

Centennials knocked to fifth spot

The Midland Centennials were prodded back into fifth spot in the Georgian Bay Junior C Hockey League standings after running into a pair of hot goaltenders in two weekend matchups.

Sunday in Parry Sound, the Shamrocks brought down the Centennials with a 4-3 decision. Friday, the Cents were stopped 4-1 by host Gravenhurst Indians.

In both cases, the Centennials outshot their opposition in the opening period. Sunday, they missed



several good opportunities to tie the game late after a discouraging first period. Friday's first period was even more discouraging as the Gravenhurst goaltender allowed only one goal in 18 tries, and the Centennials didn't recover from the constant denial.

Noel McEachern led the Midland attack in Sunday's game, scoring once and assisting on the two others by Ed Cooper and Paul Hahn. All three goals came in the final five minutes of the game.

Dwayne Latondress did the Midland netminding duty, facing 29 shots to the Centennials skaters' total of 24.

Each club picked up 37 minutes in penalties -- including a third-period major and misconduct to the Cents' Steve Tumber, an assessment which will earn him a one-game suspension.

Midland's lone goal in Friday's contest came from Steve Bressette.

Brad Bumstead was between the pipes for the Centennials in that one, facing a total of 37 shots. Gravenhurst

goalie Paul Ryan faced 38 shots from the Midland skaters.

Midland out-penalized Gravenhurst 33-29.

The Centennials are now six points behind

the league-leading Bracebridge Bears and six ahead of the last-place Indians.

They'll try to improve on their mediocre positioning tonight when

they meet the Penetanguishene Kings in an 8 p.m. date at Midland Arena, and

again on Sunday when they'll travel to Penetanguishene for a 7:30 p.m. re-match.

Open volleyball tourney set for 29th

Any mens' volleyball players interested in some holiday competition are invited to the Midland YMCA next Tuesday for a two-division tournament.

The event is restricted to players 16 and older and requires a \$10 entry fee for each player.

Anyone interested is asked to register at the Midland YMCA Tuesday Dec. 29 between 6:30 and 7 p.m. for placement on a team.

Teams will be divided into Recreational and Open divisions, and prizes will be awarded to the top squads in each.

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