

Bradford ready to face Georgian Bay champ

by Ron Johnson

Bradford Blues are ready and waiting for Penetanguishene Junior Kings.

Blues, first-place finishers in the Mid-Ontario Junior C League, have disposed of Caledon and Orangeville in playoff action, and now await word of when to start the Ontario Junior C quarter-finals with the Georgian Bay Junior C League champions.

After having an apparent powerhouse last year, and beating a quick exit in the opening round of the playoffs, Bradford Blues are out to gain a measure of revenge against the Junior C ranks this season.

Blues had a tough seven game series with Caledon, winning by taking three wins on the road. They swept to a 4-0 win against Orangeville, and appear to be geared up now.

Leading the Blues in the playoffs has been goaltender Doug Cook. The Ken Dryden-sized puckstopper has been unbeatable and unconscious throughout the playoffs. Blues have three netminders on their roster, but Cook has played in every game in the postseason.

Although Bradford boasts the Mid-Ontario loop's best defenceman in Mike Fines, in general this is the Blues' Achilles heel. Their play has been spotty and inconsistent. They will need to find some major improvements in this area if they are to be successful against Penetang's swarming offensive attack.

Offensively, Bradford is led by league scoring champion and MVP Bruce Fallis. Fallis is a brilliant offensive player who controls the puck and the tempo of a game when he is on the ice.

Downfall of Mr. Fallis is that he is sometimes found lacking in the areas of back-checking and team spirit.

When he is on and his linemates, Ed Madeley and John Yaremko, form a dangerous trio. When he plays without enthusiasm, Bradford is in for a long night.

In general, Blues like to play hockey by the rules, avoiding the rough stuff, and specializing in free-wheeling offensive hockey.

On the surface, it appears that against the well-balanced attack and robust style of Penetang, Bradford Blues could be found lacking. When the two teams square off against each other on the ice, it may well be a different story.

Kings played Gravenhurst last night in the sixth game of their best-of-seven at Penetang Arena. If Kings won, the Penetang-Bradford series will open Friday in Penetang. If the Gravenhurst series goes to a seventh game, the next round will open in Bradford Sunday.

Dial-a-Movie near GBMHL championship

Dial-a-Movie has moved within one win of the championship in Georgian Bay Men's Hockey League action.

Dial-a-Movie whipped Bay Pharmacy 6-1 on Sunday to take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five final series.

Brian Rambler with two goals paced the Moviemens, while solo goals went to Ron Tucker, Glenn Smith, Paul Hayes, and Dan Cousineau.



Happy Champions!

These smiling faces belong to MSS's junior girls' volleyball team and their coach Andy Wicksted. They deserve to be happy, having won the GBSSA championship last Saturday in Alliston. Team members are:

front row (L to R) Linda Ferraro, Susan Ell, Suzanne Bourgeois, Michelle Koenigsberg, Lisa Newburn, Marisa DeZotti, and Susan Carpenter. Back row

(L to R) Coach Wicksted, Katherine Nicholls, Janet Beausoleil, Mary Platt, Mary Chambers, Sheri Price, Jane Shaw, and Dave Hoppenreys, ass't. coach.

MSS midget girls take GB

Midland Secondary School Midget Girls' Marauders Volleyball team competed on Saturday, March 5, in the Georgian Bay Secondary School championships in Alliston.

Team had qualified for the tournament by winning Zone 2 of the GBSSA on February 24. A very successful regular season, in which they had won nine of their twelve matches, had left the team in third place in their zone. At the zone play-offs they defeated teams including St. Therese's, Penetanguishene, and Brock District (Cannington).

The girls began the GBSSA championship tournament very slowly losing two of their first three games. However, as they had been doing

all season, they fought back strongly winning their next nine games. In the process they defeated Barrie Eastview 17-15; Barrie Innisdale 15-5, 15-10; Almaguin Highlands (South River) 15-7, 15-4; and Parry Sound 17-15, 15-10.

Championship match featured the Midget Marauders against their zone rivals, Brock District. Led by the superb setting of Paula Lynn, the consistent two-way play of team captain Jodi Dolan, and the overpowering hitting of Charlene Myers and Kathy Gosselin the Marauders completely dominated play to win the championship in two straight games, 15-8, 15-10.

All team members, their parents and friends should be proud

of this victory which places the Midget Marauders amongst the top fifteen teams in Ontario.

Team members include Charlene Myers, Patricia Chapman, Kim Hawke, Nancy Ratcliffe, Paula Lynn, Leasa Perrault, Kathy Gosselin, Onalea Jackson, Jodi Dolan, Pam Larmand, Katy Gorab, Diane Schultz, and manager Nancy Pepin.

A special word of

appreciation goes out from coach Bruce Brown to the parents of

the girls who supported the team throughout the season.

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Shaw, Walker rinks winners in Ladies spiel

Ladies Section of the Midland Curling Club held their annual two day Bonspiel, March 2 and 3 with 18 rinks participating; 11 out of towners and seven club entries.

The theme "Circus" provided a colourful background in the club rooms where various entertainments were presented by the curlers Wednesday evening.

Winners of the first event, which was sponsored by Molson's, winning all four-eight end games was a Midland rink, skipped by Vivian Shaw. Also on the team were vice, Sharon Park, second Wendy Larmand and lead Sue Rooney.

Winners of the Second Event, sponsored by Marty Fitzgerald Real Estate, was another Midland rink with three wins. Skip for the winners was Laurie

Walker, with vice Helen Steffler, second Vicki Kelly and lead Jenny Adams.

In second place was Doreen Bray of Midland, with Barb Cardland's rink from Unionville and Betty Fisher of Stroud following close behind.

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