



**Endzone
enthusiasm**

We weren't going to offer any trite comments about this picture because we knew we'd just land ourselves in a heap of trouble...but we can't resist, so: it seems the Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School cheerleaders are willing to bend over backwards to help inspire

their football teams. Such enthusiasm seems to have been helping the Senior squad, at least, who won their first two games before dropping to a powerful Collingwood Collegiate Institute last week. They'll have to try again against the same club today in Collingwood, as will their Junior

counterparts, winless after two starts. The other local Senior crew, Midland Secondary School, tried to grab their first victory in their third start yesterday at MSS against Orillia's Twin Lakes Secondary School.

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Sports report

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(Almost) all are in action

The Midland Athletics, the Midland Centennials and the Penetanguishene Kings will continue their 1982/83 Ontario Hockey Association campaigns this weekend -- and Carl Cowan will not.

As the question of where Cowan, one of the province's premier Junior C stars over the past couple of seasons,

will spend this season has been further complicated by another affiliation twist, the three local clubs will

keep chugging along with all three making home-ice appearances within the next three days.

The Kings will try to get on their Georgian Bay Junior C championship horse tonight when they host the Oro 77's for an 8:30 p.m. encounter. The Kings have been having a rough time getting going this season, losing their first three games including one to the Midland Centennials last Sunday in Penetanguishene. (The two local rivals went at it again last night in Midland, but results were unavailable at press time.)

The Cents have been faring much better, adding one win to their victory over the Kings and allowing only one bad apple to spoil the batch -- that served up last Friday in their home opener.

Tonight, they'll be off to tangle with the Huntsville Huskies of the league's north section and Sunday they'll be back home for a 7:30 p.m. test against last year's league finalists (now of the north division), the Bracebridge Bears.

The same evening, the Kings will travel to Angus to meet the new south division foe Essa 80's.

Monday, the Centennials will move down the road to Stayner to take on another new entry, the Siskins.

The area's OHA Major Intermediate A entry Midland Athletics will also be in action tonight, facing the Collingwood Shipbuilders for the second straight time in an 8:30 p.m. get-together at Midland Arena.

The A's, who got off to a smashing start with a convincing rout of the formidable new entry Durham Huskies, were

themselves smashed twice last weekend, losing two games and adding a couple of stalwarts to the injury list.

They'll be missing four regulars -- Wayne King, Tony Stone, Wayne Dixon and Hugh Robertson -- for tonight's game and probably for Saturday's trip to Barrie as well.

But A's manager Shawn Stewart said yesterday there will still be a solid slate of 14 or 15 players ready for what promises to be another rough-and-tumble squaring off with the Shipbuilders.

While just about everybody but the ailing A's will be suiting up this weekend, Carl Cowan will have to be content on the viewers' side of the glass.

Cowan, who has spent the past few seasons with the Kings and helped them to a string of Georgian Bay titles and an OHA bronze medal last season, has been a willing target of acquisition by the Athletics.

He played in one exhibition game for the A's -- scoring two goals and two assists to help them beat the shipbuilders -- but has since been the leading figure in a series of murky negotiations between the Kings and the A's.

The Kings, now owned by Penetanguishene restaurateur Nick Boudouris, say they obviously can't force Cowan to play for their club and don't want to stand in his way. All the Kings want, Boudouris said yesterday, is a fair break and protection of their interests.

Last year, the A's and Kings had an affiliation agreement by which the A's could, with the Kings' consent, draw players up for Intermediate service. The

agreement hasn't been renewed this season, though, and may not be.

Boudouris says he is willing to sign the proper OHA agreement forms -- now in the mail to the A's -- and will free Cowan to sign an A's card under the terms of the affiliation and for a previously agreed-upon sum of \$400.

The only other way the A's could obtain Cowan would be by outright release -- for which the A's would gladly compensate the Kings \$400. But Boudouris and the Kings executive don't want to release the player for fear of losing future compensation (Cowan still has a year of Junior eligibility left after this season).

Last Sunday, a new wrinkle began to develop. The A's began discussing the possibility of an affiliation arrangement with Centennials president Tom Garner, an arrangement which, says Stewart, would overall be more beneficial to the Intermediate club -- except, of course, for the likelihood that it would cut off access to Cowan.

The A's would still have to sign an agreement with the Cents, but they can, because the clubs are in the same community, draw players until the official documents are in order. Such a drawing of players would immediately preclude any arrangement with the Kings and could effectively shut off any further negotiation regarding Cowan.

If Cowan doesn't play with any OHA club this season -- something everybody says they don't want to see happen -- he would automatically become a free agent and master of his own destiny next

season.

But Cowan wants to play hockey this season, and obviously he wants to play hockey here. But until somebody lets go of something, that's not going to happen; for now, the ball is in everybody else's court but Cowan's.

"I don't think anybody wants to see a young man of his age and calibre not playing in this area," Boudouris said yesterday. "The last thing we want to do is hold him back. We want him to do what he wants, but we have to be fair to ourselves, too."

**Stars
leave
hoop
loop**

The Midland Commodores will have to wait until Remembrance Day before a home date comes their way after the only team they were to host before that, the Barrie Brookdale Stars, dropped from the Simcoe County Intermediate Mens' Basketball League ranks on Tuesday.

Brookdale, who were to play in Midland next Thursday, withdrew because, "Basically, (they had) a lack of organization," league president Jim Martin said yesterday.

All Brookdale games will be scratched from the schedule and no points will be awarded the Orillia CC Panthers for their defaulted matchup against the now-defunct Stars last Thursday.

The other local entry, Penetanguishene Dock Lunch, were to meet Brookdale in early November in Barrie.

The withdrawal reduces the number of teams to nine.

Both the Commodores and Dock Lunch played last night in, but results were unavailable at press time.

Dock Lunch hosted Bradford, formerly the Alliston entry, and the Commodores were on the road in Stayner.

The Commodores, league defending champs, won their only previous game while Dock Lunch suffered a loss to Stayner in their opener.



Looking to weekend

Brian Marshall and the rest of the Midland Oldtimers have been spending much of their time of late concentrating on the mechanics of practice, but beginning this weekend they'll have plenty of opportunity for more competitive exercise. They'll be travelling to Orillia this weekend for tournament play and, next Friday, will meet the rival Penetanguishene Brule Hotel Oldtimers in an exhibition matchup at Penetanguishene Arena.