but I disagree! There are ladies who don't mind getting dirty and they would like to test themselves to see how far they can go in this man-oriented world.

After all, they allowed girls into hockey, baseball, soccer and football, so rugby should not be any different.

Such a thing would surely have been scandalous in the early part of the century when ladies were expected to be frail and white, a dark tan being a sign of working in the sun.

As they say though, this is 1981 and women have found a new way of doing

things.

With the introduction of women to the game of rigger, new equipment will be designed and the game will be just as safe for women as it is for men.

It may even be more exciting in some aspects.

Whatever happens though, don't count out the ladies for they can match any feats performed by men and they're proving it every day.

This latest development though is not a part of the liberation movement. It's just the ladies exercising their right to play an enjoyable sport and they do deserve to play.

Another group of athletes making news are high school athletes at local high school.

Having recently attended the athletic banquet at Midland Secondary School and

Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School, it was not hard to recognize the hard work and dedication that's gone into these young people's training.

Most of them are involved in three and four sports in a school year, several of them in more than that.

To make it even more impressive, these students are excelling at all of the sports, not just one or two.

They seem to be able to channel all their energy into whatever sport they are playing at the time without any loss to the others.

These young people will go far in sports and in the business world if they continue to apply that determination to their careers.

# Bulls whitewashed 20-0 in rigger

## couldn't get untracked

by Doug Reed

If Midland Bulls Rugby Club is ever to win a game this season - it lost its sixth in a row Saturday - it will have to curtail the number of incredible off-sides and dumb penalties it is assessed in each match.

Saturday, on the west soccer field at Midland Secondary School, Bulls continued the club's tail-spin in the Mid-Ontario Rugby Union standings by being white-washed at the hands of visiting Peterborough, 20 to nil.

Referee Mike Miller, with the able assistance of touch judge Bill Chapman, held the match in check throughout the two gruelling halves although Miller did have to eject one Midland player from the contest late in the last half.

As for the game, it was one of the faster ones played on a pitch in Midland thanks to little or no injury time being tacked on at the end of the match.

Peterborough, dressed in maroon and white striped shirts, scored two penalty kick goals and an unconverted try in the first half and followed up with two tries, one of them unconverted in the last half to take the game 20-0.

Midland, dressed in yellow and green jerseys, just couldn't get untracked in the early going picking up a number of off-sides and penalties for their effort.

Visitors scored a three point penalty kick at the five minute mark 25 yards out after they opted to kick the ball instead of running with it.

Seconds later they missed a dropped kick goal but scored on a second penalty kick to make it 6-0.

Then half way through the first frame Peterborough mounted a fine running attack which led to a four point try. The convert was foiled by Midland's Steve Clarke who knocked down the pig skin before it went through the uprights...something that is rather rare in local rigger.

Clarke, one of the better tacklers on the Midland club played aggressive rigger throughout both halves.

But it was he who was ordered off the field late in the game after being warned twice by the referee for a late tackle and questioning Mr.

Miller's call. For Clarke the transition from high school football to rigger showed in the game as he was called for being off-side on more than one occasion.

Once the lanky right wing curbs his zeal from breaking away from the pack too soon (and thus running off-side), he's going to be a credit to the club.

Bulls' scrum-half Richard Thomas, the club's stand-off or fly-half Peter Cameron along with Kirk Swales, Midland's inside three-quarter all demonstrated their sprinting skills Saturday while their club's pack consisting of props Bill Chenier and Joe Karwacki, hooker Rick Leroux and locks Steve Josland and Mike Strapko kept the club from being totally thrashed.

In the clearing-kick(s) department both Cameron and Thomas put their toes to good use on more than one occasion to get their club out of deep trouble.

Midland's John Lenio, a wing forward, played a strong game for Midland as did Bulls' number 8, John Nix.

And when it came to good sweeps, and Midland did have a few, wings Mike Josland and Danny Chisholm teamed up with full back Ken Maheu to provide some excitement. Even John Webb who got off the bench in the last half played his heart out for Midland.

Several Peterborough knocks near visitor's own goal line couldn't be converted by Midland even when locals tried

to wheel at least one scrum. Bulls' rooks and mauls left something to be desired when it came to the Midland pack getting support from the lads in the back row.

Nevertheless it was a good game as Bulls tuned up for next Saturday afternoon's match here at home against York County II.

