

Kings back on track after taking a pair on weekend

by RON JOHNSON

Penetanguishene Kings swept a pair of victories over the weekend in Georgian Bay Junior "C" hockey action.

At home Friday night, they rode a strong third period to a 7-3 win over the Essa 80's, and on Saturday, Kings went to Haliburton and did in the hapless Huskies by a tally of 11-1.

Coach Ron Marchildon was especially pleased with his team's triumph over Essa, Friday. The first place 80's have managed only a single point in three games against the Kings.

Marchildon was at a loss to explain the Kings success against the supposedly

superior Essa team.

"We seem to play extremely well against them every game. It seems that our style of hockey just works better against their style."

Essa found the Kings' style pleasing for two-and-a-half periods on Friday. They jumped out to a 2-1 lead in the first stanza and controlled much of the play well into the third period, when they still retained a 3-2 lead.

At this point, Marchildon's charges turned the game around. The coach knew the reason for the change in tides: "Essa started taking stupid penalties and we made them pay for them."

Penetanguishene rattled in five consecutive

goals to wrap up the win.

Brian McReynolds led the onslaught with two goals and two assists, while Bob Weatherill, Dave Robillard, Peter Roi, Brian Norwood, and Craig Brown each chipped in with a solo marker. Weatherill also added a pair of assists.

Saturday's uneven match-up with Haliburton served the sole purpose of padding the Kings' offensive statistics.

Coach Marchildon commented this way on the Kings' play:

"We have two lines which have been scoring well lately, and the other line has been strong defensive work. Even though Haliburton is definitely lagging behind the

rest of the league in ability at this point, we'll still gladly take the two points!"

This team balance showed up on the score sheet, when seven players shared the 11 tallies. Dave Robillard sparked the team with a "hat trick", while Brian Forget and Brian Norwood bagged two each. Other Kings able to dent the twines once were Phil Cinq-Mars, Greg St. Amant, Brian McReynolds, and Greg Pilon. Norwood also had four assists, while McReynolds added three helpers.

After a dismal start this season the Penetanguishene Junior Kings appear to be getting untracked. They are definitely back in the thick of the play-off picture.

Sports report

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At the sports desk

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Sports fans of the vintage of this reporter have been extremely fortunate. We have seen some of the greatest events and personalities in the history of sports.

We have seen them on television, or in person, or have read about them in all manner of sports journals.

You all know what I'm talking about:

We have seen Hank Aaron break the home run record of the great Babe Ruth in baseball. We have also seen the 1962 New York Mets—perhaps the worst team in history—for sure the funniest.

In football we have witnessed the marvelous talents of Russ Jackson, George Reed, and the Edmonton Eskimos. From the USA came the exploits of Jimmy Brown, Johnny Unitas, and the Green Bay Packers of Vince Lombardi.

Of all sports, perhaps hockey has given us more to wonder at than any other field of athletic endeavor. We remember those wonderful Toronto Maple Leaf teams of the early sixties (led by my favourite player—Frank Mahovlich).

We witnessed the ultimate in hockey thrills in September of 1972, when Paul Henderson ensured his place in our sports memories by sinking the Russians with his three game-winning goals.

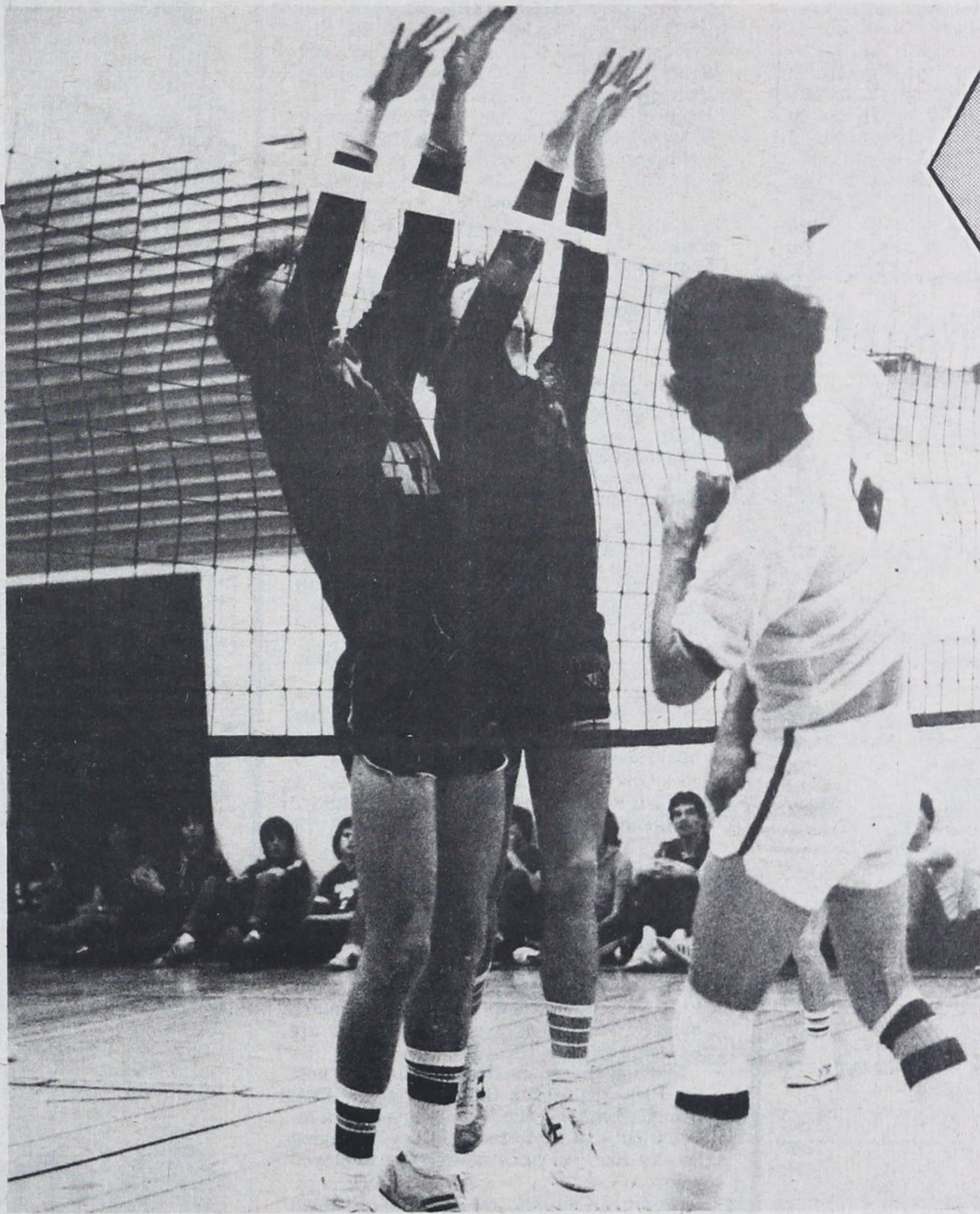
We have seen magnificent hockey teams like the Montreal Canadiens of the late seventies, and now the New York Islanders of the eighties. Still we have not touched upon the glimmering accomplishments of one W. Gretzky out in the Prairies.

