

SRFL Forecasts:

Wyebridge, young and restless

by RON JOHNSON

Wyebridge Warriors are one of the Simcoe Rural Fastball League's up and coming teams. Manager Brien Dutton has brought a very young and inexperienced squad a long way in a short time.

Team strengths are centred around last year's league MVP Morris Reynolds. Besides holding one of the more prolific homerun bats in the league, Reynolds is also a key to the Warriors' up-the-middle defence.

Teamed with Carl Cowan at Shortstop, Bob Downer at catcher, and newcomer Dave Scandlon in centrefield, Reynolds gives the team one of the better defences in the league. Downer is about to

become one of the top receivers in the league. One of the strengths of the team is what you

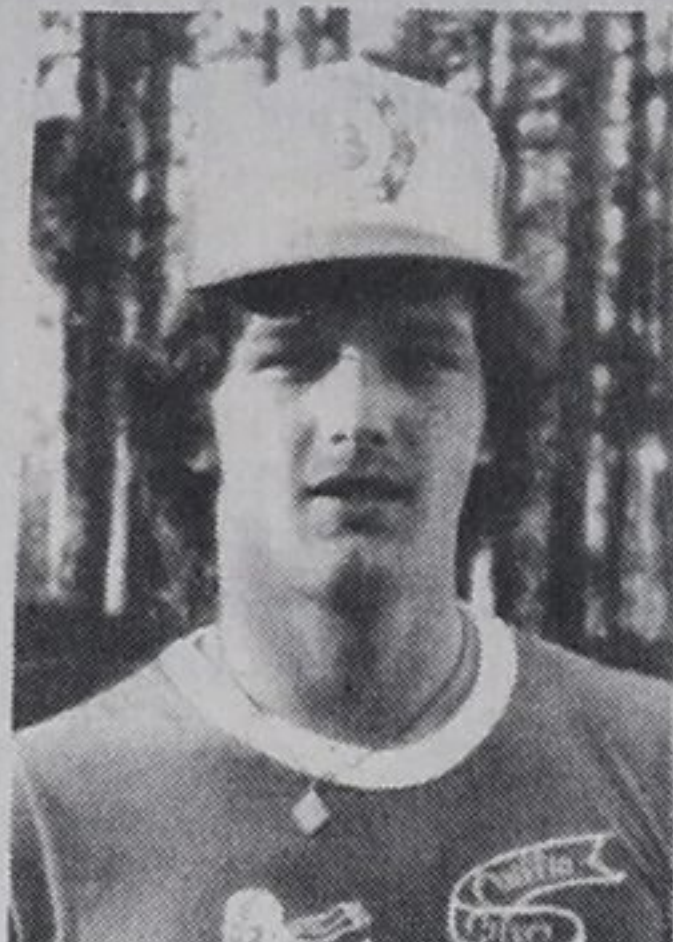


Bob Downer
fine catcher

call your "intangibles". Team unity and cohesion are the cornerstones of the franchise.

The outfield could also be one of the better ones around if Bob Dutton plays out there. With Scandlon and any one of Kerry Lloyd, Bill Dutton, Bev Adams, Ron Maynard, or Murray Derks, the outfielders will have no trouble covering the pastures. Dutton can also supply the long ball to the offense.

When Dutton (Bob) is not in the outfield, he'll share first base with Kent Goldsmith. Reynolds and Cowan will man their positions likely every game, and Brian Roy will get most of the starts at third. Back-up infielders include Ken Reynolds, Dave Marcellus, Dan Hall, Brian Leonard,



Morris Reynolds
1982 MVP

and maybe midget-aged Mike Gadsby.

If you've noticed that we've neglected the pitching staff, it's because Brien Dutton would rather forget it too. Not that Paul Rowe isn't a capable starter, but he's the only thrower around. Rowe can beat most of the second division clubs, and few of the top teams.

This is the team's sore spot, along with one other glaring weakness. Due to the age of some of the players, the Warriors are sometimes prone to periods of

erratic and inconsistent play. Unforced errors and emotional downfalls have hurt the team in the past. How this year's edition can cope with pressure, may influence where they'll finish in the standings.

Manager Dutton thinks they could be one of the top four teams in the SRFL. Realistically, with only one average pitcher, we think the Wyebridge Warriors will do well to make the top six teams.

Pen-Mid ball hockey

Here's the rundown on last Sunday's Penetang-Midland Ball Hockey League results. Five games took place at the Penetanguishene Arena.

PENETANG LEGION 12 SURPLUS PLUS DEVILS 1

Legion trounced the Devils as Jerry Ladouceur had four twiners, Dave Desroches scored three times, Trent Maracle and Dave Giannetto had two each, and Pete Desroches scored once. Pat Gignac replied for the Devils.

RON'S CONFECTIONARY 11 PERFORMANCE SPORTS 2

Another lopsided win, as Terry King, Gary Bellisle, and Martin Quigley scored two each, and Peter Roi, Mike Laurin, Lyle Buttineau, Bill Ladouceur, and Roger

Vaillancourt scored once. Jeff Dunn got both Performance goals.

DUQUETTE'S T.V. 8 FORGET CONSTRUCTION 0

Glen Irvine of Duquette's got the shutout, as Rick Rever and Jeff Dunn scored twice each. Don Meech, Brian Garner, Ernie Desroches, and John Roi scored the rest of the goals.

