

Orser wins Short Program

Canadian champion holds fifth spot at Winter Olympics



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Canadian Senior Men's Figure Skating sensation, Brian Orser finds himself fifth overall after the compulsory figures and the short program, at the Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia.

Orser, from Penetanguishene, was a less than satisfying seventh after his performance in the compulsory figures.

Canadian Men's champion put on a flawless performance which gave him first place in the short program which moved him into fifth place overall yesterday.

Friends of the Orser's, Mr. and Mrs. John Bitove of Toronto said in a

phone interview from Sarajevo that they were absolutely ecstatic about Brian's first place performance in the short program.

"Brian put on a superb performance," Mrs. Bitove said from Hotel Coram in Sarajevo.

"We are going out to dinner with the Orser's and we are going to celebrate Brian's excellent performance," Mrs. Bitove added.

Scott Hamilton continues to lead the field of skaters at the winter games, however, Orser is beginning to make his move.

Tomorrow will be Orser's biggest day of his life as the skaters go through their long program. This will determine Orser's chances for a medal.

If you've ever tried getting through by phone to relatives in other countries on Christmas Day, you'll have some kind of idea of how long it took to get through to Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, yesterday afternoon.

With the country eight hours ahead of us, we managed to make contact at 10 p.m. their time (2 p.m. our time), but only after dialing our fingers silly!

A word to Ma Bell and the gang. Your operators couldn't have been more co-operative and that goes for the overseas operator too.

ESPSS Juniors take consolation crown

ESPSS Junior Boys' Basketball Team competed in the MSS Invitational Basketball tournament on Saturday, where they captured the consolation crown.

Their first game of the day ESPSS Jrs. were edged by Georgetown 40-38. Huntsville were the next opponents for the ESPSS squad.

Once again the score was close, however, the outcome was different than the first game as

ESPSS won 43-30.

This put the ESPSS Jrs. in the consolation final against Sudbury. At one point in the game ESPSS trailed by 12 points, however, their offense went to work in the fourth quarter, netting 21 points, enroute to a 54-53 victory.

Perry Beausoliel was the big hero scoring on a foul shot with two seconds remaining in the game.

Sudbury got the ball back in time for one last

shot, which rattled the rim.

Penetang high scorers on the day were Andy Bayfield with 38 points, Peter Dion netted 21 points, Mike Pilon had 19, Mark Larmand 18 and Perry Beausoliel notched 17 points.

ESPSS Juniors take to the court once again, this Thursday in the Zone "A" playoffs at ESPSS.

Teams from St. Theresa's, Elmvale and Gravenhurst make up the opposition.

Brier eludes Howard rink

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Despite an impressive four game winning streak in which the Russ Howard rink knocked off the number three, two and one ranked rinks in the province, his crew will not be making a trip to this year's Brier.

The Labatts Tankard was held in Peterborough last week, where defending world champion, Ed Werenick captured the provincial crown for the second year in a row.

Russ Howard and his rink, who curl out of the Midland Curling Club, were without the ser-

vices of their lead on the first day of the championships. Keith Williams replaced Kent Carstairs whose wife was having a baby.

Howard said that Williams did a fine job despite not being with the team for the entire season.

The local rink ended up in a five way tie for third place with a 5-4 win-loss record.

"We didn't curl well at the start of the championships," Howard said Monday.

"In the tie breaking round, we ended up playing four games on the day, which is

against the CCA rules," Howard added.

"By the end of the week, we turned things around, at a point where we could have easily given up.

However, our lack of consistency hurt us. We have a habit of beating the best teams and losing to the easier ones," Howard commented.

"We weren't making the easy shots. We didn't play up to our full potential," Howard added.

The Howard rink will continue to curl in bonspiels in the area and take it easy!

Schmidt finishes 39th at Winter Olympics

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Local cross-country skiing sensation Angela Schmidt was involved in her first race of the 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. She competed in the very competitive five km race where she finished 39th. Top Canadian was Shirley Firth, who finished 22nd.

Andree Mongeon, National Ski Team Coordinator said she was slightly disappointed with Angel's results, however, the fact she didn't find out that she was going to the

Olympics until late January could have had an affect on her performance.

"The late decision by the COA definitely did not help Angela," Mongeon said Monday. "It may have given her a mental and physical block, which may have curved her performance level," Mongeon added.

According to Mongeon, Angela has raced really well in the 20 Km races. "Angela has been very consistent in each race she has gone in at the 20 Km level," Mongeon said.

"The COA's late decision on whether or

not Angela is going to the Olympics and her bout with the flu in early January are two factors of her placing in the 5 Km event," Mongeon commented.

"We expect Angela to anchor our women's team for the 1988 Olympics in Calgary," Mongeon added.

"One must remember that in this sport, an athlete pushes themselves to the outer limits," Mongeon said.

Angela will be racing with the women's relay team today and then will participate in the 20 Km race on Saturday.

Kings lead 2-0 in series with Cents

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Penetanguishene Jr. Kings got off on the right foot in their series with their cross-town rivals Midland Stoneleigh Centennials Friday night.

