

# MSS girls make final four

## Fall short, Marauders lose in semis to Sarnia

by RON JOHNSON  
Midland Secondary School senior girls are not the provincial high school basketball champions, but didn't miss by very much.

MSS got off to a slow start, and got into foul trouble against Sarnia,

and just couldn't recover against the eventual champs. Team quarterback and inspirational leader, Angie Pumputis picked up four fouls, some of a dubious nature, in the first half, and was to a large degree not a factor as she should have been allowed to be.

According to coach Brigg Harvey, "Angie is a tremendous power forward, who can

dominate a game, but the officials just wouldn't let her play her game."

MSS was down by 13 at half, but couldn't make up more than one of those points in the second half. Tracey Vent had 14 points to top the Midland scoring in the final game.

St. Pat's went on to defeat Bishop Ryan of Hamilton 46-45 in the championship game. To get to the Sarnia

game, Midland put together what Harvey calls "a marvelous tournament". They played and won three previous games in convincing fashion.

West Toronto was their first victim, on Thursday morning, as they fell 51-30, as Carolyn Meech totalled 22 points in a fine display.

Friday morning the opposition was supplied by Frontenac of Kingston, and tiny point guard Sheila Lizotte spearheaded the 56-30 triumph with her solid defensive work and hustle. The scoring was distributed among several players.

Coach Harvey noted that this was just one in a season of fine efforts by Lizotte and the team.

"Sheila was outstanding in the whole tournament, just as she and the whole team have provided me with excellent play and dedication all season."

Marauders played a "grudge match" next against Notre Dame of Welland. MSS had lost to Welland earlier in the season by one point in overtime, says Harvey.

"We had something to prove after that loss, because the girls thought we were the better team. Welland was seeded ahead of us

(fourth to MSS' fifth) and we didn't think that was right."

Revenge was sweet, to the tune of 56-43, leaving no doubt about who was the superior team. Leading scorer in this game was Carolyn Meech, one of the

graduating seniors, who had 19 points.

These wins brought MSS to the semi-final game against Sarnia, and its unfortunate result.

Brigg Harvey's team loses some front line players, like Tracey

Vent, Carolyn Meech and Sheila Lizotte, but he still expects the team to contest the title again next year. Sarnia and Sudbury, who lost the other semi-final 44-43 to Bishop Ryan, are the two top-ranked teams and they both are facing the same situation as to graduating players. They will both retain star players who are members of Canada's national team, while MSS will be returning with Angie Pumputis, who Harvey thinks could be of national team calibre, and Kelly Edwards, another starter, plus a strong contingent of subs and juniors.

This ongoing success is not just a tribute to the abilities of the girls as players, but also reflects the kind of job done by Brigg Harvey as a coach and motivator. Granted, the success is a merger of player and coaching abilities and work, but the fact that Midland ended in the final four against two private Catholic schools and one much larger public high school is in some ways directly attributable to the time and efforts of Brigg Harvey. A well-deserved tip of my Atlanta Braves hat to you sir, for a job well done.



Sheila Lizotte:  
Outstanding in final tourney

## Stoneleigh midgets tie twice in GBHL

If playing a tie game is like kissing your sister, then Stoneleigh Motors Minor Midgets got a double dose of familial affection on the weekend.

In Georgian Bay League action, Stoneleigh tied Elmvale Co-ops 2-2 on Thursday night, and followed that with a 3-3 tie against Owen Sound in the Sound.

After spotting Elmvale a 2-0 lead in the game last Thursday in Midland, Stoneleigh rallied for the tie on two goals by Kevin Belcourt.

The last time these two teams met the score

was 12-9 for Midland, so defencewise, the teams shored up this time. Gary Watson in the nets for Stoneleigh was outstanding.

Saturday night in Owen Sound, Midland came from behind once again to get the point. Belcourt also had two markers for the visitors,

## Legion midgets win

Midland Legion major midgets hung a 7-3 loss on the home town Collingwood midgets Sunday night.

