

# Garner praises coach—Cents start camp this weekend

by RON JOHNSON

Midland Centennials Junior C hockey team is about to start the 1983-84 season, opening up their training camp this coming Sunday night at Centennial arena.

The practice is open to all hockey players of junior age (born in 1963 or later) who live or played hockey in and around Midland.

Team owner Tom Garner claims that all 19 spots on the roster will be open to competition, although he has already signed three players to Cents contracts for the season.

The three signees are centre Tim McIntyre, who played last year with the Essa 80's, rightwinger Ken Rinnard, who has experience with the Georgian College hockey team, and defenceman Brad Copeland, who played with the University of Waterloo team last year. Copeland also has some experience

with the Cents in the past.

Returning to the fold as Cents from last year's squad are goalies Dwayne Latondress and Chris Lemieux, defenders Al Pumputus, Mike Leo, Dave Wright, and Larry McMann, and forwards Brian Cadeau, Al Whidden, Shawn Davy, John Walter, and Rick Rever.

These players, plus the three newcomers, form a solid nucleus for a very competitive Centennial team in the upcoming season.

Perhaps the biggest improvement in the Midland Centennials this season will not appear on the ice at all during the games. The biggest improvement will likely be in the coach himself.

With a year of Junior C experience under his belt, coach Ross McConnell will be better able to assert his own style and personality on the Centennials. He has the full support of his

owner to run the team as he sees fit.

"Ross McConnell is the best thing to happen to junior hockey in Midland in a long, long time. If his enthusiasm and desire to excel can rub off on his players, there won't be a team in Ontario that will beat them. He's a fantastic coach," explained Tom Garner.

Last year was a learning year for McConnell behind the Cents' bench, but this year will be a real "coming out" for the young coach.

Garner has gone out and gotten three players that Ross McConnell desired to fill out the roster, now it will be up to him to whip the team into competitive shape.

Doug Fox will once again be back as the Midland Centennials' general manager, and will handle most of the publicity for the team.

Here is the timetable for the team's

training camp, from opening of camp right up to the start of the Georgian Bay Junior C League schedule.

Sunday, Sept. 25 - Practice 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Mon. Sept. 26 - Practice 8 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Tuesday Sept. 27 - Exhibition game in Parry Sound.

Wed. Sept. 28 - Practice 9:15 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Thur. Sept. 29 - Practice 8:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Fri. Sept. 30 - Exhibition game, Parry Sound at Cents, 8:30 p.m.

Sun. Oct. 2 - Intra-squad game, 9:15 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Mon. Oct. 3 - Exhibition game in Gravenhurst

Tues. Oct. 4 - Exhibition game, Gravenhurst at Cents, 8:30 p.m.

Wed. Oct. 5 - Practice 9:15 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Fri. Oct. 7 - League opener, Cents at Oro 77's, 8:30 p.m.

## Sixth annual Labatt's Palace Hotel Softball Tournament

Elmvale was slated to play Craighurst on Friday night in the 6th

annual Labatt's Palace Hotel Ladies Softball tournament.

Brenda Columbus pitched her first game, and win, of the year

defeating Craighurst 10-0. Barbie Parker was behind the plate again for Elmvale. The lineup was greatly altered to enable the players to practice their new positions for Monday night's game against Queen's.

Fran Jordan, Denise Ritchie and Brenda Columbus went two for two at the plate and Barb Parker scored a home run.

The Angels didn't fare so well in their next game against Ivy, losing 2-0. Sue Leighton was the winning pitcher with five strike-outs, a one-hitter, and she scored the winning run. Leighton reached first on a bunt, while Elmvale had an infield switch on. Sharon McMaster than blasted a home run to score Leighton.

Debbie Charman managed the lone Elmvale hit; Elmvale did not get on the score board. Jo-Anne McGinnis was the losing pitcher for the Angels.

Orillia City Trucklines defeated Gough's 6-5 to win the consolation championship. Donna Pilon led the Orillia attack with a home run and a single; Bonnie Styles was the winning pitcher.

