



Trotting team

Susan Van Klink and her horse Susan's Treasure earned a first-place finish in the Open Pleasure Hack competition at Sunday's Beginner and Hunter Schooling Show at Canter Call Equestrian Centre in Perkinsfield. It was the first combined beginner-hunter event for the centre.

Trail clubs not cut off

The Ontario government will provide some measure of assistance to winter trail clubs for the maintenance and development of snowmobile and cross-country ski trails for another year, says the Ministry of Natural Resources. The province's snowmobile and cross-country ski trail clubs were recently notified by the ministry that grants, offered since 1974, were now being discontinued.

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Cents continue drive with two wins

by Garry Forbes

Tom Garner is convinced he has the best team on the Georgian Bay Junior C Hockey League circuit. Come Sunday in Penetanguishene, he says he'll prove it.

Coach Garner's Midland Centennials romped to their third and fourth straight victories—a 9-4 win over the Parry Sound Shamrocks Friday in Midland and 9-5 over the Huskies Sunday in Haliburton—and into a tie for the league lead with local rival Penetanguishene Kings.

And, in a superb bit of scheduling sure to soak the rivalry's fire with plenty of fuel, the two meet Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Midland Arena.

The Centennials have come alive of late with a quelling of their penalty-getting problems and a total team effort highlighted by the scoring talents of Noel

McEachern and Paul Hahn.

McEachern scored four goals Sunday and three Friday. Hahn contributed two each game. Single goals on the weekend were had by John Walter, Ed Cooper, Calvin Sine, Craig Brown and Dwayne Story.

Overshadowing the team's prodigious offensive output and defensive sheen, however, is the Centennials' very recent knack of keeping a lid on their glowing tempers.

Midland was far ahead of any club in total penalty minutes gathered over the season before last weekend and probably still are, but in the last three games they've only picked up 21 minors—less than their previous per-game average.

Garner says the club has begun to realize its potential, and isn't

going to let any silliness get in the way.

"They know they can be the class of the league and they're starting to show it," Garner said. "If our guys want to play hockey, nobody will beat them. We don't give the puck away, you've got to take it off of them—and you've got to be pretty good to do it."

The Penetanguishene Kings are undoubtedly sure they can do it. In the first game of the season between the two times, they took the puck away enough times to register a 14-4 stomping.

Garner is holding his line, however, saying they won't get away with that kind of abuse this time.

"We've got a championship hockey club here," he says. "And the players know it."



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