

Boudouris rescues Kings

Restaurant owner buys troubled Junior C hockey club

Nick Boudouris, owner of the World Famous Dock Lunch restaurant in Penetanguishene and a major sponsor of area athletic teams, acquired his biggest sporting jewel to date with the purchase of the Penetanguishene Kings Junior C hockey club.

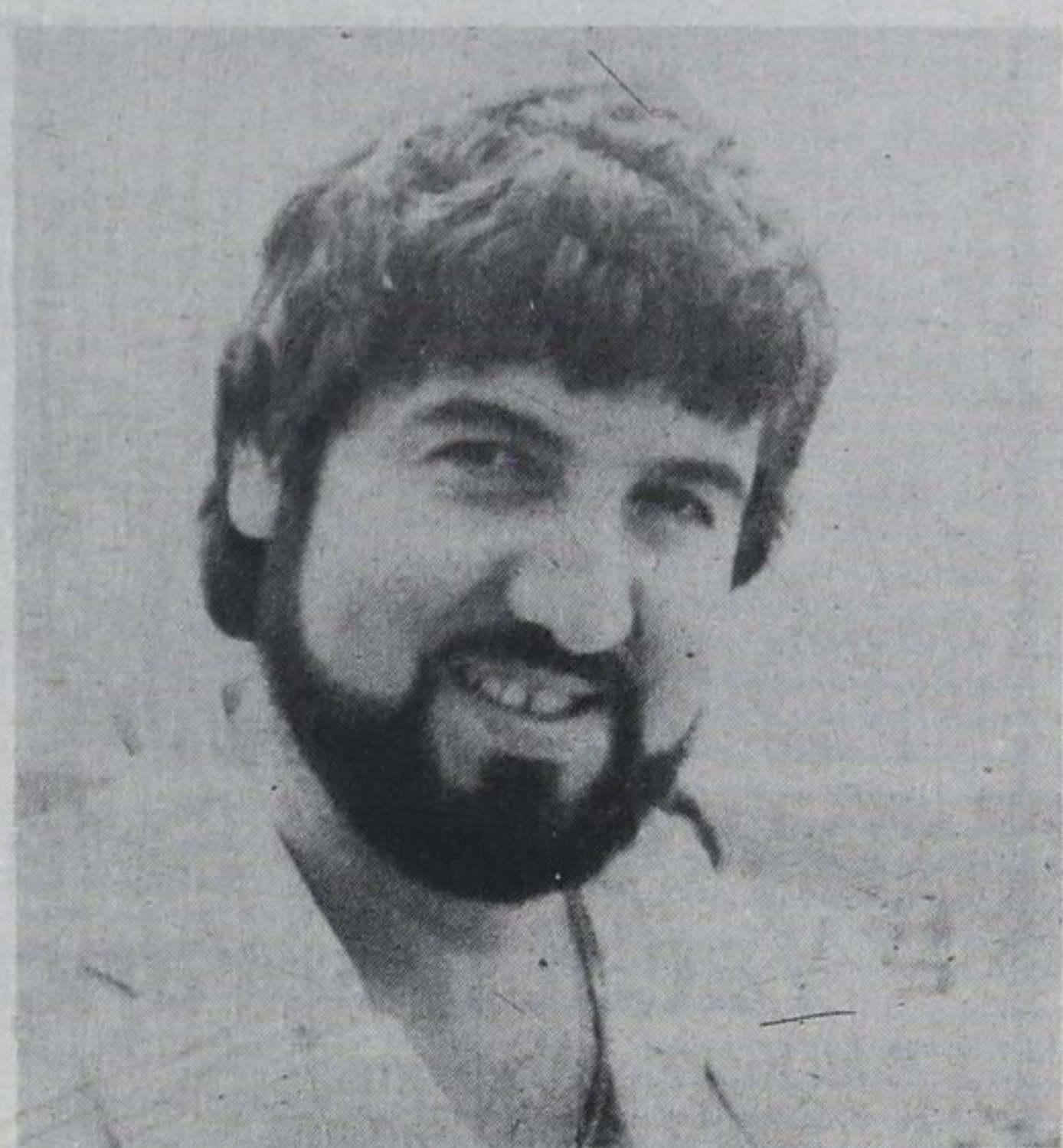
Peter Dubeau, general manager of the Ontario Hockey Association bronze medalist club, announced Friday that Boudouris had purchased the club for an undisclosed amount.

Dubeau said the club was sold because of financial difficulties.

"The Kings lost a pile of money last season," Dubeau said. "And the executive didn't feel they could carry on in the present capacity."

Dubeau said the executive spent about a month searching for a purchaser. The final agreement was signed at an executive meeting last Wednesday night at Penetanguishene arena.

Proceeds from the



purchase will be donated to the Penetanguishene Arena improvement fund, set up recently to renovate the dressing rooms and front section of the building.

Dubeau expressed confidence that Boudouris would contribute to the cham-

pionship tradition of the Kings and that his concern for the club made him an ideal choice as owner.

