

Ont. Ball Hockey Championships

Diggers all set for the weekend!

The Ontario Ball Hockey Championships are set to get under way this weekend in Streetsville and Mississauga.

S. Charlebois Haulage and Excavating Diggers will be representing the Penetang-Midland Ball Hockey League.

There are three divisions, each made up of four teams, each a different regional ball hockey champion. The Diggers are in Division One with the Weston

Wildcats, Toronto champions, plus the champs from the Ottawa and Sarnia leagues.

Division two is made up of teams from London, Windsor, Lambton, and Metro Toronto. Division Three teams are from Oshawa, Mississauga, Ancaster, and Mooretown.

Games will be played this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at either the Streetsville Vic Johnson

Community Centre or the Mississauga Valley Arena.

The top team in each division after the round-robin play, plus the top overall second-place team, will advance to the semi-finals. Teams get two points for a win, one point for a tie, and one point for each period they won in the game. So if a team defeated its opponent and outscored them in each period of the game, they would receive four

points. Semi-finals are scheduled for 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. in Streetsville on Sunday morning, with the championship finals set for 5 p.m. in the afternoon.

Each team is allowed to pick up three additional players to their regular line-ups for the tournament. Here is the line-up for the Diggers this weekend.

Goaltenders: Bill Puddicombe (29) and Joe Rankin (1).

Defence: Peter

Robillard (24), David Robillard (19), Terry King (55), from Ron's Confectionary, Dave Miller (6), from Desroches Const., Norm Ladouceur (13), and George Mundy (21).

Forwards: Don Cote (4), Ken Lacroix (5), Mike Duval (7), Don St. Amant (8), Marc Duquette (10), Brian McReynolds (11), from Ron's Confectionary, Brian St. Amant (14), Norm Zwicker (16), Rick Duval (17), Brian

Forget (20), Paul Gravelle (22), John Larmand (23), and Dave "Rocket" Robillard (99).

Coach of the Diggers is Jamie Robillard, and the trainer is Neil Ladouceur.

There will also be a shootout competition, and Penetang's entrants are Rankin, in net, and Peter and Dave Robillard, shooters.

Diggers open their tourney against Weston at 8 p.m. on Friday in Mississauga. Their

second game is against Ottawa on Saturday morning at 11 a.m.

The third and last game of the round-robin portion of the tournament for the Diggers is at 6 p.m. against Sarnia. Both the second and third games are also in Mississauga.

The Showdown competition is slated for Streetsville at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

We wish the S. Charlebois Haulage and Excavating Diggers the best of luck this weekend.

Jeff Bales returns from 'Cornhusker Country'

by Ron Johnson
Jeff Bales' trip to Lincoln, Nebraska turned out to be a highly enjoyable, and most successful venture.

Bales was part of the Ontario contingent that travelled to the American Midwest to take part in the annual Nebraska-Ontario challenge golf competition.

The eight-member Ontario team left

Toronto on United Airlines on Aug. 13, and flew, via Chicago, Illinois and Des Moines, Iowa, to Lincoln, Nebraska.

These eight boys, who qualified at the recent Ontario Junior Golf Championships at Midland Golf and Country Club, were aged 15 and 16, and came from all over the province; from Sarnia to Thunder Bay.

This made a true "All Ontario" team according to Bales.

Ontario won the two-day competition very easily. In a complex scoring set-up featuring the Nassua system, two-man best ball and individual contests, the score was 39½ to 8½ for Ontario.

Our Midland representative shot a practice round of 79, before really coming through with fine rounds of 77, 76, and 76 in the actual contests. He took all three points from his opponents in head-to-head play.

In a golfing contest where each hole contributes to the team's score, it adds a different element to the game. "You really have to attack each hole and try for birdies. You're not just playing your own game, against the course, you're playing 18 separate little games," explained Bales.

This is the end of Ontario Golf Association play for Bales this year, and he has had a very profitable and com-

petitive year. His regular education, as well as his golf game, have benefitted from the summer of 1983.

"I've played fairly well all summer, and this Nebraska tourney was a good finish to my golf season. Just being around the competition down there helped my game," said Bales.

He also learned much about the American sport ethic while in Cornhusker country. The Ontario team toured the University of Nebraska, and got a firsthand taste of major college sports in the area.

"Everything is Cornhusker Crazy down there. The whole region is ready and waiting for the football season at the university," explained Bales.

The exposure to big-time American college sports may also have exposed Jeff Bales to a scout from a college where he might be in line for a scholarship in the U.S., although he is still a couple of years away from making that kind of decision.

Never too early to start looking though!

Jeff Bales would like to add his thanks to all the members of Midland

Golf and Country Club for their assistance, both financially and

inspirationally, for his trip to Nebraska as part of the Ontario team.



Jeff Bales

Men's basketball tryouts tomorrow

The local entries in the Simcoe County Intermediate Men's Basketball League are about to begin training camp for the 1983-84 season.

Tryouts for the Commodore Hotel and Dock Lunch teams start tomorrow night (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at MSS and will run each Thursday night until the start of the season.

There are several openings on both teams due to retirements, so team organizers are hoping to see some new faces out to the first practice this week.

There will be two local teams if enough bodies come out to fill the uniforms.

Games this season, home games at least, will be played on Thursday evenings at Midland Secondary School.

Ace at Bonaire

Bill Gamble, an Orillia golfer, scored the first hole-in-one this year at Bonaire Golf and Country Club last weekend.

Gamble, using a four-iron, aced the par three third hole. The hole measures 209 yards, so Gamble hit his ace a long way.

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