

Close, but no go for Bulls

An end-zone fumble early in the second half gave Oshawa Seconds the only try they needed for a 7-4 victory over the Midland Bulls in Mid-Ontario Rugby Union exhibition play Saturday in Cannington.

It was the second game and second loss of the season for the Bulls.

Oshawa scored first in the game with a penalty kick but Midland bounced back to take a 4-3 lead on a try by Todd Clarke before Oshawa stormed back.

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"We were probably the better team for most of the game," said Midland co-coach John Nix. "We had a lot of close chances in the second half but we just couldn't come up with it.

But we were competitive, and that's good for morale."

The club's morale will have to be in top form for their next game on Saturday when they host the Brock Rugby Club at Midland Secondary School.

Brock dumped the Oshawa Firsts 12-0 at last weekend's Cannington clash, and Nix says the Bulls will have to be in top shape to handle their third foe of the season.

The game is slated to start at 2 p.m.

It's off to the big one

The Midland Bulls Rugby Football Club will be chartering a bus to the Labatt's International Rugby match-up between Canada East and England Monday, May 24 at Varsity Stadium in Toronto.

Bulls co-coach John Nix said bus tickets would be available for \$8 maximum (depending on response) and can be had by calling him at 526-3544.

The encounter will pit the English Nationals — touted as one of the top sides in the world — against a Canadian East side made up of the best players from Ontario, Quebec and the Maritimes.

Kick-off is 2 p.m.

Sorry — it's \$9

Weekend and holiday green fees at Brooklea Golf and Country Club are \$9 — not \$10, as indicated in last Friday's Sports Report.

The Times regrets any inconvenience this error may have caused.



Best foot forward

A member of Midland Secondary School's track and field team clears a hurdle during practice Monday. The Midland teams will take on Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School, Elmvalle District High School, Ecole Le Caron and St. Theresa's High School in tomorrow's annual

CKMP meet at ESPSS. Athletes from all five schools have been training hard over the past couple of weeks for the local competition.

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Keegos swim for \$6,000

The Midland Y Keegos Swim Club is nearly \$6,000 richer after Sunday's Swim-a-thon at the YMCA's Little Lake Park pool.

Thirty-two Keegos and 15 local celebrities took part in the event, the Keegos' only fundraising project of the season.

"We're really pleased," said Keegos president Jean Leavens. "The kids really worked hard."

The club has \$5,520 in pledges already in and more are on the way. It's about the same amount as was raised in last year's Swim-a-thon, Leavens said.

Last year, though, more than 50 Keegos and 30 swimmers were involved.

Several Keegos will be travelling to Sudbury this weekend to take part in the annual Royal Insurance Meet, one of the toughest senior-level events of the year.

The season runs into June this year and the Keegos may be hosting one more invitational meet, probably during the weekend of May 15-16.

The Club also made its award presentations Sunday, and the following swimmers

picked up awards for their achievements since last September:

—Most Valuable Swimmer (winner of McDonalds Trophy): Lise Magnan.

—High-Point Trophy Girls: Anne Leavens.

—High-Point Trophy Boys: Chris Leavens.

—Most Improved Swimmers Boys: 10 and under, Joel Magnan; 11-12, J. J. Gorman; 13-14, Chris Leavens; 15 and over, Andre Bourrie.

—Most Improved Swimmers, Girls: 10 and under, Becky Whittam; 11-12, Anne Leavens; 13-14, Lise Magnan; 15 and over, Mary Ellen Pool.

—Most Sportsmanlike Swimmer: Andre Bourrie.

—Most Improved Novice, Girls: Muriel Henry.

—Most Improved Novice, Boys: Andreas Benkovski.

—Most Valuable Novice: Brandy Cormie.

They had some doubles trouble

Two teams of doubles from St. Theresa's High School put up a game effort before being eliminated with 1-2 records at last weekend's Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association badminton championships in Kingston.

The mixed doubles pair of Wayne Cadean and Susan Lamers and the girls doubles duo of Patti Cox and Kelly Swales both lost their opening games last Friday, won their first games Saturday and lost out later that day. "But," said coach Cathy Playne, "considering the competition that was there, I thought they played very well — I was really proud of their performances."

Playne, who recently won the Midland Badminton Club ladies' singles title (Brian Emery was the mens' champ), qualified for the OFSAA championships when she attended Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School.

We've got to move!

Juniors' manager worried over turnouts, site

Midland Junior baseball team manager Dick Thompson says poor turnouts and poor training conditions are preventing the newly-formed club from developing as quickly as he'd like.

Thompson has been away for a week and couldn't make last Sunday's tryout / practice, but said only about 15 players showed up "and that's not enough."

More tryouts are scheduled for Friday night and Sunday afternoon. "I certainly hope there'll be more out," said Thompson. "I think there will be on Sunday — at least I hope there will be. We really have to get down to business now."

Another factor which has prevented the team from getting down to business, Thompson says, is their homefield Tiffin Park diamond, which the manager says is "like a plowed field."

One of his players, Gary Borsa, received a shiner when a ball bounced off the rough turf and hit him in the cheek, and Thompson says there'll be other injuries if something isn't done about the field soon.

Arnold Burgher, president of the Midland Minor Baseball Association, a member of the Parks Board and a key figure in the club's founding, says he expects parks board crews will be working on the field "within a week or two."

"I would have liked to have seen it done a month ago," said Burgher. "But they've got a lot of cleanup work to do and they can't do everything at once."

Burgher said the field is in rough condition probably because kids were playing on it in the fall when it was soft and muddy. He agrees it will have to be tended to — graded and smoothed out — fairly soon.

"But we have to have some understanding. We have to have some patience and some suffering," said Burgher. "It's called co-operation."

The infield has been smoothed and raked by Parks personnel, Thompson said, but "only good enough for softball."

Midland Parks director Jim McLaren couldn't be reached for comment.

The team, which will engage in South-Simcoe league competition against clubs from Barrie, Orillia, Ivy, Newmarket, Collingwood, and Owen Sound, will get rolling May 24 with an exhibition game in Barrie against Exeter.

Friday's practice will begin at 6 p.m. and Sunday's is slated to start at 2 p.m. Assistant coach Bun Deschamps will provide a pitching machine for both outings.

The team is open to players age 21 or under, and a \$10 MMBA registration fee is required.

Deadline looms

The Midland Minor Baseball Association will be holding a "last chance" registration Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Midland Arena.

Registration fee is \$10 per player, from T-Ball through Junior, and is open to both boys and girls.

MMBA president Arnold Burgher says registration so far has been "slow, but not unlike any other year."

Despite two registrations so far, Burgher said, people have still been approaching him on the street and signing up their youngsters.

"It hasn't been a problem at all," said Burgher, but he also warned that teams are forming now and Saturday's registration will be the final.