With one or two more accomplished players in the line-up Bulls can round out the season, with eight games to go, picking off their share of victories.

Well done Bulls!



### It's tackle time!

Midland Bulls Rigger Club came up on the short end of the score last Saturday afternoon in a match Midland hosted at MSS against Peterborough. The final score was 20-nil for visitors who are shown here with the ball thanks to a photo

snapped by Bruce Finlayson. This coming Saturday afternoon Bulls will play York County II at the Midland Secondary School pitch starting at 1:30 p.m.

# Action packed ball hockey

There was a lot of action in Penetanguishene and Midland Ball Hockey, Senior Division Thursday night in Penetanguishene Arena.

V. Robitaille Construction started the night off with a close 6-5 victory over Cumming-Nicholson Stompers, Steve Craig getting a hat trick for V. Robitaille Construction.

Singles were added by Ken Forget, Paul Duval and Vince Robitaille.

Chris Wright tallied up three goals in that game as well, his three counting for Cumming-Nicholson with Brian Reeve and Mike Laurin getting single markers.

V. Robitaille Construction was just edged out in shots on goal by Cumming-Nicholson 21 to 20 with Ed Diver stopping the shots for V. Robitaille and Guy Gignac playing between the posts for Cumming-Nicholson.

In the second game of

the night, S. Charlebois Haulage and Excavating Diggers doubled the score on Stewart's Gulf Oilers, Dan St. Amant netting a pair for S. Charlebois.

Norman Zwicker and Paul Gravelle both scored singles for that team.

Scoring the goals for Stewart's were Larry Butson and Joe Beausoleil, each with a goal.

S. Charlebois outshot Stewart's 32 to 28, Craig Watson stopping the shots for S. Charlebois and Bill Puddicombe in net for Stewart's.

Sunday action Sunday, there were five games in Penetanguishene Arena, the first being a 9-1 swamping of E.G. Mink Insurance

Premiums by S. Charlebois Haulage. Scoring for S. Charlebois were Paul Lefaive with three goals, James Dupuis with two goals, George

Mundy, Norman Zwicker, John Larmand and Paul Gravelle all with singles.

Steve Woods scored the only goal for E.G. Mink.

Roger Bell played net for E.G. Mink Insurance, where he faced 25 shots.

At the other end of the playing surface, Bill Puddicombe saw only 11 shots land on net.

In the second game, Cumming-Nicholson Stompers downed M. Forget Construction 6-3, Cumming-Nicholson's goals all coming from singles.

There were scored by Paul Loughran, Kirk Swales, Brian Reeve, Tom Graham, Paul Sauve and Russ Coull. Scoring for M. Forget were Bryan Lethbridge, Peter DeCourcy and Peter Lacroix.

Ed Diver played in net for Cumming-Nicholson, facing 12 shots while Louis Lesperance was a little busier at the

other end with 22 shots hitting the net.

In other action, Stewart's Gulf Oilers doubled V. Robitaille Construction 6-3, Denis Pelletier scoring a pair of goals for Stewart's.

Singles came from Wilf Guthrie, Kevin Dusome, Ken Mitchell and Joe Beausoleil.

Paul Robitaille, Doug Edwards and Jeff Cascagnette scored the markers for V. Robitaille Construction.

In that game, Guy Gignac braved 46 shots for V. Robitaille while Paul Goodine saw 20 shots on net for the Oilers.

Last second goal

A last second goal won the next game for Dock Lunch Penguins 4-3 over Dupuis Groceteria Leafs, Mike Moreau literally putting the ball in the net with one second remaining in regulation time.

Greg St. Amant scored a pair for the Penguins with Keith

Press adding the fourth goal.

Scoring for Dupuis Groceteria Leafs were Mike Laurin, Bill Ladouceur and Ken Akerman.

Stopping the ball for Dock Lunch was Jean-Louis Brunelle with 24 stops while Mike Duquette played at the other end for Dupuis' with 31 shots on net.

In the final game of the day, Rob Scheniman clinched the game for the Hustlers 4-2 over Pen-Mid Merchants as he put the ball in the empty net.

Other scorers for the Hustlers were Martial Marion, Wayne Dupuis and Terry Kennedy.

Scoring for Pen-Mid Merchants were Roland Beausoleil and Steve Buttineau.

Brad Bumstead stopped 33 shots for Pen-Mid Merchants in that game while Denis Ladouceur stopped 28 for the Hustlers.