

# MSS flat in Park loss

A flat effort by the Midland Secondary School varsity football team resulted in their first loss of the season Friday against host Park Street Collegiate.

Midland coach Randy Ritchie says his team's 'heart just wasn't in' the 19-6 defeat at the hands of their Orillia opponents.

Midland's lone score came on the ever-more-familiar brother-to-brother play of quarterback Steve Friesen to fullback John Friesen. That came late in the third quarter.

Park scored two touchdowns in the first quarter and added another when they took the second-half kickoff downfield for the major.

One could argue that the breaks just weren't going Midland's way - they had two passes dropped in the end zone and a 75-yard kickoff return was called back on a clipping penalty - but, says Ritchie, 'they beat us fair and square.'

'They were hitting harder, had good coverage of our receivers and seemed

generally more up for the game.'

Park's enthusiasm probably draws in part from their being in a corner after losing their first two games to Twin Lakes and Collingwood Collegiate Institute.

Midland beat Twin Lakes in their first outing and Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary

School in their second.

The top two teams from the five-team division earn a berth in the playoffs.

Ritchie says he hopes his team can regain enough enthusiasm to win their final three matchups, but his main concern is next Friday's game against Stayner Collegiate Institute in Stayner.

# MSS earns titles

Midland Secondary School captured top spot in both the Junior Boys' and Midget Boys' competitions at the GBSSA Zone League Cross-Country Meet Oct. 7 at Mountain View Ski Resort in Midland.

Midland's Ian Porter dashed to a first-place finish in the Midget Boys' event with a winning time of 12 minutes, 22 seconds.

Five of the top ten finishers in the Midget division were MSS runners. Others were

Bruce Marsden (4th), Bill Richardson (8th), Bill Black (9th) and

Steve Hutchinson (10th).

The MSS Midgets scored a low team total of 22 points, distancing runner-up ODCVI (Orillia) at 45.

MSS also dumped ODCVI in the Junior Boys' division, scoring 46 points to the visitors' 63.

Top finishers for Midland were Jeff King in 6th and Dave Larmann in 7th.

ODCVI won the Senior Boys', Midget Girls' and Girls' Open



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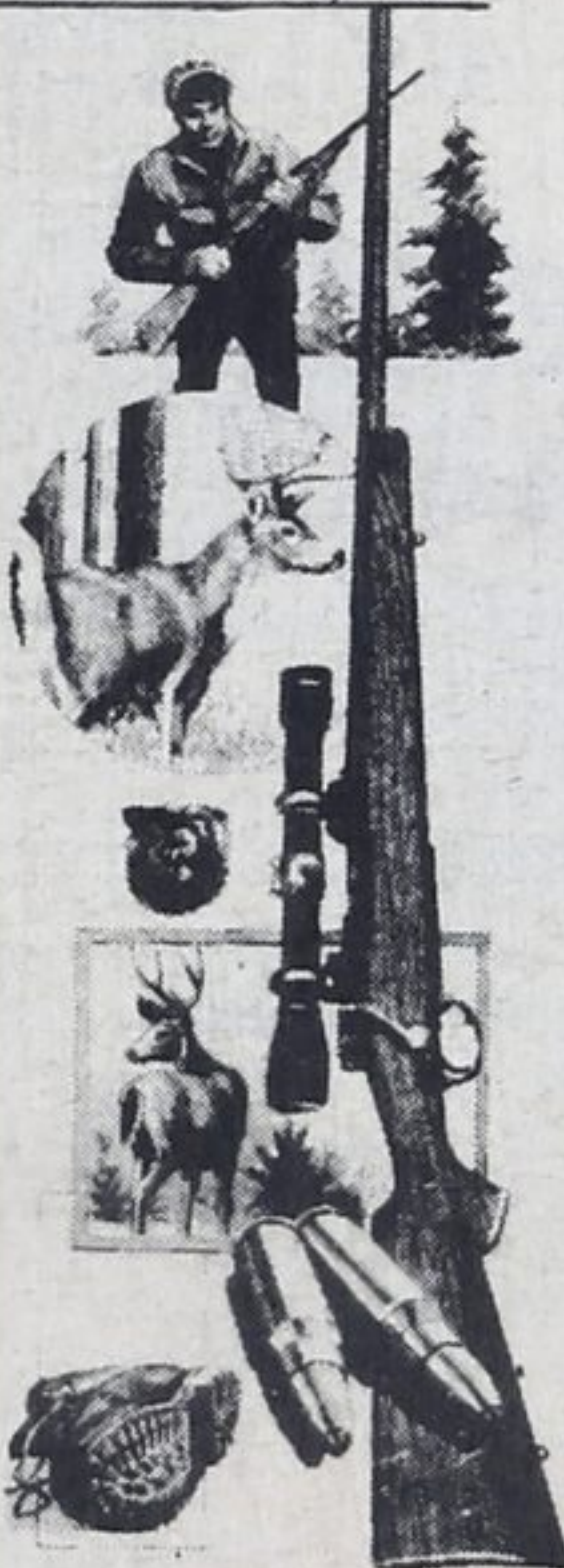
Despite these unpleasanties, Fred Lavin came up with enough good pokes to win the annual Midland Golf and Country Club Snowbird Tournament Sunday. The



tournament, final outing of the season for the mens' section at MGCC, was played in under better-than-seasonal weather conditions. (Photo by Bruce Finlayson).

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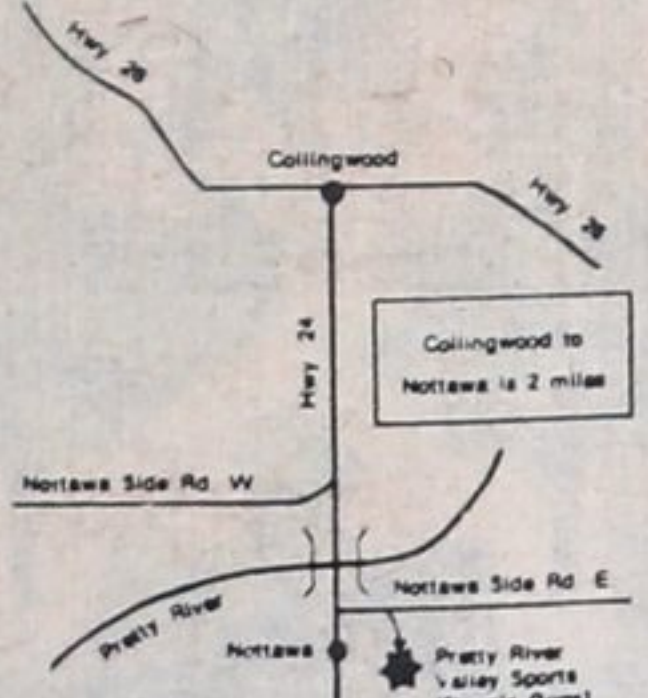
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