



Lacrosse action aplenty

Midland Minor Lacrosse action has been going well in Midland Centennial Arena, proving that hockey is not the only sport in the Midland area to get lots of support. Here, the A & W

Peewee Lacrosse team take part in a game with Barrie Wednesday night. That's Midland swarming around the Barrie net as they did throughout the game.

Sauve's squad strengthening hold on first place in bowling

The team of Tom Sauve advanced its lead in Five-Pin Summer Bowling League standings after Wednesday night's action in Bayshore Lanes in Midland.

Sauve's squad have now won 14 games and lost only six for a total of 32 points.

Further back is the team of Leona Snell with 11 wins and nine losses for 25 points while Neil Ladouceur's team has 11 wins and nine losses for 23 points.

Last place in league standings belongs to the team of Gary Yates with four wins and 14 losses for eight points.

High scores for Wednesday were bowled by Mabel Dewey with a 267 single and a 706 triple, Rick Slanisky with a 256 single and a 599 triple, Robert Duquette with a 255 single and a 625 triple, Dave Laurin with a 255

single and a 609 triple, Tom Sauve with a 253 single and a 692 triple and Perry Dewey with a 253 single and a 613 triple.

Windsurfing competition

Ontario championships in windsurfing will take place starting today at Balm Beach and will run until Sunday afternoon.

This afternoon at 3 p.m., long distance racing will get underway with course racing starting at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow morning.

Course racing will close out at 5 or 6 p.m. tomorrow afternoon.

Sunday afternoon at 2 p.m. will mark the beginning of the slalom and free style racing which will run until 5 or 6 p.m.

There will be at least 100 athletes in the competition with some from as far away as Quebec and the United States.

There will also be trophies, plaques and prizes for the competitors with prizes including a new wet suit, a sail and a season pass to Horseshoe Valley.

If you would like to enter the event, you can do so by showing up at the Balm Beach Windsurfers shop anytime before 3 p.m. today.

It will cost you \$30 to register for the competition which includes your registration fee, a specialized T-shirt with windsurfer crest, a beef barbecue Saturday evening at the Barrelworks in Balm Beach and a Sunday morning breakfast at the beach.

One more time... Diggers return as season champions

S. Charlebois Haulage and Excavating Diggers of Penetang-Midland Senior Division Ball Hockey have done it again.

They've taken the top spot in league standings, this being their fourth year to have claimed that position.

The Diggers have won 16 of their 18 games with two ties, being the only team this year to have not suffered a single loss and accumulating a total of 34 points.

On top of that accomplishment, they've allowed the fewest goals against at 38 and scored the most goals at 108.

Defending champions of three years are Dupuis Groceteria Leafs who took second spot this year with 13 wins, three losses and two ties for 28 points, a full six points behind the Diggers.

However, the Leafs have won the league championship for the past three years and will again be defending their championship in the playoffs.

S. Charlebois Haulage has been first in league

standings for the last three years but have so far been knocked out in the opening rounds of playoff action.

Third place in league standings went to Cumming-Nicholson Stompers who won 12 of their 18 games with only four losses and two ties for 26 points.

The Stompers scored a total of 95 goals while being scored on 62 times in league play.

Final league standings looked like this:

	W	L	T	Pts.
Excavating Diggers	16	0	2	34
Dupuis Groceteria Leafs	13	3	2	28
Cumming-Nicholson Stompers	12	4	2	26
Dock Lunch Penguins	9	6	3	21
Stewart's Gulf Oilers	9	7	2	20
Pen-Mid Merchants	7	10	1	15
M. Forget Construction	5	11	2	12
V. Robitaille Construction	5	13	0	10
E.G. Mink Insurance Premiums	3	13	2	8
Hustlers	3	15	0	6



Off to nation's capital

A total of 16 athletes from the Adult Rehabilitation Centre in Midland and Huron Park School in Midland left yesterday morning for Ottawa where they will be taking part in the National Special Olympics. Included in the group are athletes in swimming, bowling, track and field and the

provincial champion ball hockey squad. From left: Cindy Cruise, George Jackson, Mel Hahn, Bernard Moreau, Leo Prisque, Jerry Buttineau, Brian Dupuis, Perry Stewart, Steve Galbraith, Marc Renaud, Lawrence Vout, Jim Moreau, Joe Quesnelle.



by Ken St. Amant

This article is the second of a three part series. Last week's article centered on the stress that parents and coaches place on winning in various amateur sports. We find that this stress on winning, is not a factor in our club.

This may be partly due to the newness of this sport on the way in which it is judged. The scoring system also gives the gymnasts the opportunity to measure personal growth and the gym meets allow the gymnasts a chance to improve upon their last performance. Therefore, personal objectives of improving your scores are more important than winning the meet.

The Individual

Winning has become an excess just like eating and sex and the result is a complete disregard for the loser. Overemphasis on winning has lent itself to the downgrading of the individual in favour of the team. They way most teams are organized by coaches, no individual athlete should try to

excel personally. Conflict may arise when the parents push the youngster to be superior while at the same time the child must work within the framework of the team.

In their book "Growth Through Play" the authors stated that; the values derived from team play are many but most important is that of maintaining a 'team spirit'. This spirit is, of course, built on common purpose and understanding. One individual cannot work contrary to its purposes, sacrificing the team spirit for personal gain or glory. Doing so would ostracize the offender from the team.

Although some picture this approach as being good, one can also see that the individual is of little consequence to the team's purposes. If the aim is to win then the athlete will learn nothing else but winning.

Parent's Attitudes

The attitude of the athlete's parents towards the child's involvement in sports is of great importance not only in the

behaviour of the parent but in that of the child. This attitude will also affect the child's personality in later life. Many parents are forcing their children to join sport activities not for the child's sake but so that they can compete with their neighbours and be 'a somebody'. This gives them identity.

Several years ago, I saw a cartoon that I found very interesting. The picture shows a batter talking to a catcher while in the near back-ground four umbrella-wielding mothers are beating the umpire over the head. The caption shows the batter saying to the catcher - "You know I'd give up this darned game if it wasn't such a healthy outlet for my parent's frustration and protective instincts."

Through their children they are accomplishing many things that they could not do when they were children. Some parents look upon their children as an extension of themselves and the children are treated like toys.

In some cases the children are scolded and they may even be punished if they lose. Some parents are unable to accept the blame for mistakes made by their child. They will condemn the referee, or other members of the team for this failure. In gymnastics, this is very difficult to do.

Conclusion

It is quite rare that the child loses and is still praised for his good playing. The games should be structured for the youngster and not the parents. These activities have to meet and fulfill the needs of the children. They must be the primary consideration in any amateur or little league organization.

Gymnastics Calendar

Monday July 27-2nd session of Summer Camp begins: 8:30 a.m. for advanced and 1:00 p.m. for beginners at Corpus Christi P.S.

Sat Aug. 8th - Balm Beach Summerama Display.

Gymnastics Corner

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