



**Eye on the ball:** Brenda Middleton of the Elmvale Angels at bat against Parry Island. Angels beat Orillia to win Midland Tourney.

## SRFL playoffs all tied up

After Monday night's playoff games in the Simcoe Rural Fastball League, three of the four opening round series are tied at one game each.

Phelpston Hotel Phillies and Vasey Seniors squared off last night in Vasey and no score was available. Vasey won the first game of the best-of-three set 5-4 last Thursday in Phelpston, as Bob Widde got the win over Frank Minnings.

First-place Midland Athenian Raiders got beat Monday by Hillsdale 8-6 in Hillsdale to even their series. Mark Ronald, in relief of Joe Matheson got the win over Ted Preston, who was relieving Bruce Githrie.

Wayne King blasted a three-run homer for Midland, and Dan Breeden helped Hillsdale with a bases loaded double to score three runs.

In the opener last Thursday, Midland beat the Hustlers 4-2 at home, as Guthrie outduelled Matheson for the win.

Third and final game of the series goes tomorrow night in Midland.

In the Wyebridge Warriors-Elmvale Expos series, Elmvale got back into it on Monday with a 4-2 win. Leo Belcourt beat Paul

Rowe in the game, which saw Wyebridge errors cost them a win.

Warriors opened the set last week with a 6-0 shutout by Rowe. Bob Dutton slammed a homer for the Warriors. Caswell's Antiques of Penetang evened their series with Vasey Royals at one game apiece Monday night in vasey by beating the Royals 3-1 behind Kurt Glover. Royals won the first game 5-3 as Steve Tumber beat Glover and his mates.

All the deciding games go tomorrow night, with Phelpston, Wyebridge, Caswell's

and Midland playing at home.

Second round of the playoffs, the semi-finals begin next Monday. The next round is a best-of-five series. The winner of the Midland-Hillsdale series will meet the winner of the Wyebridge-Elmvale set in one semi, and the winner of the Phelpston-Vasey Seniors series meets the winner of the Royals-Caswell's series in the other.

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# Angels rally to win Midland tournament

Elmvale Angels came back from a six run deficit to win the championship game of the Midland Therrians tournament 8-7 over Orillia.

Elmvale earned the right to be in the final with two victories earlier in the day. In their first game, the Angels took a 5-2 lead into the final inning only to squeak a 5-4 win as their opponent Perry Island staged a comeback. For the Angels, Brenda Columbus had a solo homerun in the third inning and a two run single in the fourth to score the winning runs. Debbie Charman went two for three at the plate scoring two runs. JoAnne McGinnis was the winning pitcher for Elmvale.

In the second game against Newmarket, the game remained scoreless until the third when Debbie Smith lead off with a single, was sacrificed over to third and scored on a double by Debbie Charman. One run was enough as the Angels held on for a 1-0 victory. Anna Storey was the winning pitcher for the Angels. This victory put the Angels into the finals against Orillia who had defeated Queens Hotel of Barrie in the semi-final game.

In the championship game, Orillia was lead by the home run hitting Nancy Bell who drove in three runs with two home runs to vault Orillia into

a commanding 6-0 lead after 2½ innings of play. Elmvale began their comeback in the home-half of the third inning. JoAnne McGinnis and Debbie Charman got on base with singles and were brought home on a three run home run by Brenda Columbus to make the score 6-3 after 3 innings. In the fifth inning, a sacrifice fly by Brenda Columbus brought in the Angels fourth run followed by a run scoring riple by Tricia Downey and a RBI single by Fran Jordan to tie the game 6-6.

Orillia went ahead in the sixth inning 7-6 but the Angels rallied in their half of the sixth on run scoring triples by Deb Charman and Brenda Columbus, to take an 8-7 lead into their seventh inning. JoAnne McGinnis, who had come into the game in the third inning to relieve starter Anna Storey combined with the Angel's defence to hold off Orillia and earn the tournament victory. The Angels were very satisfied with the comeback effort and were more than deserving of the championship trophy and \$500 first prize in this one day eight team tournament. Elmvale has now taken the title three of the five years the tournament has been running.

## Diggers win it!

### Rankin shuts out Ron's 3-0

by Jamie Robillard

The tide has finally turned in Penetang-Midland Ball Hockey.

For a change, Ron's Confectionary Nighthawks did not win the league championship in 1983.

Sunday at the Penetang Arena, Ron's went down to a 3-0 defeat at the hands of the S. Charlebois Haulage Diggers in the fourth game of the best-of-five title series.

After dropping the opening game of the series, Diggers roared back to win three straight games and the championship. Ron's had won five straight PMBHL titles in the six-year history of the league.

Both teams battled through a scoreless first period with Ron's outshooting the Diggers 7-6. With just three minutes gone in the second period Peter Robillard's slapshot from the blueline beat Nighthawks' Mike Duquette for the opening goal. Brian St. Amant won the face-off and fed Robillard the ball for the goal.

With 7:25 remaining

Robillard again connected with another booming slapshot from just inside the blueline with Dan Cote drawing an assist. Charlebois led 2-0 and looked to be in control.

Back-to-back penalties by Diggers' David Robillard and Brian St. Amant gave Ron's a second life as they had a two-man advantage for 1:35 with just six minutes left. Joe Rankin, in Diggers' net, made two excellent saves and the Charlebois defence cleared the ball well to preserve the victory and the shutout.

With just a dozen seconds left, Marc Duquette converted Cote's pass, wrapping up the win.

The win gave S. Charlebois Haulage Diggers the Bob Stewart Memorial Trophy and a berth in the Ontario Championship Contact Tournament to be played in Streetsville Aug. 26-28. They will meet the champions from the Toronto, Sarnia and Ottawa in round-robin play.

Last Thursday in the third game of the

championship set, Diggers got themselves in position to win the title by beating the Nighthawks 4-3 on Brian St. Amant's goal with just 1:25 remaining in regulation time. Assists went to Mike Duval and Marc Duquette.

Other scorers for the Diggers were Brian Forget, Mike Duval, and Peter Robillard.

who made it 3-3 to set the stage for St. Amant.

Replying for Ron's Nighthawks in the Thursday game were Brian McReynolds with a pair of slapshots, and Bill Ladouceur.

The win Thursday made the series 2-1 in games for the Diggers, and the rest of the story was Joe Rankin's stellar netminding in the series finale.



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