

**Kings, Cents tie 5-5**

# Cents blow three-goal lead as Kings storm back in third period

by Ron Johnson

When you've got a top team like Penetanguishene Kings on the ropes, you'd better be able to finish them off. The lesson was learned by Midland Centennials on Sunday in Georgian Bay Jr. C action at the Penetanguishene Arena.

Cents failed to hold a 5-2 lead and had to settle for 5-5 tie against the Kings.

It appeared for a while in the first period that the game would turn into a real high scoring game, as Kings scored twice in 16 seconds, and then surrendered one to Cents only five seconds later. Carl Cowan and Phil Cinq-Mars scored the Kings' goals, while Doug Kirton replied for Midland.

The three goals in 21 seconds would tie the NHL record for fastest three goals, set in the dark ages by Bill Mosienko of Chicago.

## For the record....

Wayne Gretzky, Steve Podborski, Debbie Brill, Carling Bassett, Gaetan Boucher and Angella Taylor are carrying on a long tradition of sports participation in Canada.

Strength and endurance were a way of life for the pioneers and they took to sports enthusiastically. From our native peoples, early settlers learned snowshoeing, canoeing and baggataway, which closely resembles lacrosse.

General Wolfe's soldiers brought curling to Canada in the 1760s and hockey and football were favourites by 1900. Both sports were recognized by Governors General Stanley and Grey, who donated our first national trophies.

Even before the turn of the century we had our first international sports hero, world rowing champion Edward Hanlan, and others were not long in following. Marathoner Tom Longboat, an Onondaga Indian, set a record at the Boston Marathon while still in his teens.

Swimmers Marilyn Bell and Cindy Nicholas, hockey players Gordie Howe and Maurice Richard, figure skater Barbara Ann Scott and skier Nancy Greene-Raine are just a few of the many champions winning international acclaim for our country over the years.

Before the opening frame ended, Paul Hahn got Cents even with his goal at the 10:09 mark. The period ended in a 2-2 tie with Cents holding a 16-12 edge in shots.

Shots on net were the same in the middle frame, but only Cents were able to capitalize. Midget players brought up by Cents to fill the vacancies left by the absences of Ken Mugford, Al Whidden and Rob Greenlaw accounted for both goals.

Marlon Geiseler and Owen Quilty both of the Legion major midgets

of Midland each tallied a goal to give Cents a 4-2 bulge on Kings.

Cents went up by a 5-2 margin at the 1:53 point of the last frame when John Walter scored. That was all the scoring Cents were able to muster, and it might have been enough were it not for a severe let-down a few minutes later.

Kings began their comeback with a goal by John Monague at the 3:16 mark. Blair McReynolds, who has held a hot hand of late, scored less than three minutes later to make

the score 5-4 in favour of Centennials.

Instead of carrying the play to Kings as they had done most of the two earlier periods, Cents played leaf hockey and tried to sit on their well earned but hardly safe lead. Not something you should make a habit of against the experienced and high powered Kings.

The full price for Cents relaxed play was paid when McReynolds tallied his second goal at 12:01, and tied it up for good.

The rest of the game was a series of missed

opportunities for both teams, as play opened up and both Chris Lemieux in net for Midland, and Bryan Lethbridge, Kings' goalie rose to the occasion.

Lethbridge was especially sharp throughout the game, as he stopped many good chances among the 36 pucks he blocked. His play earned him the third star of the game award.

Defenceman Larry McMann had a gilt-edged opportunity to send Cents home with two points. With about

15 seconds left, McMann had a lear cut breakaway. With no one harassing him, he managed to put his shot right into Lethbridge's pads.

The tie, although a little disappointing to Cents after holding the lead, should lift the spirits of both teams. Cents because it's always hard to amange a point in Penetanguishene, and Kings, because they showed they can come back against a good Midland squad.