STEWART'S GULF OILERS 3 HINDSON MARINE 3

Terry Spiker, Ken Mitchell, and Denis Peltier scored for Stewart's, and Richard Genier, Greg St. Amant, and Chris McConnell replied for the Mariners.

JOHN DESROCHES CONSTRUCTION 4 SURPLUS PLUS SABRES 2

Four players got a goal each for the Constructors. They were: Andy Zurawski, Brian Rambler, Paul Duval, and Rick Ladouceur.

Martial Marion and Todd Clarke scored for the Sabres.

PGH births

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Cole of RR 3, Penetanguishene, became the parents of a nine pound four ounce girl on May 4.

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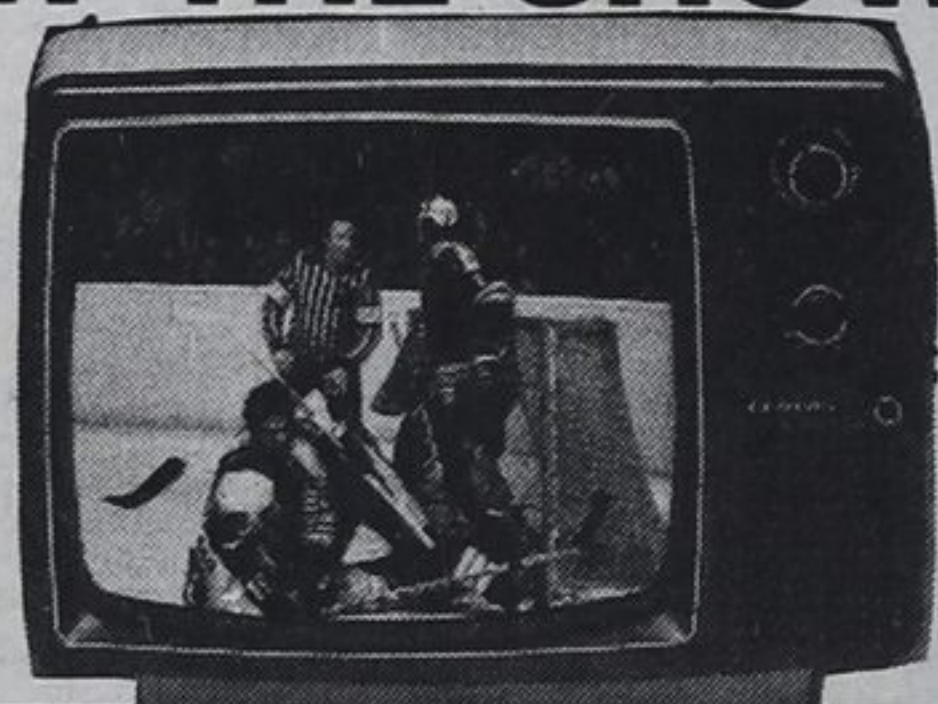
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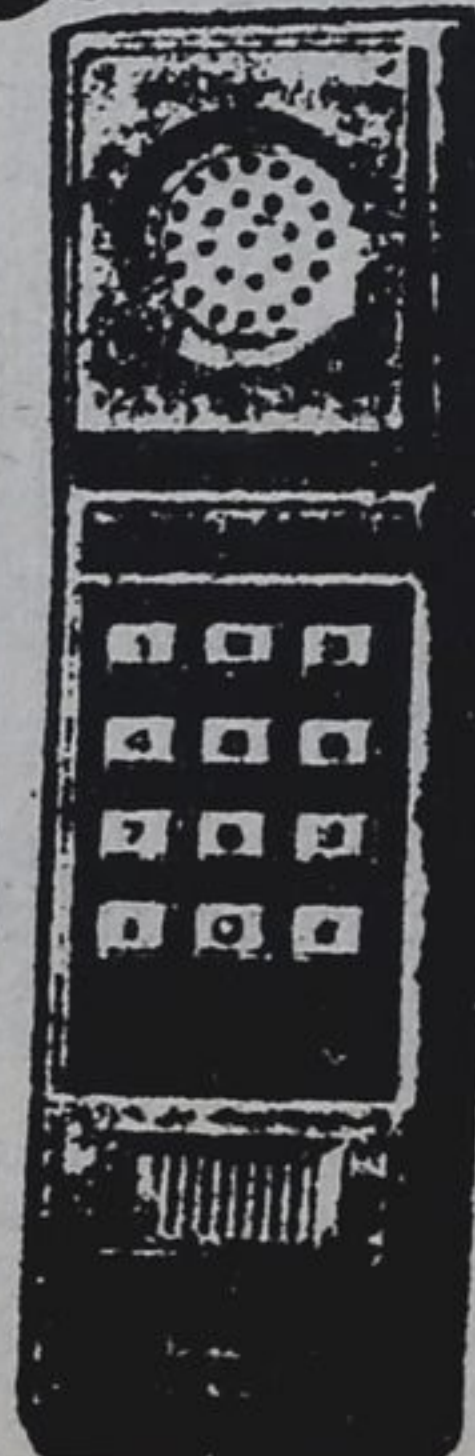
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