

First place hopes fade, as Cents lose 5-3 to Essa

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Midland Centennials went down to defeat at the hands of Essa 80's Sunday night in Essa by a 5-3 score, and with the loss, any real hopes of a first place finish for Cents have evaporated. That is, unless something unforeseen happens to the teams ahead of them.

According to manager Doug Fox, Cents played poorly, and it was mainly a motivational

problem.

"We didn't play well as a team. A couple of guys on each line played well, but there was always somebody just out for a skate."

Cents started slowly, spotting 80's a 2-0 lead after the first period. Essa scored once while shorthanded, and got the other on a breakaway, a shot which goalie Chris Lemieux would have saved nine out of 10

times.

Midland got back into it on a second-period marker by Shawn Davy, but within five minutes, Essa came back with two of their own. At least one of those two goals was of the soft variety. After this point, the outcome was history.

Fox says that Midland began to turn the game in their favour in the second frame, but let it get away.

"After scoring to make it 2-1, the team really forechecked well and carried the play to Essa. However they let up, sat back and let the 80's get the better of the play in the latter stages of the second period."

Cents made one last run at winning the game in the last period, when they scored at 7:05 on a goal by Doug Kirton, but once again Essa rose up and got one right back. This time the goal came

just six seconds later. Cents scored once more to make it close, but it was a game they didn't deserve to win anyway.

Brian Cadeau scored the last goal for Midland.

There is little chance now that Cents can catch either Essa or Stayner for first place, so it looks like it will come down to a battle between Midland and Penetanguishene Kings for the third and fourth

spots. They play each other twice more in the schedule, so it could be decided there.

C-notes...Cents are in Oro tonight for a game against the 77's which should mean two points....Don't count the points yet though, just ask Penetang...Midland is still missing Al Whidden with a bad ankle, Larry McMann due to holidays, and Rob Greenlaw because of a suspension...Greenlaw

will be back in one game's time, McMann returns next week, and Whidden may sit until almost playoff time, in order to insure that his ankle is sound...goaltender Chris Lemieux drew an assist on Cents last goal...Cents outshot Essa by 34-32...each side drew five minor penalties...Stayner Siskins come to Centennial Arena on Friday to play an 8:30 p.m. game.



Ideal weather

This past Sunday saw the first activity at Medonte Ski Resort that could possibly be referred to as "bustling." While snowflakes spiralled lazily down, snow-making machines were still spewing out their contribution for the good-sized crowd of skiers who had turned out on this second day of 1983.

Operations manager Jerry French commented that, in many ways, it

was ideal skiing weather, with the temperatures hovering close to the freezing mark—good for skiers themselves anyway, for whom heavy snow conditions and way-below-zero temperatures are more than a little uncomfortable.

Let's hope this marks the start of a truly favourable spell of good conditions for both skiers and ski resort operators.

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