

Kings' penalties give Muskies big series edge

by Ron Johnson

Penetang Junior Kings are living proof that you cannot win hockey games while sitting in the penalty box.

Kings dropped game four of their OHA Junior C semi-final series with Lindsay Trent Muskies on Sunday night 7-3, to fall behind three games to one.

Muskies broke open a tight 3-3 game with three goals in the span of 35 seconds. The outburst was triggered by a powerplay goal off the stick of Erik Ellis.

The goal came about because Penetang drew an excess of penalty minutes in yet another brawl between these two combative opponents.

A fight broke out between Lindsay's Barry

Johnson and Kings' Glen Lesperance which sent both players to the dressing room for the duration of the contest. This would have been even, but Blair McReynolds couldn't contain his exuberance and got himself tagged with an extra 14 minutes for unsportsmanlike conduct.

While McReynolds, Lesperance, and goalie Bryan Lethbridge earned 30 minutes for their roles in the scuffle, Lindsay participants got only 16 minutes.

After the dust, or ice chips, had settled, Lindsay led 6-3 and was never threatened.

For the game, Kings amassed 63 minutes in penalties, while Lindsay had only 39.

For Lindsay, Dave Shippel had two goals,

as did Gord Corneil. Singles went to Jerry Valier, Pat O'Neil and Ellis.

Al Melnyk, Blair McReynolds, and Frank Hall connected for Penetanguishene.

Game three last Thursday night on Penetang ice was the springboard by which Lindsay rose up to win game four.

Penetang played excellent hockey for two and a half periods, building up a 6-0 lead. To this point, Kings had stayed away from penalties, and had totally dominated the play.

Bryan Lethbridge was fantastic in net, and Bob Weatherill, returned from an extended sojourn to the southern United States, proved to be the offensive catalyst that had been lacking thus far in the series.

Kings showed in the first two and a half periods, that they can play with intensity and desire, and can beat Lindsay if they stay away from the rough stuff and try to beat them on finesse.

The latter part of the third period was marred by several fights and loads of chippy hockey. When Kings started to partake of the intimidation tactics, Muskies took control of the play and scored four goals. It took an empty net marker to finally salt the outcome away.

If coach Ron Marchildon isn't able to keep the lid on his players' emotions and retaliatory instincts, then Penetang's quest for the provincial Junior C championship will soon be over.

Sports report

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Little Lake BP peewees end year on high

Penetanguishene Little Lake BP peewees have completed a very successful season by claiming the runner-up trophy at the Tondas Buffalo Minor Hockey tournament.

Penetang won three games in a row, before suffering their only loss in the championship game.

Friday, Little Lake BP tripped Keswick 7-3 as Don Monteith scored three goals, Keith Rankin two, and Shawn Desroches and Brian Robillard one each.

Saturday morning BP'ers topped Amherst, New York 7-2 behind Monteith's five-goal outburst. Jimmy Hartman and Desroches each scored a goal to round out the total.

Saturday afternoon, Penetang met London Southeast, and after trailing 2-0, came back

to win 4-2 as Monteith and Charlie Buttineau scored a pair of goals each.

The three triumphs made Penetang Little Lake BP peewees champions of their four-team pool, and put them in the championship game against Mount Forest.

Little Lake BP seemed to suffer a letdown in this game, as they suffered a 5-2 defeat despite Monteith's two goals.

These games end Penetang's season with a record of 20 wins, 23 losses, and 3 ties. The team scored 189 goals and gave up 186 markers.

Penetang Little Lake BP coach Larry Banks would like to thank all his players and the team's fans for a very exciting, fun, and successful year.

Penetang netters do well at team meet

March 29, ESPSS badminton teams played well in the district Carlton team championships.

Junior Redskins placed first in the Junior B category by beating St. Theresa's, Parry Sound, and, in the finals, Eastview.

The win qualifies ESPSS juniors to compete in the provincial championships.

Senior Redskins lost their opener with Alliston, but captured the consolation title by dumping Midland, and Barrie Eastview.