"Knowing that we were as successful as we were this past year and knowing how hard everybody worked at it, it would have been a shame to throw it all away," Dubeau said.

"Nick knows the resources and he knows how to promote."

Part of the reason for the Kings' financial troubles stemmed from the executive's generosity toward the players.

New sweaters were purchased last season and equipment was always made readily available to the players. "We've always treated the players right and they've always produced for us," Dubeau said.

Unfortunately, the Kings wound up the season without a dime in the bank. They could have been in the black, Dubeau said, and possibly could have made enough to avoid the sale of the club if not for the restructuring of the Ontario Junior C championships last season.

The OHA decided to go with a round-robin format between the top four clubs in the province instead of continuing best-of-seven series' through the finals as was done in previous years.

"It really hurt us," Dubeau said. "If we'd continued the way it was (getting home-ice ticket sales right through the playoffs) we would have made about three times what we received from the tournament."

The Kings picked up \$700 from the Bracebridge deal, and that cheque simply brought them back to square one.

This season, the OHA will revert to the old playoff format. And the Kings' travelling expenses will be down too, with the formation of a new Georgian Bay league South Division in which they'll compete against Midland, Oro, Essa (Angus) and Stayner. They'll still play their old northern rivals -- Bracebridge, Huntsville, Haliburton, Parry Sound and Gravenhurst -- but will only have to make the trip north once for each in the revised interlocking schedule.

Boudouris' first task as new owner will be selecting an executive and staff to run the club.

Dubeau said the new owner has already asked him to help out, but "final hiring and acquiring" is completely up to Boudouris.

Boudouris said he'll be calling a press conference within the next couple of weeks to fully discuss his plans for the club.



Chilling experience

Things got a little chilly for Angela Schmidt during her Georgian Bay Ladies' Softball League game Monday at McGuire Park in Penetanguishene. And things were

even cooler for her club, Midland Therrien's Furniture, out on the field as Penetanguishene Gignac's Muffler Shop scored a 10-7 win. Cindy King picked up the win.



Moving right along

A member of the Midland Peewee Braves lacrosse team prompts a Barrie opponent along during their encounter at Midland Arena last Wednesday. The Braves moved everybody aside on the weekend as

they rolled to a tournament championship in Huntsville. Monday, they'll be setting out for Burnaby, B.C., for a national championship tournament try.

Duval nets four

Paul Duval scored four goals to power Don's Janitorial to a 7-3 drubbing of the Surplus Plus Sabres in Penetang-Midland Ball Hockey League action Monday at Penetanguishene Arena.

Brian Rambler scored twice and Martial Robitaille once to round out Don's scoring. Vince Ladouceur had two for the Sabres and Dennis Ladouceur notched the other.

In the other game Monday S. Charlebois Haulage Diggers goaltender Bill Pudicombe shut out Duquette's TV while his teammates racked up seven goals at the other end.

Peter Robillard led the way for the Diggers with three goals, David Robillard added a pair and singles were had by Paul Gravelle and Norm Zwicker.

In Sunday's action league-leading Ron's Confectionary scored a narrow 6-4 decision over Don's, the Legion Eagles got by Cumming-Nicholson 4-3, the Diggers edged out the Islanders 4-3 and the Stewart's Gulf Oilers pinned another big loss on the Sabres, this time 7-2. In one other game Sunday, M. Forget Construction were awarded a win by

default when the Mink Insurance Royals couldn't muster the necessary personnel. Terry King paced Ron's victory with two goals and singles were provided by Gary Bellisle, Marty Quigley, Brian Pilon and Bill Ladouceur.

Ed Cramm replied with two for Don's and singles were had by Brian Rambler and Dave Miller.

Joe Beausoleil paced the Eagles attack with three goals and Bobby Haworth had the other. Tom Graham got all

three goals for Cumming-Nicholson.

Rich Duval, Dan St. Aman, Dave Robillard and Marc Duquette were the Diggers marksmen Sunday. Mike Moreau answered with two for the Islanders and Keith Press had the other.

Gary Hansford put in a four-goal performance for the Oilers to help them to their big win.

Dennis Pelletier, Ken Mitchell and Doug Gillespie got the others.

Martial Marion had both Sabres goals.

King nails down title

Wayne King cranked out a fourth-inning home run for the winner in the Midland Athenian Raiders' 2-0 triumph over Caswell's Antiques in the championship game of the Toanche Fastball Tournament Saturday.

The Raiders picked up \$275 for their efforts, Caswell's earned \$150.

Penetanguishene Sand and Gravel, league-mates with Caswell's in the Penetanguishene Fastball League, beat the Wyebridge Hawks for the consolation title and \$125 in prize money.

The Raiders, representing the Simcoe Rural Fastball League along with the Hawks, dumped Duval's Variety of the PFL 1-0 in their opener and bumped off Wye Heritage Marina of the Olympia Fastball League 5-0 in their second outing.