Almost every sport enjoyed by fans in North America has enjoyed the play of its greatest teams and players. We have been privy to them all.

It is now my privilege to work in the field of sports journalism, and it is my hope to share whatever insights my years as a devoted fan have given me. I hope in the weeks and months ahead I will be able to convey my enjoyment and love for sports through the local events, teams, and athletes of Huronia. I look forward to meeting many of you as athletes, coaches, helpers, and fans.

I want to bring all of your favourite local players and games to you, so you can enjoy them as much as I enjoy writing about them.

See you at the game!



St. T's
volleyballer
put up good
defence

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MSS gals
sweep two
from ESPSS

Midland Secondary School Senior Girls Basketball team defeated Penetanguishene Secondary School girls last Thursday by a score of 82-26.

High scorers for Midland were Kelly Edwards and Tracey Vent with 15 points each.

First-time seniors Susanne Bourgeois and Lynda Ferraro contributed to the one-sided victory with six points apiece.

Also on Thursday, the Midget Girls Basketball Team from MSS ended the regular season undefeated by beating Penetanguishene 35-16.

They will meet Penetanguishene again in the Zone Semi-finals on Nov. 27. The winner goes on to meet Cannington's Brock High School in the Finals.

Top scorers for Midland were Karen Voegele and Kathy Gosselin.

Cents' shooters on the loose

Score sheet shows their results

by RON JOHNSON

Midland Centennials used two weekend games to fatten up their scoring statistics.

Friday night, on the road, they "snuck" by Oro 77's by the outrageous score of 11-10.

On Sunday, Cents returned to the friendly confines of Centennial Arena and crushed the punchless Haliburton Huskies 16-3.

Manager Doug Fox was understandably ecstatic about his team's offence, but remained wary about the club's defence, especially after surrendering 10 goals to Oro.

In an interview Tuesday, Fox spoke cautiously: "Although about half of Oro's goals could be termed as fluke, we are still giving up too many goals. It's not the result of the goalies or defencemen, but rather an overall break-

down of our team defence."

This shaky defence can be overlooked, especially when the team supplies eleven goals. The score ended up closer than the game actually was. Midland held period leads of 4-3, and 8-6, and led 11-7 part way through the final period. The Cents also outshot their hosts by 55-36.

John Waller paced the attack with four goals, and assisted on three others. Captain Ken Mugford rifled in three goals and Al Whidden notched a pair. Rob Greenlaw and Gord Tuckerman bagged a singleton each. "Rookie" Shawn Davy contributed four helpers to the cause.

Fox noted one reason for the close final score, "We learned a lesson about taking

penalties in a close game. We took only three minor penalties and Oro scored three powerplay goals."

Chris Lemieux was in the nets for the Cents, and was the victim of all 10 goals, however bizarre they might have been. He was not responsible for the elevation of the final score.

Sunday night's festival against Haliburton was another in a long series of shooting practices that the Georgian Bay Junior C League has been conducting at the expense of the Huskies. They gave up 27 goals while scoring only four in two weekend fixtures with Midland and the Penetanguishene Kings. Goalies Colin Newell and Duane Lenny have had a traumatic existence thus far in 1982.

However one-sided the game turned out, Cents manager Doug Fox did have positive comments for his boys' play:

"We have three lines that can really skate and handle the puck. There are scorers on all lines, and when things are going our way, we're a thing of beauty to watch."

This team balance surfaced in the statistical column after Sunday's game. No fewer than six Cents scored a pair of goals; Shawn Davy, Brian Garner, Rick Rever, Steve Bressette, Doug Kirton, and John Waller. Solo snipers were Joe Belisky, Ken Mugford, Al Whidden, and Brian Cadieux, who also set up five goals.

Dwayne Latondress faced 25 shots and a feeling of serenity in the Midland net.