A brother act!

Somehow Penetang Kings' defenceman Peter Roi (L) and goalie Bryan Lethbridge (hidden) managed to thwart this golden opportunity by Lindsay forwards Jeff O'Neil (17) and his brother

Pat (centre). Lethbridge was outstanding as Kings dumped Muskies 7-4 last Thursday night in Penetang. Lindsay came back to score a 7-3 win Sunday at Lindsay Kiwanis Arena to get a stranglehold on OHA Junior C semi-final, three games to one.

Gervan, Jones and Davy win Buffalo Tournament

When you're hot you're hot!

Midland Gervan, Jones and Davy minor atoms are hot.

Fresh from winning the all-Ontario minor atom championship a couple of weekends ago, the kids went to the

Tonda's Annual Minor Hockey Tournament in Buffalo, New York last weekend, and won the atom division championship.

Not only did they win the title, but they totally dominated their

division.

They played four games, winning three by shutout, and allowing just a single goal in the other contest.

Midland minor atoms opened the tourney with a whitewashing of Bowmanville, and

followed that up with consecutive shutouts of Little Britain and Richfield by 4-0 and 3-0 counts respectively.

In the championship finale, Mount Bridges managed to score a goal, but nonetheless met the same fate as the

others, falling 4-1 to Gervan, Jones and Davy.

For the complete story on the tourney, and the inside facts from coach Rick Larmann and manager Bob Irvine, see the Friday Times.

Sports Views

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This week we're looking for some help. There are few things as important in our society as our kids. Bringing them up as responsible, intelligent citizens is the goal of all parents.

One of the best ways to help this development is to get them involved in sports and as members of teams.

Local sports organizations are looking for help in the form of volunteers. If you'd like to get involved in any capacity, be it coaching, managing, or whatever, read on and get prepared for the summer sports season.

Calling all volunteers!

Minor Baseball

This Saturday, April 9, Midland Minor Baseball Association is holding its annual registration day. If you want to play minor baseball this summer, be at Centennial Arena this Saturday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

There will also be registration Monday, April 18 at the Civic Centre on Yonge Street from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Fees for the season are \$30 for All-stars and \$12 for T-ball, Pony League and House League.

In the All-star ranks, there are teams in Tyke, Peewee, Bantam, and Midget divisions. In the House Leagues, there are T-ball, Pony League and House League.

Here's the catch. Officials are needed in the following capacities: Pony League director, coaches in all House league divisions, and coaches and managers for the All-star teams.

If you are interested in any of the above positions, contact Ken Cave by phoning 526-

3383.

Umpires' Clinic

Having coached in this area for a few years, this reporter can attest to the need for good umpires for the local leagues.

Saturday, May 7 at Sacred Heart School, there will be an umpires' clinic. Contact Arnold Burgher at 526-6014 if you wish to take part.

Owners needed

Midland Minor Baseball Association will not be operating a junior baseball team in the 1983 season. They would, however, like to find someone, individual or group, interested in taking over the operation of the team.

Again, Ken Cave is the man to get a hold of in this case.

Minor Soccer

Soccer is one of the best sports for conditioning, and can be played by all sizes of athletes. It is also a game that can be played well on into life, unlike competitive hockey or baseball.

Midland Minor Soccer Association is in dire need of an infusion of new blood.

MMSA is looking for someone to assume responsibility of the group. They need executive members and coaches. At the present there is only one person who has shown an interest in coaching.

If no one steps forward at this time, minor soccer will no longer be able to continue in Midland. This would be an upsetting turn of events, since the more activities we have set up our youth, the better chance we have of providing them with a good upbringing.

Call Ken Cave if you are volunteering for soccer duty.

Sponsors needed

Last year's Huronia Slow Pitch champions, Greening Donald, are looking for a new sponsor. Either total sponsorship or a per sweater arrangement is acceptable.

These fellows are contacting local businesses in the Midland-Penetang area, but if they haven't reached you yet, and you're interested, please call Bill Gidley at 549-3461.