



BULLS WIN!!!

Nip Owen Sound 23-nil at MSS

by Doug Reed

They did it! And it wasn't for the Gipper either that Midland Bulls Rugby Club shut out visiting Owen Sound Renegades 23-nil, last Saturday on a mud-covered and slick pitch at MSS.

That match, played in memory of former Bull Bob Krista, was a classic contest. Physically both clubs were about even but it was in the line-outs, scrums, rucks and mauls that Midland really exhibited its spirit, super timing, and tremendous running ability.

superb effort

In a nut shell Bulls showed a superb combined effort as time and again Midland players were able to get the ball from a "loose" and run up field into scoring range.

The host club also displayed some impressive "attack kicking" especially off the feet of John Nix and Ken Maheu.

Visitors got caught a couple of times with their scrum-caps down after a series of careless passes put them out of the money.

On the other hand Midland turned out to be the enterprising club as time and again the host club literally "took it to the visitors."

Midland's slight weight dominance in the scrums didn't do Bulls any harm either.

The club was able to ruck the ball out of loose scrums to set up some of the prettiest plays seen in these parts in many years.

So much for the overview. Getting down to the nitty-gritty, Midland opened the scoring late in the first half after Al MacDonald drove a 35-yard penalty kick straight through Owen Sound's uprights to make 3-nil, Midland.

That towering kick was followed by a Peter Stubbins try. The convert was no goal. The score was 7-0 at the end of the first exhausting half.

Prop John Nix opened the scoring for Midland on a nifty try in the second half.

He scampered 20 yards to make it 11-0. Fly-half (stand off) Peter Cameron added to Midland's impressive scoring punch by adding a try of his own to make it 15-0.

eight points for Nix

Nix bounced back to score the two-point conversion and the game was locked up 17-0 for Midland but with more scoring to come.

Full-back Ken Maheu made it 21-0 via a four-point try while Nix popped another conversion through the uprights and that's all she wrote: Midland 23-Owen Sound 0.

For Nix it was his best performance this season if not in years as he notched eight points for the day. Impressive indeed.

Thanks to Midland's big jumpers they were able to tip the ball time and again away from visitors during dozens of line-outs held throughout the match.

Midland backs did a super job too last Saturday while the pack itself worked as a unit. The few Midland transgressions weren't costly and on the whole the club to a man played exciting rugger as they criss-crossed across the pitch always backing whoever had the ball to take the starch out of their visitors from Owen Sound.

Old Bulls play Toronto XL's, Sunday afternoon in the Big Smoke for a 2:30 p.m. bash.

Both Midland rugby clubs will be in action here at home Aug. 7 when they hold their famed double-header and pig roast.

The younger Bulls will host Irish II while the Old Bulls will take on the XL's.

Both games will be fielded at the Hugel Avenue high school pitch rain or shine.

Well done Bulls!

To the victors go the spoils

Midland Bulls Rugby Club clobbered visiting Owen Sound Renegades on Saturday 23-nil at the MSS pitch. For the

local lads it was their first victory of the season which needless to say they savoured after losing their first five out-

tings this year.

—Photos by Bruce Finlayson

Outdoors

by Bryan Berriault

Little Lake Bass Derby

19th year for this fun-filled fisher-ee!

Once again Little Lake in Midland will come alive as, better than one hundred hopeful winners of the Little Lake Bass Derby take to watery.nkff2., June 27.

The six o'clock start will be a bang-up event as all boats must start from the area of the old change house in the heart of the park. All weigh-in will be in the same area and conducted by an official from the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Weigh-in times will be posted, so check them out and be there for the sake of the bass which will hopefully be released.

It's for sure a few boats will kiss at the start, as prospective winners head for their favourite hot spots. The Indy 500 has nothing on the start of the Little Lake Bass Derby.

Competition is tough as some of the best bass fishermen who ever made an offering

to old bucket mouth and the bronzeback line up at the starting grid.

John Power (two time winner), Jean Power (one time winner and the brains behind the Power team), Frank Wice (who will be flying in from Mexico for the event) and yours truly will all be revving up the horses at the 6 a.m. start.

Live baits are permitted with the only exception being minnows, "dead or alive" says George Lott.

Frogs, leeches, crawfish and worms are allowed to take the swim in the Big Derby.

Rubber baits are definately within the rules and many contestants will be checking them out for the Rice Lake Bass Derby, held on July 10 and 11.

The Labatt's Bass Competition at Rice Lake does not allow live bait which makes

rubber baits a must. The winning fish, of the Little Lake Bass Derby, will be put on a board for posterity by Cougar Taxidermy. The winning fish will be there for all the losers to drop over and see after its mounted.

All entries must be obtained before 6 p.m. on Sat. June 26. If bass fishing is your game get down to Gauthier Sports, Garner's Sports, The Minit Market, or Duval's Variety and pick up an entry. Where can you go for twelve hours of excitement with a \$10 entry fee today?

After the six p.m. finish its back to the Hunters and Anglers Clubhouse on Ogden's Beach Road for a buffet.

For the winners its a must since all prizes will be handed out.

See you in the winners circle on Sunday.