

Penetang Bantams make Ont. finals in ball hockey

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The Penetang Bantam All-Star team sponsored by Stewart's Gulf Oilers were finalists at the Ontario Minor Ball Hockey Championships held in Toronto last weekend.

The Penetang team under coach David McConkey played extremely good ball hockey to capture their first two victories. They defeated Oshawa 4-3 with Chris Moreau notching two and Peter Lalonde and Dave Bressette with singles. Against Orillia, Penetang won again with a score of 3-2.

In the finals against undefeated East Gwillimbury, the Bantams could not get any breaks as they went down to defeat 5-2. In the second and deciding game, Penetang played much better but could not put the ball into the net. Final score was 4-3.

It must be stated that the maturity and sportsmanship the bantams displayed was a tribute to the coaching staff. The players were told to stay cool and let their opponents take the penalties. The class the players showed made all the Penetang supporters proud.

Here is a list of players who should be commended for their play. Todd Laurin, Tigne Ross, Peter Lalonde, Pat Marchand, Rob Fortin, Gary Asselin, Dave

Bressette, Wayne Desjardins, Shawn Fisher, Tim Dion, Chris Moreau, Blain Dusome, Kevin Dumais, Gary Duval, Allan Geere, David McConkey (coach), and David Gravelle (Manager).

For their efforts the players received tournament pennants and silver medals.

In the Junior Division, Penetang was eliminated early but only after playing some good ball hockey.

In their first game against the Scarborough Flames (the eventual tournament champs) Penetang's inexperience showed through as they were totally out hustled and outpassed. The final score was 8-4.

Against an Oshawa team, the Juniors were very unlucky. They could not put the ball between the pipes. Juniors fell behind early 2-0 but fought back. With the score 4-3 for Oshawa and only six seconds remaining Penetang called a time out.

With centerman Jeff Leclair taking the faceoff and Perry Beausoleil at the point the tandem worked perfectly as Beausoleil scored with only 2 seconds remaining on the clock.

This climactic event turned sour as Oshawa scored the winner only 16 seconds into overtime. Although the junior team did not

reach the finals they must be credited for staying overnight and cheering their younger bantam team into the finals.

The saying "Wait 'til next year" may be a touch old, but it is definitely pertinent to the junior team. The players are all young juniors; which means they will be of junior age next year. Therefore all they can do is improve.

For making last weekend a success the coaches must be thanked as well as the players; however there is a group of people who are sometimes overlooked. They are the parents who sacrificed their weekend to drive their kids and cheer on all of our teams.

Tournament Notes:

In the showdown competition that took place before the first game, two Penetang players did extremely well. Tim Dion and Dave Bressette finished second and third respectively, for their efforts they received a Titan hockey stick and a roll of tape.

This coming weekend in Toronto the S. Charlebois Diggers will be participating in the Provincial Ball Hockey Championships. They earned this by dethroning Ron's Confectionary a couple of weekends ago. Good Luck Diggers!



Looking ahead

Brian St. Amant (14) of S. Charlebois Haulage and Excavating Diggers, is looking ahead to this weekend's Ontario Ball Hockey Championships in Streetsville and Mississauga. Diggers are in the tournament, which starts tonight, after winning

the Penetang-Midland Ball Hockey League championship over Ron's Confectionary Nighthawks. In this picture from the title game, St. Amant comes to grips with a Nighthawk in front of goalie Mike Duquette (30).

An Angel behind home plate

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Baseball Trivia Quiz

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There have been some great one-two punches in baseball history. Here are some questions about homerun-hitting duos through the years. The pairs of sluggers in question had to play on the same team at the same time.

1. Name the all-time career leaders in homers for a duo on the same team.
2. The second highest homer duo played on the West Coast from 1959 to 1971. Who were they?
3. A pair of Hall of Famers hit the most career homers in the American League. Make these two easy ones.
4. One of this pair of homerun kings is now an Expo broadcaster. They played on a team that moved. Who are they?
5. Can you name the Pittsburgh pair who hit 462 homers as teammates from 1962 to 1972?
6. Name the two Detroit Tigers who teamed from 1960 to 1974 to hit the third highest total of homeruns in the American League.
7. One of the two players in number six also paired with another slugger to hit the sixth highest A.L. total. Who was the "other" player? (He played briefly with Toronto in 1979.)
8. Can you come up with the name of the player who teamed with Harmon Killebrew in Minnesota to hit 635 homers as a duo?
9. Name the pair of Philly sluggers, both still active, who hit 503 homers as teammates in nine seasons.
10. What two teammates hold the record for the most homeruns in a season?

Kings still seek coach

Does anyone know where Peter Dubeau can find a coach for the Penetang Junior C Kings?

Dubeau has been actively seeking a replacement for Ron Marchildon, who resigned for personal and family reasons last month.

It seems the right combination of experience, eagerness, and willingness to work have not been found in any one candidate. There are rumours that some people have been interviewed for the enviable job of coaching the Kings, but there are no indications that the position of coach of the Penetang Junior C hockey team has been offered to any of the interviewees.

Meanwhile, the Kings have added a new face to their management staff.

Shawn Stewart, formerly the manager of the now defunct Midland A's intermediate team, is now learning the ropes of management under Peter Dubeau's watchful eye.

Dubeau says, "You very rarely find a person Shawn's age who wants to get into the management end of sports. When you find someone in his early twenties, who is as eager to learn as he is, you obviously take advantage of it."

The acquisition of Shawn Stewart for the Kings should help the already well-organized team run even smoother. This should make the new coach's job even easier.

Now, if they could only find someone to take this easy job!



New Bantam sponsor

There will be a new sponsor for this season's major bantam rep team for Midland Minor Hockey Association. What was formerly the Indusmin team, will be now known as the Memories Road House Lounge and

Restaurant team. The announcement was made yesterday, as Nick Boudouris (L) owner of Memories Lounge, presented a cheque for uniforms to Bob Bourgeois (R) of the MMHA.