

Brian bags a bronze medal at World's Orser hot on Hamilton's heels

by RON JOHNSON

Brian Orser has realized his goal of winning a medal at the World Figure Skating championships in Helsinki, Finland.

Orser placed third at the championship, which wrapped up with the long program in the Men's division yesterday afternoon.

Scott Hamilton of the United States won the gold medal, his third global title in succession. West Germany's Norbert Schramm placed second, winning the silver medal.

The bronze medal caps a week of ups and downs for Orser, who began the week with an eighth place finish in the compulsory figures. He began his comeback with an excellent second place finish in the short freeskating program, which moved

him up to sixth place overall.

Orser's dynamic long program earned him a second place finish in that section of the competition behind Hamilton. He landed his famed triple in good shape, and skated strongly throughout.

According to his sister Mary Kay, Brian was "ecstatic" with his finish. His second place finishes in the short and long programs won him silver medals as well as his bronze for third place overall.

Mary Kay Orser also added that Brian was now looking forward to next year's World's championship, to be held in Canada.

When asked how he felt as Canada's flag was raised in his honour, Orser said the feeling was "indefinable".

"Indescribable is also the word for the feeling of pride that we his fans in Huronia feel for Brian Orser.

Next year at the Olympics, those medals will turn to gold.

In addition we'd like to thank Mary Kay Orser for sharing her thoughts and emotions during the long vigil last night. Waiting to hear the results was almost as difficult as the competition!



Kings are kings again, whip Indians Meet Bradford tonight

Prior to Tuesday night's junior C hockey game between Penetanguishene Kings and Gravenhurst Indians, Kings' manager Peter Dubeau pondered his team's chances of ending the best-of-seven Georgian Bay League championship series.

"If we get off to a fast start, we should be able to demoralize them (Gravenhurst) and go on to beat them easily," explained Dubeau.

Well, Kings did exactly that, storming out to a 6-0 first-period advantage, and cruising to their fifth league title in six years, with an 8-4 win.

Brian Abbott, back from a brief holiday at home in Montreal, and Carl Cowan, led the onslaught with a pair of goals each in the first 20 minutes.

Bryan Lethbridge, making a rare home town start, stopped 14 Indian drives to ensure the six-goal margin. Lethbridge was outstanding the rest of the way as well, blocking any Gravenhurst comeback hopes with 33 saves overall.

Brian McReynolds also scored twice for Kings in the game, and singles went to Dave Robillard and Blair McReynolds.

A very vocal crowd of 922 fans turned out to watch their favourites win the championship. The large gathering was directly responsible for Kings fast start with the loud support.

Once again it was the big line for Indians that did the most damage, as Phil Carter and Ted Lahay each counted a goal, along with stalwart defenceman Craig Smith and Andy Schell.

Kings now advance to the Ontario quarter-finals against Bradford Blues. That series begins tonight at Penetang Arena at 8:30 p.m. Led by the scoring of forward Bruce Fallis, and the excellent netminding of king-sized Doug Cook, Blues could

prove to be a handful for Kings.

However we're calling for Penetang's overall balance, hustle, and more aggressive style to prevail in another six game series. Remember, you heard it here first!

Midland 'Over 45's' host tourney

Midland Oldtimers will be holding their First Annual "Over 45" hockey tournament this Saturday and Sunday at Midland Centennial Arena.

Players must be 45 years of age or older to enter and there will be seven teams competing in the tourney.

Teams from Elmvale, Orillia, Scarborough, Niagara Falls, Thornhill, Etobicoke and Midland will vie for the championship.

There will be a \$1 admission charge at the door on Saturday while Sunday's action will be free of charge. There will also be a Booster Club on Saturday, for those of you who like to loosen up between games!

Saturday's Schedule:

9 a.m.	Elmvale vs. Orillia
10 a.m.	Midland vs. Thornhill
11 a.m.	Etobicoke vs. Scarborough
12 noon	Elmvale vs. Niagara Falls
1 p.m.	Orillia vs. Midland
2 p.m.	Thornhill vs. Etobicoke
3 p.m.	Niagara Falls vs. Scarborough

Finals are slated for Sunday, with the B Division getting underway at 10:45 a.m. and the A Division at 11:45 a.m.

Come on out and support these teams and you'll probably see some of your favourite players from past teams in the Arena Gardens. Remember, like a fine wine, they improve with age.

Legion faces Mt. Pearl Blades

Midland Legion Major Midgets will be playing host to the Mount Pearl Blades from St. John Newfoundland on Monday, March 14 at 6 p.m. at Midland Centennial Arena.

Mayor Al Roach will be in attendance for the game as well as the Midland Legion Branch 80 Pipe Band.

There will also be a buffet served after the game for the parents and guests.

Redskins grab junior B-ball title

In the GBSSA Basketball Championships, ESPSS midget boys easily defeated Stayner by a score of 53-38.

In the championship game, Penetang dropped behind in the third quarter, and despite a strong fourth quarter rally, they were defeated by Gravenhurst 36-31.

Redskins compiled a record of 10 wins and nine losses and a second place finish on the "A" division championships.

A three-week layoff from competition seemed to adversely affect ESPSS senior boys' basketball team, as they dropped a 71-47 game to Base Borden in the Georgian Bay championships Monday.

However, they had the

best season of any senior team in ESPSS history. Redskins won 70 per cent of their games. They were the first Penetang team to win the Penetang Senior Tournament since it began 12 years ago, and finished the regular season by winning the Base Borden Invitational tournament.

Penetang junior boys'

basketball team finished a very successful season by capturing the GBSSA "A" Championship. Junior 'skins defeated Stayner 54-46, then went on to defeat Base Borden in the final game 71-44.

Top scorers for the tournament were: Dave Bayfield with 50 points, Pat Dion and Robert

Gauthier, 19 points, Kevin Wagg, 14 points and Andy Bayfield, 12 points.

ESPSS junior boys compiled a record of 17-5 for the season. This included wins over Eastview and Midland. They won the Barrie North Invitational tournament and were the consolation winners of our own Senior Boys basketball tournament.

Champion cagers!



Sports Trivia Quiz

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Periodic or annual awards and trophies have long played a part in sports, often marking the highlight of a year, or bringing special attention to an individual or team. Here's 15 trophies, can you come up with who plays for or receives them.

1. Heisman Trophy
2. Art Ross Trophy
3. Podoloff Award
4. Sullivan Award
5. Wightman Cup
6. Curtis Cup
7. Davis Cup
8. Ryder Cup
9. Cy Young Award
10. Eisenhower Trophy
11. Walker Cup
12. MacArthur Bowl
13. Stanley Cup
14. Maxwell Trophy
15. Naismith Trophy