

Special Olympics

Local athletes reap gold harvest

Local athletes from the Adult Rehabilitation Centre in Midland and Huron Park School in Midland certainly made quite a showing at the Special Olympics this past week in Ottawa.

The provincial champion floor hockey squad from ARC is now the Canadian champion team, having won all their games played to bring home the gold medal.

Each team represented a different National Hockey League team with Midland representing the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Team members were Mike McKee, Rick Taylor, Steve Galbraith, Lawrence Vogt, Jerry Buttsineau, Joe Quesnelle, Jim Moreau, Mel Hahn, George Jackson, Brian Dupuis, Marc Renaud, and Roberto Badinetto.

In the division seating round, Midland took on the squad from Edmonton, winning that game 5-4, Steve Galbraith getting a hat trick for Midland with Joe Quesnelle adding pair of goals.

Big win

That win put Midland in the division with Edmonton, Winnipeg and Montreal.

Midland, or the Toronto Maple Leafs, had no trouble in their first game with Edmonton, defeating them 10-3.

Joe Quesnelle was the top scorer for Midland in that game with four goals and other goals were scored by Steve Galbraith with three goals, Rick Taylor, Jim Moreau and Mike McKee all with singles.

Midland's next game was with Winnipeg and they had a very easy time of it as they blanked the Winnipeg squad by a score of 6-0, Steve Galbraith adding another hat trick.

Mike McKee also put in a good performance with two more goals as did Jerry Buttsineau with a single.

The fine play by the Midland squad continued into the third game, this time Midland winning easily with a 7-1 score over Montreal.

Midland goal scorers in that match were George Jackson with two goals, Steve Galbraith, Mel Hahn, Jerry Buttsineau, Joe Quesnelles and Mike McKee all with single markers.

All-stars

Mike McKee and Rick Taylor were rewarded for their fine play as they were chosen to play on the A Division Canadian All-Star team against a team from the U.S.A.

The two recently attended the all-star floor hockey training camp in Toronto.

The team from U.S.A. won that game by a 5-4 score.

Three players of Midland's floor hockey team also made the B Division All-Star team and they were George Jackson, Marc Renaud, and Brian Dupuis.



Canadian champions

The Adult Rehabilitation Centre in Midland sent its provincial champion floor hockey team to Ottawa this past week for the Special Olympics and they came back as Canadian Champions. The team won all

three games they played in their division to capture the gold medal. Back row from left: Lawrence Vogt, George Jackson, Mike McKee, Joe Quesnelle, Rick Taylor. Front row from left: Brian Dupuis, Jim

Moreau, Steve Galbraith, Marc Renaud. Absent: Jerry Buttsineau, Roberto Badinetto. The team was coached by Dave Hamilton and Bob O'Hara of ARC. Full details in the sports section.

That team also played a team from U.S.A. but this time, the Canadian squad won 7-3.

Also competing in the Special Olympics were athletes in swimming, track and field and bowling.

Leo Prisque of ARC was the big story in swimming as he took four gold medals and one silver medal, his gold coming in 25 metre freestyle, 25 metre backstroke, 50 metre freestyle and 25 metre front crawl.

Prisque won his silver medal in 25 metre breaststroke.

Those medals will place him about third place in the country in swimming.

Also putting in a good performance in swimming was Bernard Moreau of Huron Park School, Moreau claiming a silver and two bronze medals.

Moreau's silver medal came in the 25 metre freestyle event with his bronze coming in 25 metre backstroke and 50 metre freestyle.

Cindy Cruise, another student at Huron Park brought home three gold medals and a bronze for her participation in track and field.

She received gold medals in the 50 metre run, the 100 metre run and standing long jump.

Cruise won her bronze medal in the running long jump.

Another athlete from ARC, Perry Stewart, competed in the bowling competitions, bowling well with scores of 146, 141 and 158.

The athletes were joined on the trip by Paul McDonald as co-ordinator, Bob O'Hara and Dave Hamilton as coaches and Joan Vaisius of Huron Park School.



All-star players

Rick Taylor, left, and Mike McKee, right, were chosen to play on the Canadian Division A All-Star floor hockey team at the Special Olympics in Ottawa this past week. Here, they are shown wearing the sweaters they

wore for that game and holding the banner they carried in the parade. The Midland ARC floor hockey team represented the Toronto Maple Leafs in the Special Olympics.



Chosen for all-star squad

George Jackson, left, Marc Renaud, center, and Brian Dupuis, right, were all given a special honour at the Special Olympics in Ottawa this past week as they were chosen to play on the Canadian Division B All-Star floor hockey team. The team

beat a team from U.S.A. 7-3. For their participation on the all-star team, the three get to keep the sweaters they are wearing which they wore in game.