

Midland, Penetang peewees hit 9-9 stalemate

It was a regular seesaw battle between Midland and Penetanguishene peewee baseball teams Friday night at McGuire Park, the game eventually ending in a 9-9 deadlock.

Both teams were scoreless in the first inning but Penetanguishene came on strong in the bottom of the second with three runs while Midland only brought one runner across the plate in the top of the second.

Midland tied it up in the top of the third and then held Penetanguishene off the scoreboard in the bottom of the third.

Midland's catcher Dave Brissette hit a 220-foot home run in the top of the fourth, driving in two other runners, while putting his team ahead for the first time in the game.

Penetanguishene, however, took the lead back in the bottom of the fourth with four walks, three hits and two Midland errors, to bring in five runs and make the score 8-6.

In the top of the fifth, Midland added two more runs to tie the game with Penetanguishene failing to score any in the bottom of that inning.

Both teams went scoreless in the sixth inning.

In the top of the seventh, Brent Dubeau batted a pinch-hit single to bring in Robbie Desroches from second base for Penetanguishene to tie the game at nine runs apiece, Midland having brought a runner in in the top of the inning.

Pitching for Penetanguishene was Peter Dion with Steve Kaye and Rob Fortin sharing the mound duties for Midland.

Outstanding player for Penetanguishene was Robbie Desroches, hitting three for four times at bat with four stolen bases and crossing the plate for two runs.

Steve Kaye was top batter for Midland with two hits for three times at bats.

Penetanguishene peewees will be in action again tonight when they will play Alliston, that game away at 6:30 p.m.

Midland peewees were to have hosted Orillia in Little Lake Park last night at 6:30 p.m. and are scheduled to return to Orillia, Friday night for a 6:30 p.m. game, weather permitting, for both affairs.



Bulls win!!!

Midland takes York 15-9 in super ruggger

by Doug Reed

Shame on you ruggger fans if you weren't at Midland Secondary School last Saturday afternoon to witness Midland Bulls Rugby Club pick off its first, and well deserved, win of the season.

There's no doubt about it, if you opted to stay home to wash the family chariot or cut the lawn, you missed the most brilliant ruggger game Bulls have played this year as the local lads easily handled visiting York County II by a score of 15-9.

During a previous encounter in Collingwood, York walked away with that game by a 20-4 margin.

From referee Mike Miller's opening whistle until the end of the game, it quickly became quite apparent Bulls were up for the game and had come to play.

Midland's bulky No. 8 John Nix, opened the scoring just 60 seconds into the match after Bulls had officially kicked off to York to start the contest.

Just one play later Bulls recovered the ball from a loose ruck and then at the one minute mark, Nix literally steam-rolled his way straight ahead through red and white striped jerseys to score a four-point try.

Nix's romp covered a distance of 20 tough yards. Bearded Mike Josland, Midland's flashy inside three-quarter, failed in his bid to add the two-point conversion after the pig skin missed going through the uprights after a stiff breeze that blew throughout the entire afternoon sent the ball flying just to the right of the goal post.

Nevertheless, it was a dandy effort by Josland who had the distance well pegged.

After just one minute of ruggger the score was 4-0 for Midland.

Midland's success in the early slogging had plenty to do with the fact Bulls, almost to a man, were heavier than their opposition, that especially helped on the front line where hooker Rick LeRoux props Frank Trottier and Joe Karwacki were assisted by locks John Lenio and Steve Josland.

LeRoux played a very keen game and was especially hot during his through-ins during Bulls' line-outs. Time and again his through-ins were right on the money.

Meanwhile throughout the match, right up until he was injured late in the game, Peter Cameron (Bulls' fly-half) provided the dynamic leadership qualities his team needed to control most of the afternoon's play.

He, along with scrum-half Richard Thomas, both local doctors, played sterling ruggger with their long clearing kicks and their astonishing long-distance sprints.

Kevin McCann who came in off the bench to replace injured Rick Trottier in the early going also played a stellar game.

Midland's next scoring came off the toe of Richard Thomas who blasted a 35-yard drop kick goal to make it 7-nil for Bulls.

