

May add Juniors next year

ESPSS 0-4 but keep looking ahead

by Garry Forbes

While Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School coaches tackle the possibility of two football teams next year, this season's Varsity edition continues to have trouble tackling opponents.

The inexperienced ESPSS squad lost its fourth game in as many starts Friday in Penetanguishene with a 48-13 shellacking by powerful Park Street Collegiate of Orillia.

But to coach Larry Banks, it's all just a learning experience.

"Our defence didn't play that well in the second half, but for a while there I saw a spark of life and I thought we were going to take it to them," Banks said. "There was a great deal of improvement on the whole,

though; we've got our bright spots and aren't far away from getting something started."

Next year, ESPSS may have both Junior and Senior teams, Banks said, to kick off a development program aimed at restoring the school's old football power. ESPSS didn't have a team last season and this year's squad is almost wholly new to the game.

Onlookers may not have noticed the Penetanguishene school's inexperience in the first half of Friday's game, though.

They struck first when they moved the ball up against Park's goal line and quarterback Jerome Ladouceur plunged in on a quarterback sneak.

Park thundered back with 20 points before Ladouceur found Paul Balabuck in the end

zone and David Genier cranked the point-after to leave it 20-13 at the half.

The next time Park flexed, however, ESPSS tumbled into a heap, allowing a final 45-yard passing slap in the face on the final play of the game.

Ladouceur completed three of seven passing attempts during the game. ESPSS collected five first downs in the first half, when their sweeps were working, and only two in the final half, when Park shut them down and forced them inside.

Injuries? "Nothing," says Banks, "but our pride."

Banks says his team has concentrated on basic blocking and tackling but they still have their lapses, especially against the touch

clubs. Unfortunately, for ESPSS all they've played are tough clubs.

"As far as I'm concerned, we've played the four best teams so far and I think Park has been the best of the lot," said Banks.

Today's game could be a little softer, Banks hopes. It's in Orillia against Twin Lakes, who upset Park by the ridiculous score of 2-1 in an early-season mud bowl after losing by two points to Midland Secondary School.

Then there's MSS herself -- a hot topic for Banks. In their first matchup this season at MSS, the Penetanguishene gang were blown out 47-0. Banks says that won't happen again.

"I think we can give Midland a good go," Banks said. "We may not win, but we won't get beaten as badly as last time."

Penetang Oldtimers win silver in Orillia

by Doreen Stainton

The Penetang Oldtimers participated in the 4th annual Orillia tournament over the weekend and for the third consecutive year, lost out in the finals by an identical 4-3 score.

