



## Number one fans

Brian Orser of Penetanguishene, third from left was surrounded by his number one fans Tuesday night at the Royal Canadian Legion in Midland when the town of Midland honoured the Senior Men's Canadian Figure Skating Champion.

Included in the more than 200 local residents in attendance were his family members, pictured above, obviously the ones who provided the most support in his climb to the top.

# Brian Orser

## A complete champion

by Don Lawrence

Take one Canadian youth, add three pairs of skates a year worth \$400 a pair, mix in six to eight hours a day, five days a week practice, combine in two supportive parents and a competent coach and throw in a lot of blisters and three broken legs and you've got the makings of a senior men's Canadian figure skating champion.

Brian Orser of Penetanguishene is just that and much more for he's got the potential to go beyond his Canadian championship, following his dream to become the best in the world without leaving his home behind.

Such a dream requires a lot of hard work and patience and Orser has demonstrated that numerous times, winning championship after championship.

Doug Leigh, the man behind Orser in the coaching department is a very important part of that success as well, never allowing "Brian or any of his skaters to fall below their potential."

That quote was made by Larry Simpson, a long time friend of the Orser family, at Tuesday night's Brian Orser Night when he spoke of Leigh.

Of Orser, Simpson commented that Orser had taught him one important lesson and that was, "reach for our excellence and share it with others."

That's one thing Orser has never failed to do. He shares everything he has, his determination, his experience and most of all, his love for the sport.

Orser has been quoted as saying, "If I win or don't win, I want to do my

best."

He has done nothing but his best and he has made Midland, Penetanguishene and the whole of Canada proud.

His flawless performances at the Canadian championships and the World Championships in which he placed sixth displayed a degree of excellence not seen in this country for some time.

His perfect triple axles and high jumps had the judges, commentators, audience and television viewers spellbound.

Orser is a treasure we can all be proud of but we must be very careful. As guest speaker, Larry Simpson said, we should appreciate that excellence and not expect it.

If we expect too much, we might not be able to appreciate what we have, a truly "complete champion" as Simpson refers to Orser.

Perhaps the most amazing thing about Orser's success is the fact that he has not allowed his fame to change him.

When he spoke to the audience at the Royal Canadian Legion in Midland Tuesday night, Orser came across as the young man who first started out in figure skating many years ago, unchanged and unspoiled.

The small town atmosphere about Orser speaks of his love for this area and it's people.

As he says, "the nicest part of winning a championship is coming home to your people. The nicest gift everyone here has given is their support and encouragement."

# Molson's Tournament this weekend

Molson's Breweries and the Elmvale Sporting Goods Fastball Team will be sponsoring their annual fastball tournament this weekend in Elmvale and the event will once again be a three-day event.

The tournament will get underway Friday evening at 7 p.m. and three games are scheduled for that night.

The competition will swing into gear Saturday with a total of 13 games on tap for fastball fans.

Sunday's schedule will include six games commencing at 11 a.m.

and the championship match has been tentatively slated for 4 p.m. Elmvale Sporting Goods will see their first action Friday night at 9 p.m.

In all, a total of 16

teams will be playing for \$900 in prize money.

Friday evening's schedule will kick off with a 7 p.m. game between Base Borden and Warminster to be followed by an 8 p.m.

match between Hillsdale and Barrie Floor and Wall.

Elmvale Sporting Goods will play in the 9 p.m. match against Georgian Sports of Barrie.

Saturday action commences at 8:30 a.m. when Midland meets Lerchar Construction of Penetanguishene followed by a match between Starr Electric of Barrie and Malton.

10:30 a.m. game will see Giffen Farm Equipment of Minesing face Richmond Hill Auto Body and one hour later Clarkson Hotel of Barrie will face National Gyrf of

Toronto.

The final game of the first round will be played at 12:30 p.m. when Mr. Transmission of Minesing meets Hoe's Garage of Richmond Hill.

## Summer bowling

# Sauve squad leading league

The team of Tom Sauve is leading the Summer Bowling League after Wednesday's action in Penetanguishene, that team having won eight of their 11 games bowled for 18 points.

