

Diggers make comeback

S. Charlebois Haulage and Excavating Diggers of Penetang-Midland Senior Division Ball Hockey may have been down two games to none in their best of five semi-final series with Stewart's Gulf Oilers but that didn't stop them from advancing into the finals as they came back to take the semi-final series three games to two.

The deciding game in that series was played Thursday night in Penetanguishene Arena, S. Charlebois Haulage taking the match 3-1 over Stewart's.

Stewart's Gulf Oilers controlled much of the first period and scored one goal with 7:32 left in the period, Joe Beausoleil scoring on a pass from Ken Mitchell and Paul Goodine.

The second period was scoreless for both teams but the third period proved to be the property of S. Charlebois Haulage with all three goals for the Diggers being scored in that period.

With 15:25 left in the game, Brian St. Amant tied the game for S. Charlebois Haulage on a pass from Mike Duval and George Mundy.

S. Charlebois Haulage went ahead 2-1 with 2:30 remaining in regulation play, Peter Robillard scoring from James Dupuis on a slapshot from the blue line while Stewart's were short-handed.

The insurance goal for S. Charlebois Haulage went into an empty net with only 22 seconds left in the game, Dan St. Amant scoring with Peter Robillard getting

the assist.

In net for Stewart's was Craig Watson who faced an onslaught of 46 shots with Bill Pudicombe having an easier time of it at the other end for S. Charlebois Haulage with eight shots on net.

The game was fairly quiet as far as penalties were concerned with S. Charlebois Haulage accumulating five minutes in penalties and Stewart's building up 11 minutes.

Finals

In the opening game of the finals, it was Dupuis Groceteria Leafs and S. Charlebois Haulage and Excavating Diggers, the Leafs winning the series opener 3-1 Sunday morning in Penetanguishene Arena.

Dupuis Groceteria Leafs started the scoring off in the first period with 4:34 left to play, Gary Bellisle scoring on a slapshot from the edge of the face off circle, Brian Pilon winning the faceoff to put the ball over to Bellisle.

With only 2:33 left in the middle period, S. Charlebois Haulage got on the scoreboard with a goal by James Dupuis as he shot from the slot with the assist going to Norman Zwicker who found Dupuis in the slot with a pass.

Dupuis went ahead 2-1 at the 8:33 mark of the closing period, Mike Laurin scoring on a slapshot from just inside the blue line. Gary Bellisle assisted on the goal.

Ken Akerman gave Dupuis the insurance marker with just 38

seconds left to play in the game when he shot the ball into the empty net after S. Charlebois Haulage pulled their goalie in favour of an extra man.

Shots on goal

Mike Duquette faced a total of 31 shots on net for Dupuis while Glenn Irvine saw 17 shots in the S. Charlebois Haulage net.

Penalties during the game amounted to 24 minutes for Dupuis Groceteria Leafs and 23 minutes for S. Charlebois Haulage which included a 10-minute misconduct penalty.

The two teams played again last night, the results coming too late for press time with the third game being played tomorrow night in Penetanguishene Arena at 8:15 p.m.

Should a fourth and fifth game be necessary in the final series, those games will be played Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. and Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m.



Gives valiant effort

Cindy Nicholas of Scarborough attempted a triple crossing of the English Channel earlier this week but had to stop after her second time across because of five foot high swells. Despite having to give up her triple crossing attempt, Nicholas set several records. She has crossed the channel 14 times, the most by a woman, has completed three double crossings, the most by a man or woman, and recorded the second fastest time for a single crossing on her first leg across at eight hours, 29 minutes. Nicholas was recently at Penetanguishene Bay for her outdoor training for the attempt.

Nicholas sets records on thwarted triple crossing

For the time being, the English Channel has managed to thwart another swimmer from completing a triple crossing, this time Cindy Nicholas of Scarborough.

Nicholas, better known as the "Queen of the Channel", was trying for the yet unsuccessful three way crossing which would have made her the first person, man or woman, to have ever completed that feat.

Yet, the 23 year-old athlete still set several records in her swim that ended after crossing the channel twice.

Nicholas has now made three double crossings of the channel, that giving her the record for double crossings and she has also crossed the channel 14 times, including single and double crossings, which makes her the woman who has crossed the channel the most times.

In addition, Nicholas swam the second fastest time for a single crossing on her first leg of the attempted triple crossing, that time being eight hours and 29 minutes.