The outcome was never in jeopardy, as Midland held leads of 3-1 and 5-2 at the close of

while Mike Gadsby added the other counter.

Chris Friessen kept Midland close with some stellar goalkeeping for the midgets.

Next game for the Midland Stoneleigh Motors minor midgets is Friday night in Stayner at 9:30 p.m.

the first and second periods.

Scoring for Midland were three players with two apiece; Jim Edgar, Owen Quilty, and Mike McLaughlin. Ralph Seeman scored the other Legion goal.

# Kings wait until late to defeat Oro

by RON JOHNSON  
What else can we say, except that one more will make it 12 wins in a row for the Penetanguishene Kings in the Georgian Bay Junior C League?

Kings made it 11 with a surprisingly close 7-3 win over Oro 77's last

Friday in Penetanguishene.

The score remained close throughout the game, as the score at the intermissions was 2-2 and 4-3 Kings.

Brian McReynolds got Kings off to a fast start by putting one in at the 20 second mark. Dave

Robillard got his first of the night at the seven minute mark.

Oro got goals from Ron Toffan and Mike Murden before the period ended to tie it up.

McReynolds got another early goal in the second period, when he scored at the 0:49 mark.

Robillard also counted his second, sandwiched around Dunc Ellis' goal for Oro.

Play remained fairly close until the last three and a half minutes, when Penetanguishene pumped home three quick goals. Scoring were Robillard, with his third, Greg Pilon, and McReynolds competing his hat trick.

It was a chippy affair, with each team drawing 17 minor penalties. Kings outshot the visitors by 39-31.

Kings' manager Peter Dubeau attributed the closeness of the game to two things.

"First Oro had been shellacked 9-2 by Midland earlier in the week, and were up for the game. They have a fair hockey team that can play some good games. Secondly, we beat them last time out

by 15-2, so the kids may have taken it too lightly. We didn't get up for the game at all."

Dubeau also praised the work of his prize centres, McReynolds and Robillard, who both had three goals. Both players attended junior camps, the former with Guelph, and Robillard with Belleville.

Both Brian McReynolds and Dave Robillard are playing well. There is a thing called the Sophomore jinx, but it doesn't seem to be bothering either of

them. They were expected to play key roles for us and they are doing just that."

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reach that point in tact?...Let's everyone try to go a week without calling Dave Robillard "the Rocket"...Kings host Haliburton Friday at 8:30 p.m. before hitting the road to Essa for Sunday's 8 p.m. start.

## Big Brothers win, as CKMP-Heroes tie

by FRED WALLACE  
An incredible save by Darren Morrison in the last minute with 21 players screening him, allowed the CKMP Radio Raiders to escape with a 4-4 tie with the Casual Heroes, Saturday night.

The game, played at Centennial Arena, featured rubber pucks, kidnappings, foreign objects and defensive play similar to that exhibited by the Maple Leafs this season.

Raiders took a 2-0 lead early in the second period on goals by Rick (The Rocket) Trollope and Tim Langton. The Goal by Langton was his first in ten years.

Undaunted, Casual Heroes, not to be confused with Hogan's Heroes, fought back to tie the score.

Then Raiders came on again. Dave (The Hatchet) Evans, Raiders' soon scored shortly before Trollope added his second of the night.

With a 4-2 Lead it

looked as if the boys from Telemedia Radio had a win.

However, late in the game, the CKMP defence, compared by some with the security at Buckingham Palace, faltered. Led by Bob Thomas and Bob Kennedy, Casual Heroes came back to tie the score at 4 and then pressed for the winner

only to be thwarted by Morrison.

The game which was a fund-raiser for the area's Big Brother's Association was a success all-round.

Proceeds from the game went to an excellent organization and judging from the smiles on both the players and spectator's faces it was pretty good entertainment to boot!

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