

## As I See It

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Athletes from all over Canada gathered in Ottawa this past week to compete in an annual sporting event that tested the true abilities of those involved. It was the Special Olympics and taking part

# New meaning for slogan, 'label us able'

were those so-called "handicapped" athletes but they proved that label just doesn't hold true.

Altogether, 16 athletes travelled to Ottawa from Midland, 14 of those from the Adult Rehabilitation Centre in Midland and the other two from Huron Park School in Midland.

Participating in the swimming events were two local athletes, Leo Prisque of ARC and Bernard Moreau of Huron Park.

Prisque brought home four gold medals and one silver medal while Moreau brought home one silver medal and two bronze medals.

In track and field, Cindy Cruise of Huron Park claimed three gold medals and one bronze and Perry Stewart of ARC put in a good performance on the bowling alleys.

The floor hockey team from ARC also attended the event, representing the Toronto Maple Leafs with members of the Leafs in

attendance.

The floor hockey team came home with the gold medal, a feat which tops off the impressive showing they had in winning the provincial championship.

Members of the floor hockey team were Mike McKee, Rick Taylor, Steve Galbraith, Lawrence Vogt, Jerry Buttsineau, Joe Quesnells, Jim Moreau, Mel Hahn, George Jackson, Brian Dupuis, Marc Renaud and Roberto Badinetto.

McKee and Taylor were also chosen to play for the Canadian Division A All-Star team that played a team from U.S.A.

Jackson, Renaud and Dupuis earned such an honour as well, being chosen to play for the Division B Canadian All-Star team.

These wins were by no means an accident.

The athletes worked hard for their placings and they have proven in their performances that their only "handicaps" lie in the minds of

other people.

If we had as much determination and drive as these athletes had at the Special Olympics, and certainly in their everyday lives, we would be a lot better off.

A word of praise must also go out to Dave Hamilton, Bob O'Hara and Paul McDonald of ARC and Joan Vaisius of Huron Park School who joined the athletes on their trip.

These four people have earned a lot of credit for the help they've given the athletes.

After this past week's events, it's going to be impossible to say that these things cannot be done. They have been done and they will be done time and time again.

The gold medals the athletes now hold are not the only gold at ARC and Huron Park, for there is also gold in their intentions and their lives.



## Tennis buffs

Donna Mellor, left, and Rick Mellor, right, both of Pickering, are just two of the many Toronto area residents that have come to Elmvale and surrounding area for their vacation. They are shown here taking advantage of the excellent tennis facilities in Elmvale next to the arena.

## Therrien's sandwich Mr. Submarine 17-3

Brian Cadeau threw a five-hitter last Wednesday night in Olympia Fastball action to lead Therrien's Furniture's men's team to a 17-3 victory over Mr. Submarine in six innings of play.

Batting power for homer.

Therrien's was provided by Cadeau who hit four for five with five runs batted in, Al Hamelin who hit three for four with two runs batted in and Joe Gagnon who started the game off for Therrien's with a

Cadeau also hit a home run along with two triples and one single.

Big hitter of the game for Mr. Submarine was Rick Lemieux who hit two for two with a sacrifice.

Therrien's started the game off slowly, going ahead in the first inning by a score of 4-2, both teams then going scoreless in the second inning.

In the top of the third inning, Therrien's ran up four runs while holding Mr. Submarine

off the scoreboard.

In the fourth inning, Therrien's and Mr. Submarine exchanged single runs but that's when Mr. Submarine's scoring was halted once and for all.

Therrien's Furniture then brought in three runs in the fifth inning and another five in the sixth to invoke the mercy rule.

With Therrien's batters starting to come into their own, they could catch up to the first place team, Adco Tires.

## MVC raises \$1,800

Midland-Huron Volleyball Club has completed their fund raising drive to collect money for new courts, and a total of \$1,800 is now available to cover construction costs.

Shelley Moreau was the top money collector, raising \$167 on her own.

The facility was completed June 22 and is considered by many to be one of the best public outdoor volleyball facilities in the province.

Fund raising by the MVC began in early June by dividing club members into teams of fund raisers.

Joan Lavin's team was the top collector, with members Vicki Baziliauskas, Shelley Moreau, George McDonald, Jim Newton and Honore White.

Winners of MVC T-shirts were the Quota Busters, who raised over \$50 and the Double Quota Busters, who raised over \$100 received a new volleyball.

The MVC extended their thanks to the team captains and club members who helped raise the funds as well as the people of Midland and surrounding areas who donated the money.

## Season ends for Gervan and Jones tykes

The Gervan and Jones tykes baseball team completed their regular season at Little Lake Park on Saturday with a pair of losses against

the undefeated Barrie tykes 10-1 and 19-4.

The stronger Barrie team dominated the play in both games with strong pitching and

aggressive hitting.

The timely hitting of Kent Haseneier and Scott Bradley provided the spark for most of Midland's runs. Bill Rankin accounted for three runs-batted-in.

Final standings for the team sit at three wins and 13 losses for the 16-game schedule.

Top batting averages for the team were Kent Haseneier hitting .483, Scott Bradley hitting .296, Rob Lee hitting .286, Danny Sibley hitting .278, Kirk Maheu hitting .270 and Mike Lafreniere hitting .256.



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