In her triple crossing attempt, Nicholas faced five foot high waves, heavy winds, cold water, jellyfish, lobster traps and ships getting in the way.

Nicholas was quoted as saying, "It was one obstacle course after another. But that's what makes it so challenging."

It is understood she may try to do the triple crossing again in September.

Nicholas was staying at Penetang Bay for several weeks recently, doing her outdoor training.

Slowpitch...

action-packed tourney will feature 16 teams

The second annual Slowpitch Tournament of Friends will be held Saturday at McGuire Park in Penetanguishene and is open to players who do not play in any fast-pitch leagues.

Things will begin at 8 a.m. with 16 teams taking part in the tournament, competing for cash and trophy prizes.

The winning team will receive a trophy from Summer's Trophies in Midland, gold crests and a minimum of \$100 in prize money.

Second place winners will win silver crests and \$60 while third place will get bronze crests and \$35.

Fourth place winners will collect \$20.

The majority of the teams and players are from local industry with games being five innings or 60 minutes in length.

For more information, contact Mike McCallum at 526-3206 or 526-5401, department 300.

Soccer club downs Midland

Elmvale soccer players hit the fields against squads from Midland last week and once again the 10 and 11-year-olds downed visitors while the younger nine and under group bowed to Midland.

In the late game of the night Aug. 4 the 10 and 11-year-olds managed a 7-3 win over the Midland squad in Elmvale.

Scoring were Joe Beltrame with three goals; Grant King with a goal and two assists; Steve Dove with one goal and two assists; Chris Grout with one unassisted marker, Larry Fleming with a single pointer; Andy Beardsall with two assists and Jeff Hubbard with an assist.

The most outstanding defensive player of the game, according to coach Don Beardsall was Jeff Hubbard while the most improved payer was Lana McNicoll.

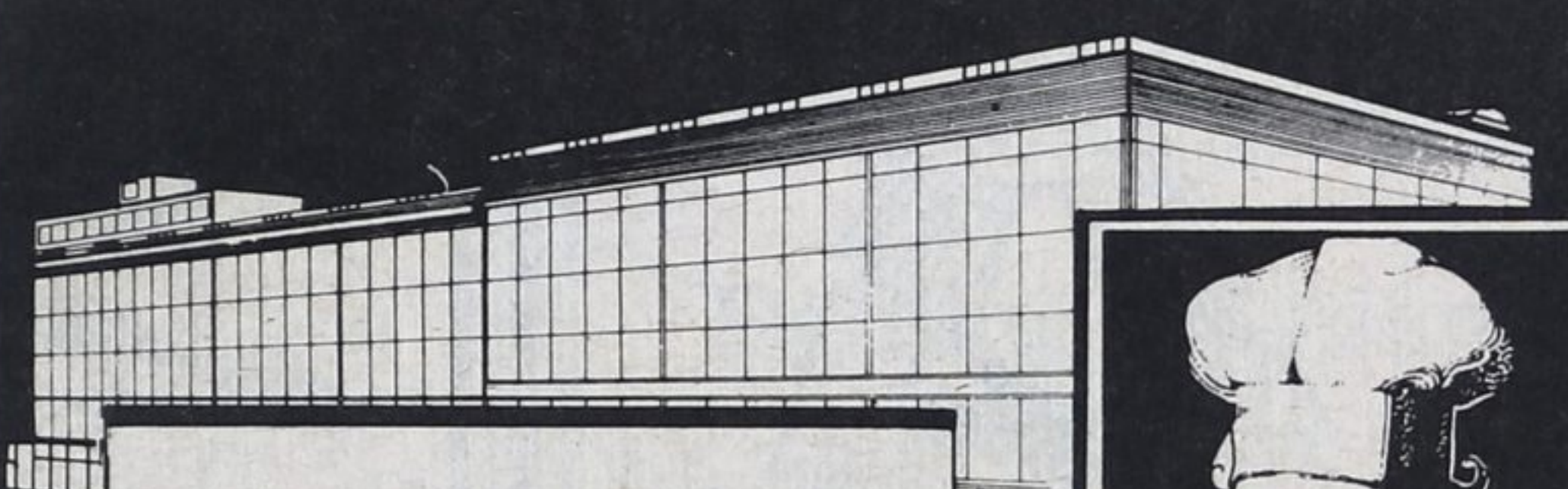
Strikers for the Elmvale squad were Larry Fleming, Joe Beltrame, Grant King and Steve Dove while halfbacks were Jeff Hubbard, Andy Beardsall and Joe Davidson.

