

# Labatt Tankard Challenge Round at MCC this week

The Labatt Tankard Challenge Round West is being held this weekend at the Midland Curling Club, and it's an event all local curling enthusiasts should get out and see.

Play starts on Friday night with two draws, at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. in the double knockout event. There will be 16 of Ontario's finest rinks in the competition looking for one birth in the Provincial Championships.

These 16 rinks are either runners up from the eight inner zone rounds held recently around the province, or are invitees, based on decisions handed down by the Ontario Curling Association. With only one rink advancing to the finals, it makes the Challenge round a very cut throat competition.

All curlers are under pressure as soon as they arrive at the rink, and it is not relieved until they have either been eliminated or have won the round.

Because of the high calibre of curling exhibited at the Challenge round, MCC manger Bill Howard explained that it took much work to get the competition here, and that he was glad to host the event.

"We have been trying to get this competition in town for about three years, at least that's when we first applied for it. We are extremely lucky to be hosting such a top flight event," said Howard.

Of local interest, there are several well known people involved in the Tankard playoffs.

First of all, Russ Howard, and his rink of brother Glenn, Larry Merkley and Kent Carstairs, have already qualified for the finals for the third time. He failed last year in trying to qualify via the Challenge Round.

Bob Ruston's rink from Penetanguishene is taking part in this year's Challenge round. Members of his rink are Gilles Cinq-Mars, Martin Robillard, and Denis Gignac.

As well as these two rinks, there are a couple of curlers in the competition with ties to the area.

Sandy Campbell, lead of the Forest City Curling Club's B rink is the son of Mrs. Bea Campbell, of First Street in Midland. Another native son returning to the area is Alex Pinchin, son of the late Jim Pinchin, a native Midlander.

Here is the complete list of the rinks competing at Midland's Curling Club, and the draw for the first round of play.

#### Personnel of Teams

**Royal Canadian Curling Club "A"**  
Joe Gurowka, skip, Art Lobel, Paul Carriere, Brian Bobbie

**Erin Curling Club**

Bob Fedosa, skip, Stu Bennett, Dave Carruthers, Jim McGrath

**Forest City Curling Club "A"**

Bruce Munro, skip, Jim Jenkins, Bruce Paterson, Alex Pinchin

**St. Georges Golf and Country Club**

Jim Dyas, skip, Robb Englis, John Pearson, Rick Life

**Royal Canadian Curling Club "B"**

Dale McKenzie, skip, Bruce Buchan, Richard Moore Stuart Gibbs

**Humber Highland Curling Club**

Gary Rusconi, skip, Bob Edmundson, Norm Dybvig, Duncan Stauth

**Norwich District Curling Club**

Bob Stubbs, skip, Bob McKinnon, Dan Cornwell, Keith House

**Forest City Curling Club "B"**

Alan Brown, Gen Gordon, Dave Fanset, Sandy Campbell

**Penetanguishene Curling Club**

Bob Ruston, skip, Gilles Cinq-Mars, Martin Robillard Denis Gignac

**Chatham Granite Curling Club**

Brian DeRooy, skip, Larry Smyth, Peter Dekoning, Ed Kys

**Orillia Curling Club**

Graeme McCarrel, skip, Ron Wills, Steve

Brown, Mike Steplock

**Schomberg Curling Club**

Dave Walker, skip, Rick Bishop, Reid Ferguson, George Shaw

**Dixie Curling Club**

Gary Frizzell, skip, Jim Johnston, Michael Ney, Phil Kee

**Ridgetown Curling Club**

Bob Ingram, skip, Rob McKinlay, Jim Brackett, Fred Lee

**Barrie Curling Club**

Bob Denney, skip, Al Corbeil, Jeff McKnight, Bill Duncan

**Hamilton Victoria Curling Club**

Al Oughton, skip, George Caughell, Paul Augustyn, Don Mode

Friday, January 28, 1983

#### DRAW

6.00 p.m.