Leona Snell and her team are next with six wins and five losses for 13 points while Neil Ladouceur's

team is third with five wins and six losses for nine points.

The basement spot belongs to Grace Robitaille and her bowlers with three wins and six losses for six points.

High scores for Wednesday include Maurice Lapensee with a 360 single, Neil Ladouceur with

253, Tom Sauve with 252 and Blayne Neilson with 243.

Winners of that league's recent Scotch Doubles Tournament for two games were Maurice Lapensee and Leona Snell with 544.

Second went to Mabel Dewey and Neil Ladouceur with 499.

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## Gymnastics Corner

by Ken St Amant

Many parents, teachers and gymnasts have asked me to supply a list of available books, magazines and films on gymnastics. These are an excellent way to upgrade skill level and obtain useful background information on gymnastics.

### Books

Gymnastics for Men, Stuart Nik, Stanley Paul Ltd. London 1978  
Men's Gymnastics, Kalakian, et al. 1973  
Gymnastics Routines for Men, Vincent 1972  
Better Gymnastics for Boys, Claus 1970  
On the Beam, Jacobs, the story of Cathy Rigby, 1974  
Olympic Gymnastics for Men and Women, Taylor, Bajin, Zivic 1972  
Tumbling and Trampoline, Loken 1971  
The Side Horse. Manual of fundamental movements and advanced exercises 1966  
Gymnastics for Men, Fredrick 1969  
Gymnastics for Girls and Women, Carter 1969  
Gymnastics for Girls, Ryan 1975  
Women's Gymnastics (Schreiber 1969  
Gymnastics Illustrated, Tonry 1974  
Feminine Gymnastics, Cooper, 1973  
Written as a guide for teachers  
Introduction to Women's Gymnastics, Drury and Schmid, 1973  
Gymnastics for Women, Drury, Schmid,

and Thompson, 1970 - a history of Exhibition Gymnastics, Judd et al. 1969  
Inside Gymnastics, Gagnier 1974  
Complete Book of Gymnastics, Loken and Willoughby 1967

The Tumbler's Manual, Laporte and Renner Prentice-Hall Inc. 1967  
Girl's Gymnastics, Wachtel and Loken 1961  
Tumbling and Apparatus Stunts, Otto Ryser  
I Want To Be A Gymnast, Eugene Baker, 1976  
Men's Gymnastics, Maddux, Gordon T. 1970  
The Teaching of Stunts and Tumbling, Cotteral, Bonnie and Cotteral, Donnie, The Ronald Press Co. New York.  
Apparatus Activities for Girls, Mossdrop, Alfrider, Burgess Publishing Co., Minneapolis, Minn.

### Magazines

Gymnastics World, Box 366, Mountain View Cal. 94040  
Ontario Gymnast, The Ontario Gymnastic Federation, 160 Vanderhoof Ave, Toronto, Ontario  
The Modern Gymnast, P.O. Box 611, Santa Monica, California.  
Newsletter of the National Association of Gymnastics Coaches, c/o Newt Loken,

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

The Athletic Institute, a Series, 209SS State ST. Chicago 4 Illinois.

### Films

Floor Gymnastics (Bodenturnen), Modern Talking Picture Service Inc., 1875 Leslie St. Don Mills, Ontario M3B 2M6  
1976 USA Final Olympic Games Trials Frank Endo 12200 S. Berendo, Los Angeles, California 90044  
1976 Montreal Olympic Games, Frank Endo 12200 S. Berendo, Los Angeles, California 90044.

### Conclusion

There are countless numbers of books, magazines, periodicals and films available for your use. The ones listed above are a few of the ones that are familiar to me.

They all have good information concerning the sport of gymnastics. Many of these can be obtained through the local libraries.

### Gymnastics Calendar

Mon, June 29. Start of summer camp at Corpus Chrisit; 8:30 a.m. advanced, 1 p.m. beginners.

Wed, July 1. Display at the curling club. 2 p.m. Penetanguishene.

Sat, Aug. 8. Display, Balm Beach Summerama.