In the match with the nine and under players, Elmvale was downed by Midland by a 4-1 margin.

Scoring for the local group was Greg Johnson, unassisted.

Players took turns in all positions during that game and according to their coach played very well.

Those taking part in the game were Jason Stone, Glenn Harpell, Tim Verlaan, Chris Crosley, Lea Crossley, Ted Ross, Troy Whiteside, Jesse Bywater, Mike Perrotta and Stephen Perrotta.



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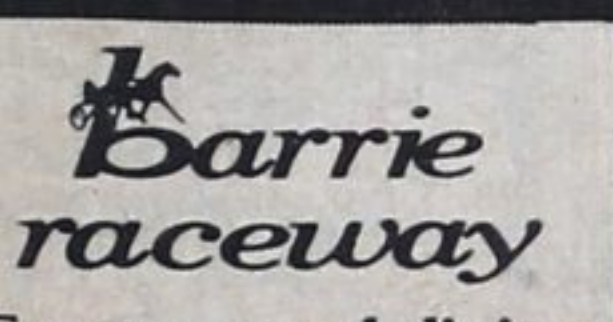
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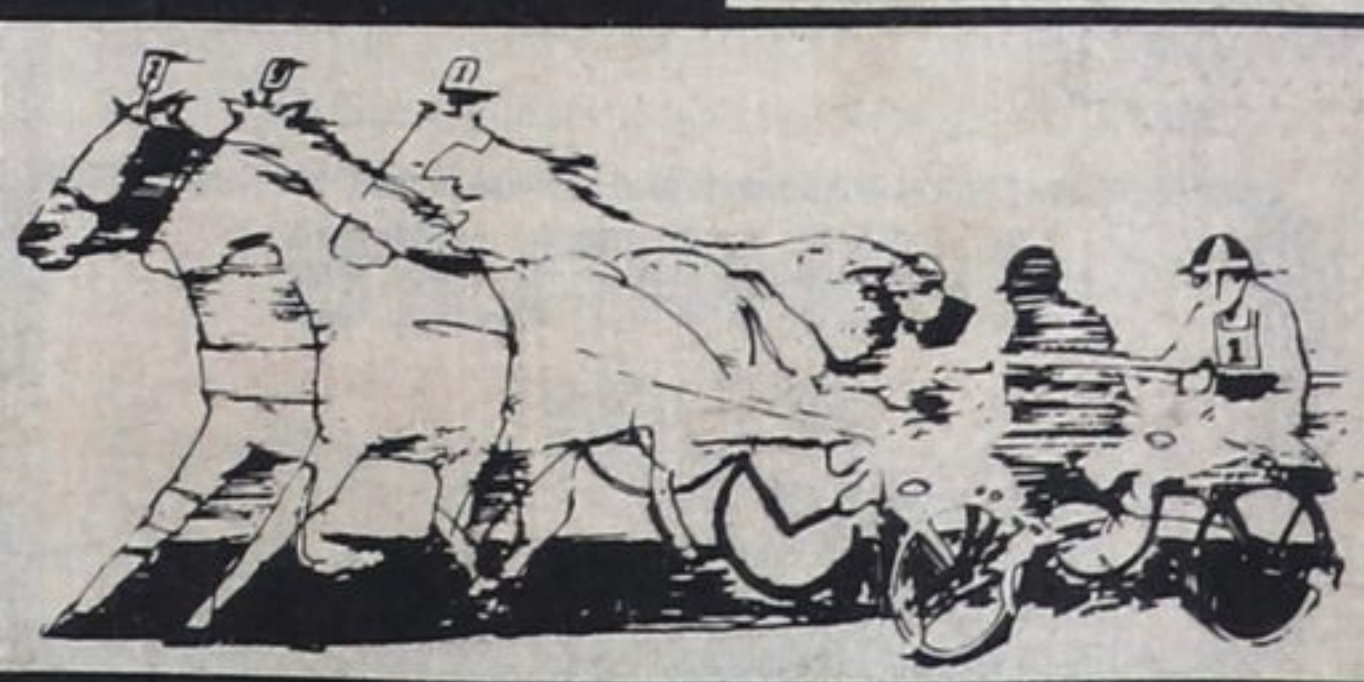
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