NOTES...Boxing Day crowd was 464...Paul

Hahn was first star on the basis of his strong play, and his goal and three assists...Blair McReynolds was No. 2 star...Midland is employing only four defencemen, and they accounted for all six minor penalties assessed to the team. Beleskey had four...Al Melynk had two assists and four minor penalties for Kings...Both teams are idle now until next Sunday, when Kings host Stayner at 3:30 p.m. and Cents travel to Essa to play the 80's at 8 p.m.

## Scoreboard

Here is the boys' basketball schedule for the Midland Secondary School teams. All home games will be played at MSS gym starting at 2:15 p.m. The remaining season consists of five home games and three away games.

Jan. 4—Elmvale at MSS  
Jan. 6—Barrie Eastview at MSS  
Jan. 12—MSS at O.D.C.V.I.  
Jan. 17—Twin Lakes at MSS  
Jan. 24—MSS at Barrie Central  
Jan. 27—MSS at Penetanguishene  
Feb. 3—O.D.C.V.I. at MSS  
Feb. 10—Park Street at MSS.

### Sports

#### GEORGIAN BAY JUNIOR C LEAGUE STANDINGS AS OF DEC. 28

Northern Division					
Team	GP.	W.	L.	T.	PTS
Gravenhurst	25	18	6	1	37
Parry Sound	24	12	10	2	26
Bracebridge	24	9	13	2	20
Huntsville	24	7	15	2	16
Haliburton	24	1	21	2	4
Southern Division					
Essa	25	17	6	2	36
Stayner	21	15	5	1	31
Penetanguishene	24	14	7	3	31
Midland	26	14	10	2	30
Oro	23	4	18	1	9

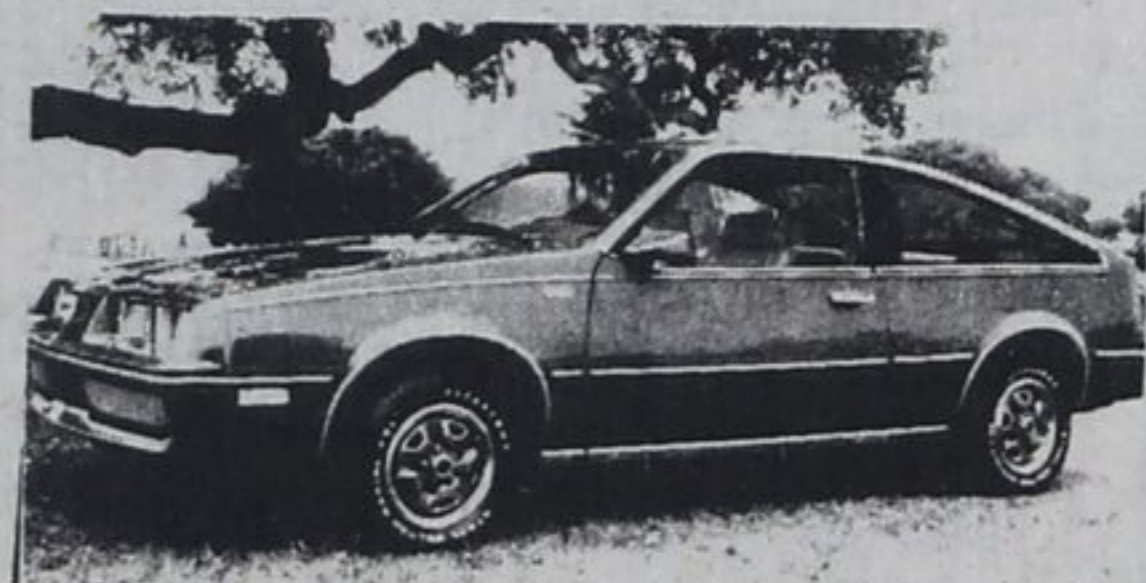
#### OPP spend a busy Christmas week

During the week ending Dec. 28, Midland OPP conducted a total of 91 investigations.

A number of those police probes centred around a series of 25 break-ins in the area. Const. Murray Cooper, community services officer with the local detachment pointed out yesterday.

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