

Howard rink captures Tankard title

The Provincial Curling title is within the grasp of the Russ Howard rink, curling out of the Midland Curling Club.

The Howard rink won its three games played at the Labatts Tankard in Simcoe, Ont., to advance to the Provincial Championships to be held in Peterborough, on Feb. 8-12.

The local rink

defeated teams from Milton, St. Catharines and Delhi to advance.

The local rink consists of Russ Howard, skip; brother Glen at vice; Larry Merkley, second stone, and Kent Carstairs at lead.

Howard felt the rink "curled really well, but found the competition tougher" than he anticipated.

"We curled better than we did last year,

however, the teams were much stronger," Howard said Monday.

"Glen handled the pressure really well and both Larry and Kent are curling exceptionally well," he added.

"There is no real pressure on us at the provincials, but we must have a good start. We'll take it game by game. On any given day anyone could win the title." Howard commented.

Howard also said that preparation for each team is very important. "We'll be able to really psyche up for a game against Ed Warnick, but we must have that mental preparation for all the rinks."

The local rink will continue to practice and will attend a bonspiel in Peterborough, a week before the Provincial Championships.



Keeping a steady eye on his stone is Glen Howard, vice of the Provincial Championship bound, Russ Howard rink which curls out of the Midland Curling Club. Both Russ and Glen and the other two team members, Larry Merkley and Kent Carstairs are on their way to the Provincial finals for the second year in a row. They won the title in 1980 and a trip to the Brier in Calgary.

Juveniles take third tournament

by

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There's a local hockey team in town that can proudly say that every hockey tournament they have entered, they have won a championship trophy.

The team is the Midland Juveniles and they have just won their third tourney of the season!

The juveniles travelled to Fenlon Falls where they participated and won the championship, fielding a team of only 12 players as a result of injuries and work commitments. Two of the players were goaltenders.

In Midland's first game of the tournament they lost to a very strong team from Etobicoke 8-3.

Midland goal scorers were Peter Quilty with two goals and brother Owen netted the other mark.

Their second game was against Lindsay where they triumphed

with a 5-3 victory.

Mark Degagne led the way for Midland with the hat-trick with singles going to Tom Hook and Owen Quilty.

Richmond Hill were the next opponents to fall at the hands of the Midland juveniles.

Midland won the game 5-3, after trailing at one point in the game 3-1.

Scoring for Midland were Peter and Owen Quilty, Steve Charlebois, Mark Degagne and Steven Bisson.

With the win over Richmond Hill, it put Midland in the championship game against the same Etobicoke team that soundly beat them 8-3 in their opening game of the tourney. Midland turned the tables and won the game 4-1.

Midland took a 2-1 first period lead. Mark Degagne scored at 9:07, from Charlebois and Jim Edgar.

Etobicoke tied the score less than two

minutes later, however, Midland struck again, with only 1:09 remaining in the first frame. Peter Quilty scored the mark with brother Owen assisting.

The second stanza remained scoreless, however, the third

period decided the outcome of the game.

Goals by Tom Hook at 5:58 from Owen Quilty and a mark by Peter Quilty at 2:15, from Owen Quilty and Hook sealed away the championship for the Midland squad.

Sports Quiz

Hello again sports fans! I hope everyone is ready for today's quiz! Good luck!

1. Where is the 1984 Brier being held?
2. What was the name of the local cross-country ski event that took place in our fair town, on Saturday?
3. Who are the other three members of the Russ Howard rink?
4. What NHL hockey team did Wayne Gretzky call a "Mickey Mouse organization"?
5. Where is Super Bowl XVIII being staged?
6. Who is the coach of the Little Lake BP Major Atoms?
7. Who was the coach of the Saskatchewan Rough Riders of the CFL, this past season?
8. Who is the coach of the NHL Los Angeles Kings?
9. With which sport is Scott Hamilton associated?
10. Who is the President of the Midland Rec Hockey League?

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