

## Kings on a roll, trounce Essa 8-4

BY RON JOHNSON

Penetanguishene Junior Kings won their sixth consecutive playoff game of this season on Tuesday night, and by winning it, Kings took a 2-0 lead in their best-of-seven series with Essa 80's.

Kings beat Essa Tuesday 8-4 to take the commanding lead in the Georgian Bay Junior C southern division finals.

Brian Norwood paced Kings' scoring with two goals, including a crucial second-period goal which tied the score at 2-2. Norwood blocked a shot by an Essa pointman at Kings' blueline, picked up the loose puck, and raced the length of the ice before depositing the disc behind 80's goaltender Tom Luck, who had none.

Norwood has been the team leader all season, and his inspirational play in the playoffs earned him the following accolades from coach Ron Marchildon.

"He is a super player, and a super kid. His play all season has been exceptional. He leads by example on the ice, and rarely plays a bad game."

Other goalscorers for Kings were Brian Abbott with a pair, Gary Beausoleil, Carl Cowan, Peter Roi and Bob Weatherill. Brian McReynolds added four assists to the cause, in another good outing. Abbott picked up a pair of helpers to go with his goals.

Kevin Steele was in net for the Kings, and once again provided fine backstopping. The energetic little puckstopper's roaming style drew words of praise from Marchildon as well.

The coach explained, "Steele is all over his end of the rink, and really keeps our defence on their toes. He's like another defenceman actually, the way he gets in the way of opposing forwards, and helps clear the puck."

Steele's play is reminiscent of the Leafs' Mike Palmateer. He is flamboyant almost to a fault, but comes up with key saves.

Series resumed last night in Angus, and Marchildon was hoping to stretch his team's lead to 3-0 in the series. Fourth game is slated for Penetang Arena tonight at 8:30 p.m. and that means a win according to the coach.

"With the size of the crowd we're expecting on Friday, with Winterama, we'll be a safe bet to whip them pretty good. I hope that will be the final game."

The way Kings have stabilized their play in recent weeks, and with the additional motivation of a large home crowd, this reporter will be willing to wager on Marchildon and the Kings.



**Covering up:** Kings' goalie Kevin Steele dives on loose puck during team's 8-4 win over Essa on Tuesday night. Kings' Carl Cowan, 11, and Peter Roi, 4, move in to hold back three 80's attackers.

## Playoffs continue in GBMHL

Playoff action continued on two fronts in Georgian Bay Men's Hockey League action last Sunday at the Penetanguishene Arena.

Results of the games were illustrations of the extreme differences in styles of hockey.

In game one, Bay Pharmacy won their semi final series with Grew Boats by pasting the Boatmen 14-5. Dan Remble had four goals to pace the win, and Bill Puddicombe had a hat trick. Two goals went to Brendan Crowley and Pierre Belanger, Dave Miller, Paul Belanger, Dave Harron, and Martial Marion scored once each.

For Grew, Pete McDonald had two goals, and Keith South, Mark Brunelle, and Norm Ladouceur had singles.

The second game, saw Piitz Builders continue on their upset path against Dock Lunch as Mike Puddicombe tallied in overtime to give them a 3-2 win.

John Brown scored the other two Piitz goals, and Mike Govette and Jamie Robitaille replied for the losers.

Piitz now leads the best-of-seven series 3-1. Bay Pharmacy and Dial-a-Movie will now meet in the league championship playoff.

## A's embarrassed by Shipbuilders

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In one of their worst performances of the three year history of the Midland Athletics, A's lost to Collingwood Shipbuilders in Game Three of the best-of-seven OHA Intermediate A playoffs.

Shipbuilders humiliated A's 20-3 Tuesday night in Midland to take a 3-2 lead in the series.

Collingwood lead 7-1 at the end of the first

period, and 13-1 at the second intermission, as they completely annihilated the home team.

Scoring for A's were Paul Robillard, Bruce Guthrie, and Les Rother. These goals did little to appease the handful of fans who stayed to watch the lackluster effort by the Athletics.

Clearly Collingwood is the better team, but A's

owe it to themselves and their following to put out 100 per cent effort when they take the ice against any team. Especially in the playoffs.

It's this type of thing that will lead to the demise of intermediate hockey in Midland. That seems almost unavoidable at this point in time.

In a note of good news, Athletics' netminder Craig Watson once again

was awarded the Most Valuable Player award for the team. Mrs. Al Prentice was at the game to present Watson with the Ross Prentice Trophy, named for her son, a former A's player.

It's ironic that the fine goaltender should receive the award on a night such as this one.

Fourth, and probably final game of the series was played last night at Centennial Arena, but results were not available at press time.

## From the sidelines

Midland Legion major midgets host Aurora at Centennial Arena tonight at 8 p.m. Teams met last night in the opening game of their best-of-five OMHA playoffs but no results were available at press time. Pending the result of a coin toss, game three of the series may go Sunday in town also. Come out and support the Legionnaires, as they try for a provincial title.

Game four of the Georgian Bay Junior C League Southern Division final goes tonight at Penetang Arena. Kings led the best-of-seven series 2-0 going into last night's game in Angus. Game time is 8:30 p.m. so come out and support Ron Marchildon's squad as they chance another league pennant.

Penetanguishene Figure Skating Club is presenting their annual skating carnival at Penetang Arena next Saturday, Feb. 26. Theme of this year's show is "An Underwater Fantasy" and showtime is at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults, and \$1.50 for children under 12. Guest skater is Tracey Robertson.

## Ladies off to provincials

Some more Midland curlers have established themselves on the provincial curling scene.

Last Sunday in Gravenhurst, the Business Girls' District "D" Tankard playdowns were won by the double team entry of Sandra Brett's rink and Cindy White's foursome.

Both rinks represented the Midland Curling Club.

Brett's team consists of vice Nancy Deenen, second Marg Moore, and lead Sue Rooney.

White skipped her rink of vice Donna O'Hara, second Michele Brunelle, and lead Blanche Leclair.

These teams now go on to curl in the All Ontario Business Girls' Finals in Welland on Feb. 25 and 26.

It must be the good ice conditions at Midland Curling Club!



**One of many:** Midland Athletics' goaltender Craig Watson makes one of his many saves in Tuesday's game with Collingwood. Shipbuilders humiliated Watson and A's as they won 20-3. Midland forward Wayne Dixon looks on.

## Hockey Trivia Quiz

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Having a capable spokesman on the ice is very important, and often a key to success. This duty is assumed by the captain of a hockey team. Here's some questions about the guys who wear the "C".

1. Name the present captains of these NHL teams. (a) Boston (b) Detroit (c) Philadelphia.
2. Name the last three captains of the Montreal Canadiens.
3. Who were the last three players to hold the dubious honour of being the captain of the Leafs? (Prior to Rick Vaive)
4. Who is the current captain of Edmonton Oilers?
5. Name the New York Islanders' captain.
6. Match these NHL captains with their appropriate teams.  
Kevin McCarthy Minnesota  
Phil Russell St. Louis  
Brian Sutter Vancouver  
Tim Young Calgary
7. Who was the captain of Detroit Red Wings during Gordie Howe's glory years?
8. Who captained Chicago Black Hawks to their last Stanley Cup in 1960-61?
9. Who was the captain of Boston's two Stanley Cup champion teams in the '70's?
10. Name the captains of these local hockey teams. Penetang Kings, Midland Centennials, and Midland Athletics.