Kings outscored the Centennials 8-6 on Friday in front of a capacity crowd at



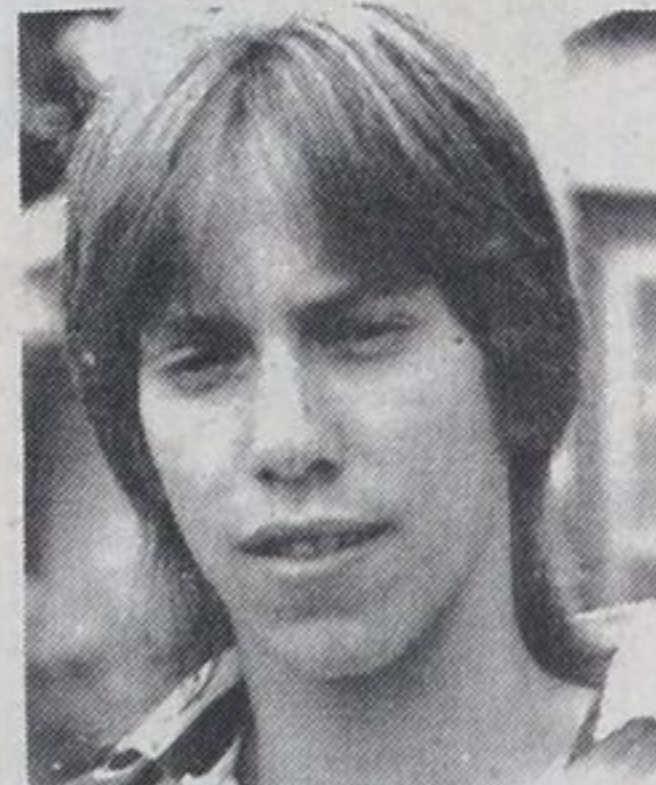
Kevin Steele

Penetang arena.

On Sunday evening at Centennial arena another large crowd filtered through the gates to watch the Kings win 7-4 to take a 2-0 lead in their best-of-seven series.

Despite the high score, both goaltenders, Chris Lemieux for the Kings, and Kevin Steele for the Cents, put on an excellent display of

goaltending, robbing both teams of excellent scoring chances.



Chris Lemieux

Kings started early as Jim Plouffe scored his first of two in the game at the 1:54 mark from Rob Roy.

Blair McReynolds increased the Kings margin with Roy and Plouffe assisting. Cents moved within one on a goal by John Walter, from Whidden and Chris Readman.

In the second frame, Centennials came out strong and in the first :36 seconds of the period, Walter notched his second goal of the game, unassisted.

However, the very vocal Penetang crowd went to work, which

seemed to fire up the Kings as they scored two goals in over a minute.

Brian McReynolds gave the Kings a 3-2 lead at 5:20 from Peter Roi and then at 6:42 Rob Roy scored from Blair McReynolds and Roy.

Once again, the Centennials tied the score up with a pair of marks nine seconds apart.

Walter netted his third goal of the game at 10:40 from Jeff Hurl and Dave Wright. Nine seconds later, Rob Rinnear scored an unassisted mark to tie the score.

At 17:51, Marlon Gieseler gave the Cents a 5-4 lead going into the final frame. Jeff Hurl received the lone assist.

The final stanza belonged to the hometown Kings as buzzed around the Centennial's end of the ice, but in the first half of the frame were unable to beat Lemieux.

The biggest goal of the game came off the stick of Bob Weatherill at 10:05 while the Cents were enjoying the

powerplay. Brian McReynolds and Dave Robillard drew the assists.

That goal took the wind out of the Centennial's sails, as the Kings continued to press and it payed off with the go ahead goal off the stick of Rob Roy from Perry Beausoliel and Plouffe.

Weatherill and Plouffe each added one more mark apiece to close out the King's scoring.

At 18:08 Al Whidden scored from Walter and Copeland, however, it was too little, too late.

In the contest Sunday evening, seven different Kings did the damage. Brian McReynolds, Brian Forget, Perry Beausoliel, Rob Roy, Gary Beausoliel, Blair McReynolds and Peter Roi were the Kings marksmen.

Al Whidden, Rob Rinnear, Dan Whitton and Marlon Gieseler replied for the Cents.

The next game of the series goes tonight at Penetang arena, with the game time set for 8:30 p.m.

Penetang bowls Midland

Penetanguishene Town Council reps defeated the Midland Council bowlers in a "nice friendly game" at the Knights of Columbus lanes last weekend. Proceeds from the match went to the Big Brothers Association.

Penetanguishene was represented by Councillors Robert Klug,

John O'Hara and Larry Bellisle and Reeve Art Stewart, while Midland bowlers were Aldermen Ian Ross, Nancy Keefe and Dan Herbert and Deputy-reeve Claude Buck.

16 different groups challenged each other in the Bowl for Millions in Penetanguishene. \$4,250

was raised by 60 bowlers for the Big Brothers, on Saturday, Feb. 4 and that was just the beginning; another Celebrity Bowl was held this past weekend in Midland, and there was league bowling all week. A target of \$15,000 is being aimed for by the Big Brothers and their supporters.