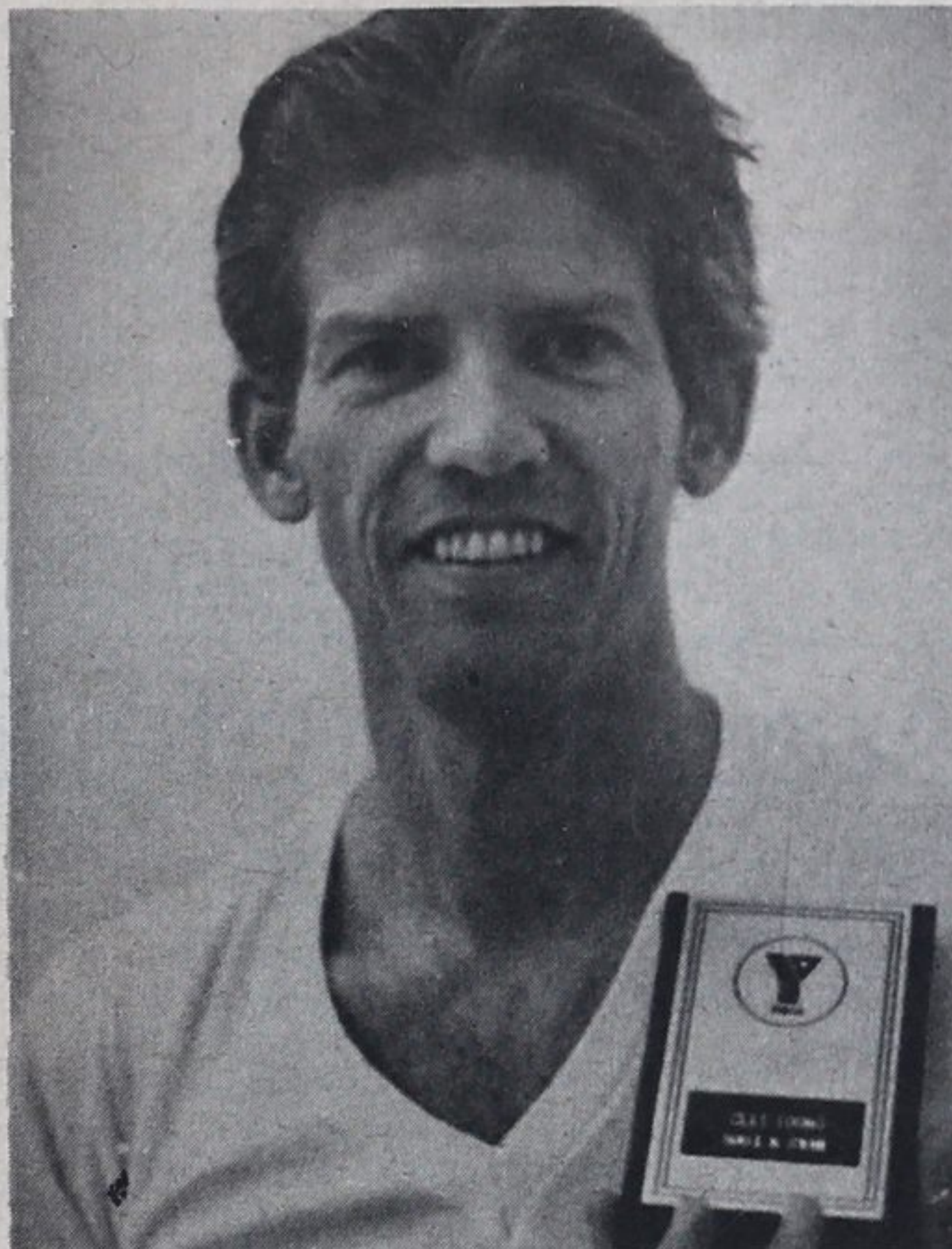
Penetang started the tournament Friday night by defeating the Huntsville Oldtimers 3-2, in a very close and exciting game which had to be decided by a shoot-out. With the score tied 2-2 after regulation time, they played a 5-minute sudden death overtime period in which neither team scored. This precipitated the shoot-out, with one player from each team being chosen to go in one-on-one against the opposing net minder. Team captain, Alvin Robillard's brilliant goal finally decided the game's outcome. Gary Ronald did an outstanding job in goal for Penetang. Jim Rooney had one goal with Alvin Robillard accounting for the other two.

In the second game, Penetang beat the Coldwater Creaks 5-2.

Scoring for Penetang was Jim Rooney, Fred Patterson, Alvin Robillard, Larry Lerouh, and Richard LeBlanc. Goalie Nelson Robillard was between the pipes for the second game.

Penetang went on to defeat the Moonstone Antiques 3-1, with Jim Rooney, Ed Trudeau and Alvin Robillard each netting singles. The team then advanced to the 'A' division finals on Sunday with a 3 wins-no loss record against a powerful Oshawa Mothers Boys. Down by 3 goals at the start of the 3rd period, Penetang rallied with 2 goals to close the gap at 4-3. They pulled their goal tender in the final minute of play but failed to pop in the equalizer. Oshawa won the gold with final score 4-3. Chuck Hatfield had a pair with Larry Lerouh adding a single.

Out of 3 tournaments attended so far this season, the Penetang Oldtimers have captured a Gold and a Silver medal. Congratulations and continued success!



Long-distance swimmers

Clay Young (left) displays his plaque signifying 500 km. of swimming at the Midland YM-YWCA. At right is Pat Warne, who received her 100-km. pin last week as well. One kilometre measures about 40 lengths of the pool, and about 25 people are involved in the distance-accomplishment event.



Thefts lead list for week

Between Oct. 13 and Oct. 19 Midland OPP officers handled a total of 126 general occurrences. Police report 11 motor vehicle accidents, five of which were non-reportable.

Thefts lead the list with 12 occurrences, followed by wilful damage cases, 11, break and enters, four, and assaults, two.

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