

# Sports Views

by Ron Johnson



# Local sports camps are good for kids

Next week marks the opening of two sports camps in the area, and as well as supplying parents with a great way to get rid of the kids for a week or a week or two, these camps will provide some excellent training and coaching for these young athletes.

In Barrie, at Lampman Park, is the Pro-Way Baseball Camp for ballplayers aged eight to 16 years.

There are two sessions to the camp; either next week, July 4-8, or the week after, July 11-15. The camp will run each day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can attend either one or both of the weeks. Applications had to be in by June 15, and the camps are both full now.

Instructors for the camp include a couple of well-known local ball-players who toiled in the senior and intermediate ranks for quite a few years.

Wally McMillan is a former Giant farmhand who played for Orillia baseball teams for a number of years, and recently coached the Orillia midget team to a championship.

Along with McMillan, Midland's own Gord Dymment will lend his expertise to the camp. Dymment was also a minor leaguer with the Giants organization in the late '50's and pitched later with some outstanding Midland Indian teams in the sixties. Indians still hold the record for the number of intermediate provincial titles won.

Also on the staff of the camp is Toronto Blue Jay scout Bruce Prentice. He is founder of the very successful Seneca College baseball program, and is now head coach of the Ryerson baseball team. He is hoping to establish a Seneca-like program at Ryerson.

With these three excellent baseball minds at work at the camp, the instruction should be first-rate. The instruction will cover everything about the finer points of pitching, catching, hitting, infield and out-field play, and all the inside stuff about baseball strategies.

Word has it that one day during the camp, some of the Blue Jays may venture up from their Toronto nest to give some tips. That would make it interesting!

The other camp running is right here in Midland. It's Brigg Harvey's basketball camp at MSS.

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Instruction in individual and team skills are being taught each morning from 9 a.m. to noon, with a warm-up period starting at 8:30 a.m.

Instructors at the camp will be Brigg Harvey and several of his senior Marauders team from the last couple of years. No doubt these girls will be able to teach you something!

The dates for this camp are July 4-8 and July 11-15, and it will be one of the last major contributions to Midland basketball by

Harvey, as he has taken a job with Innisdale Collegiate in Barrie for the next year.

This hard-working coach will cram as much basketball into these two weeks as is possible, so students at these camps will be much better for having attended. You also get a free T-shirt for the cost of the registration.

Any profits from the operation of the camp will be turned over to the senior girls' Marauders for use next year. The coach of next year's edition of the MSS squad will be Andy Wicksted, and whenever a change of coaches occurs in a team there will be some period of adaption for both team and coach.

Andy is a knowledgeable coach and basketball thinker, so this changeover will be minimized. The program will continue to be a good one under his tutelage. This camp is the first step in ensuring this.

So if the kids are under your feet, being out of school now for the first weeks of their summer vacations, send them back to school at MSS during the next two weeks. They'll learn a lot!

## Sports report

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# Keswick wins first annual lob-ball tourney

The first annual Midland Centennial Slow Pitch softball tournament proved to be a very successful venture, as the weather, the competition, and the softball combined to make a fun-filled day at Midland's Centennial ball diamond.

The Keswick Junior C team won the championship with a close 8-6 win over a team called the "No Names", who were comprised of local Midland hockey players.

Keswick was led by the Rowe brother, B.J. who had a triple and two singles, John who lashed three singles, and Bill who pitched and hit a homerun.

Midland did most of their damage in the third inning, as they scored five runs on six hits. They couldn't score after the inning, and fell short as Keswick scored two in the fifth and one in the seventh to clinch it.

Earlier in the day, Keswick pounded Parry Sound 10-1 in their first game, and edged by Oro 7-7's by scoring in the fifth inning of a game that ended in a 4-4 tie. Each team hit two homers in this one.

No Names made it to the finals by winning their first game over Midland Centennials 6-1, and then edging Penetang Kings 1-0 in the best game of the

day. Peter Wright pitched the shutout and scored the only run after hitting a triple.

In the consolation championship game, Stayner Siskins blanked the Midland II squad 8-0, as pitcher Scott Jackson limited the home towners to just seven hits in seven innings. Darrell Hughson went 3-for-3 in the game for the Siskins, and Tom Marshall belted a homer.

The whole day was highlighted by some excellent plays in all games, as these hockey players proved to be very good all-around athletes.

In the first round of

play in the eight-team tourney, No Names whipped Midland Cents 6-1 in the opening game, followed by Penetang Kings 7-1 win over the Midland No. 2 team. In game three, Oro defeated Stayner 9-4, and in the final game of the opening round Keswick whipped Parry Sound 10-1.

Second round play on the championship side saw the No Names edge

Penetang 1-0 and Keswick win in the 4-4 tie game with Oro.

On the consolation side, Midland Cents' B team beat the A team 10-7 and Stayner got the decision in a 7-7 tie with Parry Sound by virtue of their scoring four

runs in the fifth inning. All in all, it proved to be a great day to work on your tan, enjoy the fun side of the games, and watch the players enjoy themselves and the competition.



### Slow Pitch action

Saturday's Slow Pitch Softball tourney, put on by Tom Garner and the Midland Centennials Junior C hockey team, was filled with fun and lots of competition for

the eight hockey-softball teams who took part. In the left photo, a Keswick player shows his hitting style. His style, and that of his teammates was good enough to lead the team to the tourney title. In the right

picture, Pat Brodeur, of Midland, playing for the No Names, competes in the base running race held after the opening round of games.

### Cents' MVP

Midland Centennials selected and named their most valuable player for the 1982-83 hockey season, and presented the trophy on Saturday at their Slow Pitch softball tournament at Midland Centennial ball park. Joe Beleskey, the steady, industrious rearguard was the recipient of the award, as selected by coach Ross McConnell. Seen here making the presentation are (L to R), Tom Garner, team owner, MVP Beleskey, and coach Ross McConnell.