

Gymnastics Corner

by Ken St. Amant



Times knocks off Nordiques

Tyler French scored four goals to power the Midland Times to a 7-6 win over the Penetang Lockhart Motors Nordiques in exhibition Peewee House League play last Saturday at Penetanguishene Arena.

Other Times goals came from Steve Langley, Scott Dion and Jonathan Fike. Steven Mailloux and Wayne Desjardins each scored twice for the Nordiques, with Richard Larourneau and Allan Geere supplying singles.

PMHA party tomorrow

Penetanguishene Minor Hockey Association coaches, parents and managers will gather for their annual Christmas party tomorrow night at the Penetanguishene Arena Lounge.

In this article I would like to conclude our discussion on the gymnasts who will be representing the Hurons this weekend in Toronto. The remaining four girls are all in the Argo category. This division is for gymnasts who are under 12 years of age as of Jan. 1 of the competitive season.

The Argo category has three divisions. Argo 'C' is for gymnasts who are competing in Ontario Gymnastics Federation for the first time. We have three girls in this level. They are Arlene Merkley, Norma Milligan and Chris Turner. The Argo 'B' division is for gymnasts who are in their second or third year of competition at the OGF level. Gabi Held will be representing the club in this category. We have no one in the Argo 'A' division.

Competitors

This is Arlene's first year of competition at the OGF level, therefore she is in the 'C' category. Presently, this 11-year-old attends St. Anne Separate School in Penetanguishene. Arlene has been with the Hurons for three years and was involved in gymnastics at Corpus Christi Public School before joining

the club. She has competed in many school meets as well as many pre-competitive meets. Because of her athletic ability she is also actively involved in other sports such as volleyball, baseball and swimming.

Norma Milligan is also in the Argo 'C' category because this is her first year of competition at the provincial level. This 10-year-old gymnast is in Grade 5 at Huron Park Public School in Midland. Although this is her second year with the club, she has made great progress in a very short period of time. Norma has limited meet experience being involved in only a few school and pre-competitive meets. This weekend is going to be a real challenge for her. We have confidence that she will do extremely well.

The youngest gymnast we have travelling to Toronto this weekend is Chris Turner. At nine years of age this redhead has done very well indeed. This is only her second year of gymnastics and she has done very well in order to be selected for the competitive section of our club. This hard-working Grade 4 student attends Victoria Harbour Public School. Like most of our gymnasts she is

involved in many other activities as well. For example, she plays the piano and loves swimming.

Our most experienced gymnast in the Argo category is Gabi Held. Because of this experience she must compete at the 'B' level. Gabi is in Grade 5 at Corpus Christi Public School. This 11-year-old is in her third year of competition. Last season she did very well placing seventh in the Metro-West region. She also qualified as an alternate for the provincial team. We are anticipating that Gabi will have another successful season and make the provincial team once again.

We would like to wish all of the competitors the very best of luck for this weekend's meet.

GYMNASTIC CALENDAR

Dec. 3 -- last night for Advanced, 1st session.
Dec. 5 -- 1st qualifying meet (girls) Toronto.
Dec. 6 -- 1st compulsory meet (boys) Toronto.
Dec. 7 -- last night for Kindergym, 1st session.
Dec. 9 -- last night for Developmental, 1st session.
Dec. 11 -- last night for Pre-competitive and Competitive, 1st session.

Pin Chatter

by Dennis Brabant

Three more leagues have finished up their Hi-Low Doubles league round and announced their winners as follows:

Sunday Mixed League - Bob Duquette and Craig Smith.

Penetanguishene Industrial - 1st Roger Beausoleil and Jules Desroches; 2nd, Dan Hamelin and Don Cruise.

Sunday Sinners - 1st, Pamela Lesperance and Diane Perrault; 2nd, Wayne Garraway and Debbie Chapman.

The remaining leagues will be entering the sixth and final week starting on Monday, so all zone finalists will be known by the end of next week.

Approximately 150 Midland bowlers have signed up to roll in the 210 & Under tournament next week. The three games from regular league play will count for this tournament with the top 10 per cent of the bowlers advancing to the zone finals to be held on Jan. 31. The pins over average tournament is also being canvassed for entries in Penetanguishene this week so there should be at least another 150 entries in that alley also.

The Midland-Penetanguishene Association held its booster club draw last Thursday night at Bayshore Lanes. The winning numbers were pulled out by Hospital League president Inez Goneau as follows: \$50. Paul Maheu, No. 125; \$25. Bob Duquette,

No. 129; \$5. Mary Johnson, No. 27; \$5. Derosa Tietz, No. 7.

Ten men and two ladies from our area participated in the first round of the Carling Open on Sunday in Orillia. After the 10 games rolled Louis Maurice of Penetanguishene was sitting in fifth place with a total of 2,445 while Cecile Marion was in tenth position among the ladies with a total of 2,043. At different times some of our other bowlers were on the top 10 list such as Bill Puddicombe (2230), Maurice Lapensee (2276) and Jules Marion (2237). As the tenth and last qualifying spot was only 2326, after 10 games these bowlers have a good chance to make the cut next weekend in Barrie where the final 10 games are rolled. Other bowlers within striking distance are Maurice Lacroix (2108), Sam Poole (2180) Peter Lacroix (2126) and Pauline Brabant for the ladies with 1,840.

Coming Events

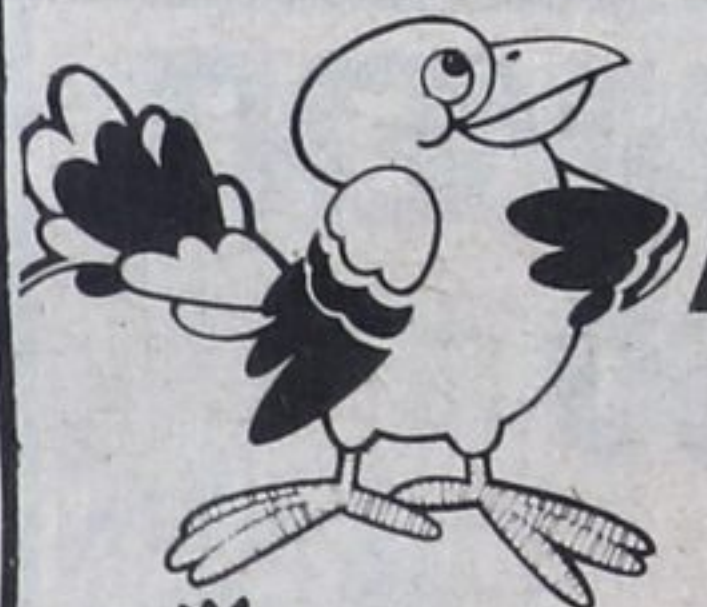
—The Midland Youth Bowling Council will be having a craft and bake sale at the Huronia Mall on Saturday at 10 a.m.

—Watch for the Midland-Penetanguishene 5-Pin Association float in the Santa Claus parade this weekend.

—There are still two spots open for the Midland mens tournament to be held on Dec. 12.

Volleyball tourney set

The Simcoe County Elementary Schools Zone 3 Boys' volleyball tournament has been slated for tomorrow, beginning at 9 a.m., at Ecole Seconde Penetanguishene Secondary School.



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