

Orser moves closer to medal



Brian Orser, on the strength of his second place finish in the short program at the World Figure Skating Championships, has climbed into sixth place overall.

Orser, showing the new flash and showmanship in his skating, finished second to American Scotty Hamilton in the short program.

According to his sister Mary Kay, Orser is ecstatic over his ranking so far.

"He's literally walking on air right now. He couldn't be happier," she explained in an interview Tuesday afternoon.

Chances of Orser catching Hamilton and winning the gold medal are unrealistic barring any unforeseen accident

or mistake. However, Brian Orser has now set his sights on winning the long program, which will take place on Thursday.

Winning that segment of the championships would make him the best freeskater in the world; a title he cherishes. If he does win the long, he will assure himself of a medal overall as well.

Mary Kay also noted that her brother would like to squelch a nasty rumour which has started circulating at the championships. According to press in Helsinki, Orser and Canadian Figure Skating Association president David Dore were seen arguing violently outside the arena in Helsinki.

According to Orser, Dore was merely giving

him some badly needed encouragement after the figures portion of the contest. These things get easily blown out of proportion, and Orser would like to put a stop to this one here and now.

We wish him all the best as the contest

continues on Thursday. We'll be able to see the long portion of the championships tomorrow night on CTV television, and the short program is on tonight at 7 p.m. Tune in and see our Brian beat the best in the world!

Elmvale Bantam B's break even

On Saturday, March 5, Elmvale's Bantam B's started their playoff schedule, against Coldwater's Green Machine. In the first period, Coldwater scored a quick goal one minute into the game, but Paul Bouzis tied it up, assisted by Todd Newman. At the end of

the first, the score was 2-1 in favour of Coldwater. Paul Bouzis scored another goal, assisted by Grahame King and Alan Gilbert. Coldwater scored one more in the second and two in the third. Final score 5-2 for the Green Machine.

On Sunday at 3 p.m. the B's travelled to Coldwater to defeat them 2-1. Coldwater scored the opening goal, but Todd Newman tied it up assisted by Paul Bouzis and Steven McGee. At the end of three periods of play, the score was 1-1. Then in overtime, with no goalies, Kent Hubbard came through with the winning goal. This was a chippy game with fine goaltending from both ends. Final score was 2-1 for Elmvale.

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March 5 game, Toronto and Edmonton; 1st period-Mike Jacobs, 2nd period-Paul Mackey, 3rd period-Muriel Townes.

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Commodore third in SCIMBL playoffs

Midland Commodore Hotel basketball team captured third place in Simcoe County Intermediate basketball play by beating Aurora Reyork Trophies 73-64 in Stayner last Thursday.

Midland jumped out to an early 6 point lead, mainly on the strength of good outside shooting from Jeff Attwood, Chester Graham and Dave Shalof.

By half-time, Midland built up the lead to an 11 point advantage, going into the locker room with a 41-30 lead.

In the second half, guard Bill Hartman and center Jim Greenfield had outstanding games, as the Commodores lead by as many as 20 points

at one point in the game.

Heading up the Commodore scoring was Jeff Attwood with 16 points, while Leo McBride had 13, Bill Hartman scored 11 and Dave Shalof close behind with 10 points.

For Aurora Ben Kazimer scored 20 points and Mark Slater had 15. These players ended up third and fourth in regular season scoring.

In the opening game of the play-offs, on Wednesday in Stayner, the Midland Commodores lost to the strong Barrie Queens team 96-71.

Midland squad was in the game for about 10 minutes and led 29-27,

but from there on in the play was all for Barrie in Midland's end of the court.

At one point, Queens held a 30 point advantage, but the local squad pulled to within 12 with six minutes to go, and then ran out of gas.

Leading scorers for the Hotelmen were Jeff Attwood with 22 points, and Chester Graham with 14.

This marks the end of the season for the Commodores, however five Hotelmen, Chester Graham, Doug Andrews, Andy Wicksted, Jim Greenfield and Leo McBride, along with Jim Bales and Keith Craig of the Dock Lunch will be participating on the over 30 team that won the championship last year.

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