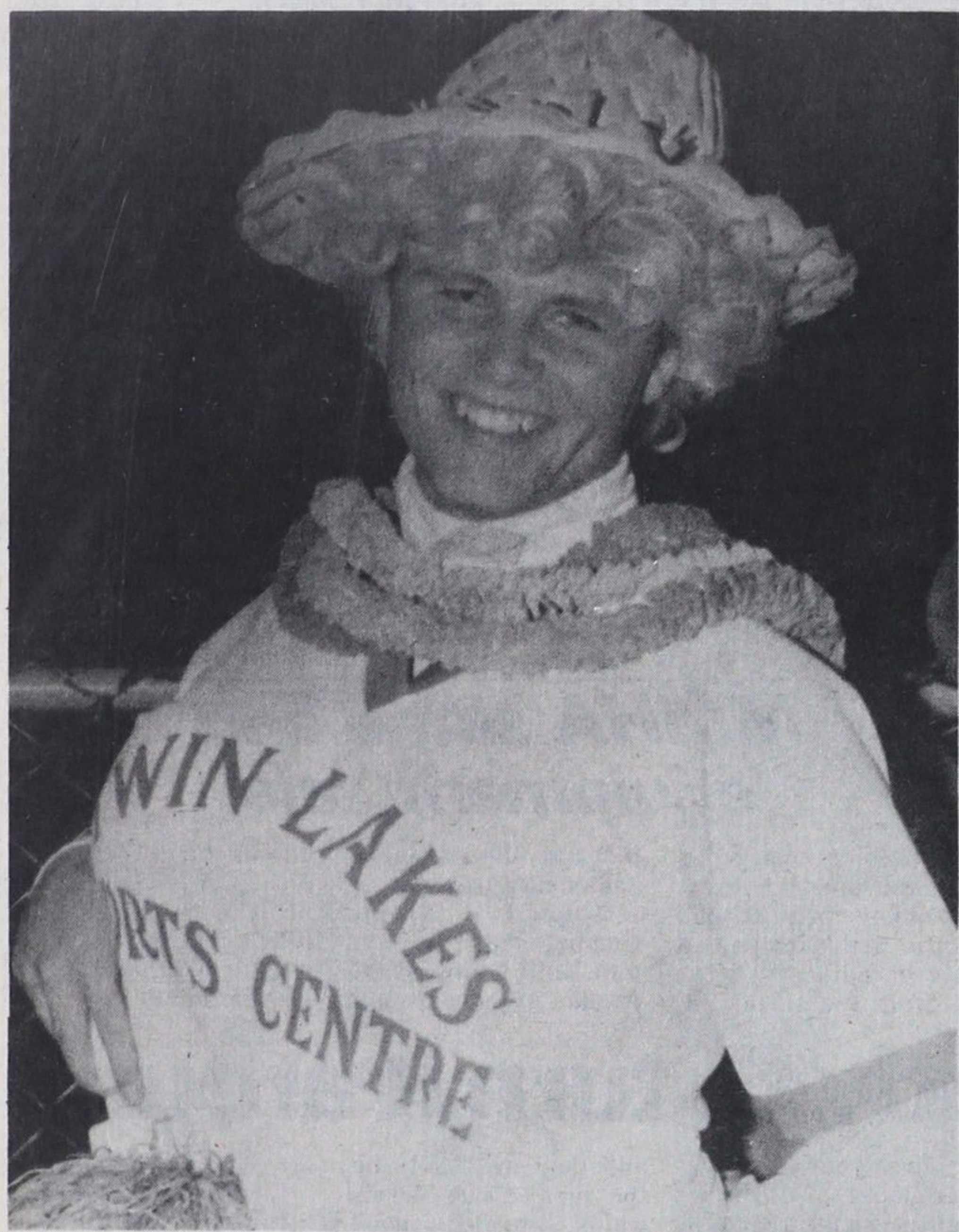
Ivy captured the Championship title by beating Cedar Hill 2-1. Sue Leighton had nine strikeouts for Ivy.

Most Valuable Pitcher for the tournament was definitely Sue Leighton of Ivy. Most Valuable Outfielder went to Joan Speers, also of Ivy. Most Valuable Infielder was won by Anne McConnell, short stop for

Cedar Hill.

An all-star team was chosen, and the results are as follows: Catcher-Darlene Tanschuk-Gough's Pitcher-Sue Leighton-Ivy First Base-Sharon McMaster-Ivy.

Second Base-Janel Scott-Orillia Third base-Lori Fairburn-Gough's. Short Stop-Anne McConnell-Cedar Hill. Fielders-Joan Spiers-Ivy; Lynda Ferrano-Orillia; Joyce McFarlane-Cedar Hill.



### Sis-boom-bah!

This good-looking young lady (?) was the head cheerleader for the Vasey Seniors at Monday night's SRFL playoff game. Her (?) dainty voice and buxom figure charmed everyone

at the Vasey ballpark. She was a pleasant surprise to everyone, except a certain Mrs. Hamilton who was a little more than surprised to discover her daughter(?)

### Eagles win

Brooklea Eagles posted their second consecutive win in the young Penetang-Midland Touch Football season on Sunday, as they blanked Granada Toros 20-0.

Ken Maheu paced the Eagles with a pair of touchdowns, while Paul McNamara got the other one. John Pickett tallied a two-point

conversion to round out the scoring.

On defence, Paul DeVillers set the pace with a pair of interceptions for the Brooklea squad.

For the lowly Toros, a new entry in the 12-team loop, it was the second straight goose egg. Things will pick up guys!

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