The play was set up in a way by Mike Josland who got a Midland knock-on but the ball went back to Bulls a play later after Midland snatched the ball from a ruck that was forming downfield.

Mike Josland added to Midland's tally after he ran the ball in during a 30-yard dash. He was unable to convert his own try after he topped the ball and it slithered down the field and into touch. And it was 11-0 for Midland.

The last scoring play of the first half was a pretty affair from start to finish.

Full-back Ken Maheu got the honors after he and wings Danny Chisholm and Spencer Brown teamed up to form a classy synchronized sweep that formed up field 55 yards and neatly weaved its way through the crowd down to pay dirt.

Richard Thomas tried his hand (foot!) at the post-try conversion but it too failed to go the distance.

York scored its first points during the last half on a drop-kick goal for three points and later in the match added a converted try and that's how the game ended...15-9 for Midland.

There was good reason for Bulls to enjoy the bubbly at a post-game "beer-up" since to a man they thoroughly enjoyed the outing and it showed on the scoreboard.

Bulls now have a good mix of players. Should Herman Jilesen return to the club soon and Al McDonald the same thing and should Bill Chapman and Ron Hunt suit up for the fall, Midland Bulls will have a super club to round out the 1981 schedule.

Again Saturday, Midland got fine performances from Rick Audette, John Lenio, Joe Karwacki and all the fellows in the pack.

Midland's line-outs were well co-ordinated while the club's ball handling was nothing short of superb having only five knock-ons charged against the club during the entire match.

John Webb played a solid game for Midland after coming in for injured Peter Cameron.

Cameron himself continued to cheer his mates from the sidelines as he gamely limped up and down the pitch sporting a heavily damaged knee.

Bulls proved Saturday, it's great to be a winner. Well done, Bulls.

As I See It

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OHA facing tough decision for tonight's meeting

The Ontario Hockey Association will be meeting tonight in Toronto to decide the fate of Haliburton Huskies of the Georgian Bay Jr. C Hockey League.

As reported in this newspaper last week, Penetanguishene Kings and Midland Centennials are upset over this team being in the league.

Haliburton was allowed into the league at the beginning of last season on a one-year trial basis with an understanding they could be voted out by the other teams in the league once the season was over if things didn't work out.

A vote was held and Haliburton was voted out four to two, both Midland and Penetanguishene voting against the Huskies being allowed back in the league.

Tonight's meeting could very well decide the fate of the Centennials, the Kings and possibly the Oro 77's as members of the Georgian Bay Jr. C Hockey League.

The OHA may be forcing the other six teams to accept Haliburton into the league despite the vote, claiming there is nowhere else for the Huskies to play.

This could prompt Midland, Penetanguishene and Oro to file applications to play in the Mid-Ontario Hockey League.

Haliburton was not competitive, finishing in last place and couldn't even get home fans to attend games, let alone fans in Midland or Penetanguishene when they played here.

Such a move by Midland, Penetanguishene or Oro would be feasible in the financial aspect as they would be playing in the same league with such teams as Bradford Blues.

If there were this kind of competition in games around here, fans would definitely attend the games knowing they were going to see some good hockey.

Another reason for the proposed move would be to cut down on travelling expenses.

Midland and Penetanguishene have to travel about 110 miles to games in Haliburton, a trip which costs them close to the \$300 mark per game.

It hardly seems worthwhile travelling all that distance to play a team that should be playing in a junior D league.

Haliburton cannot compete in the Georgian Bay Jr. C league and they do not belong in that league.

Midland Centennials coach, Tom Garner feels the league should help them out in this situation instead of ignoring their vote and he feels strongly that the other six teams in the league should get together and fight the OHA on this matter.

Penetanguishene Kings manager, Peter Dubeau would also like to see some action taken in having their vote count for something.

If the OHA plans to go ahead with this proposal to have Haliburton remain in the Georgian Bay Jr. C league, they just might find themselves losing a few teams to the Mid-Ontario league.

We, as hockey fans, can only wait and see what happens tonight at the meeting and I, for one, will be especially interested in the results.