Oughton	vs	McKensie
Brown	vs	Denney
Fredosa	vs	Ruston
Munro	vs	Walker

9.00 p.m.

Ingram	vs	Rusconi
DeRooy	vs	Gurowka
Dyas	vs	McCarrel
Stubbs	vs	Frizzell

## Stoneleigh midgets take two of three Georgian Bay games

Midland Stoneleigh Motors minor midgets made Elmvale their base of operations on the weekend, and came up with two wins in three tries.

Friday night against Elmvale Co-op Midgets, Midland played two strong periods, and led 2-1 after the second frame. There was a total breakdown in the team's unity in the

final stanza however, as Elmvale poured in seven straight tallies to end up on top of an 8-2 decision.

Kevin Belcourt and Bruce Marsden scored for Stoneleigh.

Saturday was a totally different story, as Midland broke a 2-2 tie with Base Borden, to take at 4-2 win in the third period.

Steve Zeitel and Mike Gadsby each counted

a pair of goals for the winners. Zeitel's second goal, scored unassisted, was the winner.

Sunday's feature was a rematch with the Elmvale squad which trounced the locals Friday night. Stoneleigh fared much better this time out, as they led the entire game, and won a squeaker 4-3.

Joe DeCola paced the win with a pair of

goals, while singletons went to Kevin Belcourt and Brad Denis. Denis' marker proved to be the winner, and it came on a blast from outside the Elmvale blueline.

All three contest were Georgian Bay league games.

Bill Bussell enjoyed a fine series of games, as he set up five goals.

## Hotelmens press Panters 102-24

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a yawner 102-24.

The best thing that can be said of this affair is that it took only 63 minutes to play, sparing all involved from further humiliation.

In all fairness to Midland, they were prepping for this week's encounter with first-place Stayner Mistics, so they ran the score up in the process of

working on their offence and their pressure defence.

Jim Greenfield led Commodores with 18 points, and was joined in double figures by five other players. Dean Anest had 16, Ray Brien and Bill Hartman had 4, and Leo McBride and Jeff Attwood scored 2 each.

Midland native Rick

Brooks paced the Orillia attack with 10 points.

Score at intermission was 60-15, and things disintegrated from there. Orillia had only six players and were at the mercy of Commodores all game.

The lop-sided victory brings Midland's season mark to nine wins and one loss. Thursday night they take on league

leaders Stayner, who sport a 10-0 record. Game is set for 8 p.m. at Midland Secondary School.

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## STHS sweep ESPSS, Le Caron

In a three-team mini-tournament last Thursday at ESPSS, St. Theresa's swept all of their opponents quite easily.

St. T's midget girls took the first match over ESPSS by scores of 15-13 and 15-12.

In the second match-up with Le Caron, the St. Theresa's midgets again came out victorious with 15-13, 10-15, and 15-10 scores.

Their coach Rick Presse was impressed with the girls improved serving and setting skills and with their tight defensive play. Ronda Lalonde helped lead the team to victories over the opposing squads, doing an exceptional job of diving and recovering the opposition attacks, turning many of the rallies around in favour of St. Theresa's. Their team record in league play is now 2-2.

St. Theresa's Junior girls handily defeated both Le Caron 15-4, 15-9, and

PSS 15-3, 15-4 in their games.

Coach Jean Goodrow thought the team played well despite the slow pace of the games. Good, aggressive serves and excellent hitting by Paula Denis and Sue Ford helped to make the team unbeatable. Their team now moves to a 4-0 record in league play.

St. Theresa's Senior girls also came out on top of both of their matches in league play at PSS.

They soundly defeated Le Caron 15-2, 15-7 before going on to beat the ESPSS squad 15-12 and 15-7.

All players got to see some floor time in these games, with Anita Kablinger and Lana Zylich showing much improved play, as did Christine Currie. They also show an excellent 4-0 record in league play.

Next match for the St. Theresa's girls will be this afternoon, starting at 2:30 p.m., when they will be hosting Orillia Twin Lakes and Elmvale.

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