

Sports Report

Orser to draw attention to Big Brothers

by RUDY FLEISCHMANN

Canadian world figure skater, Brian Orser, was at Midland's Bayshore Lanes on Friday, to promote "Bowl for Millions" to help raise funds for the local chapter of Big Brothers. It will be his second year as honorary chairman of the campaign.

Orser, who enjoys the game, but has very little time for the sport, bowled with a few of the youngsters to draw media attention to the dire need of young boys to have some older male contact in their formative years. Presently, there are 29 matched big and little brothers in the local area with another 20 young boys waiting to be matched.

The local chapter of Big Brothers serves an area consisting of Midland, Penetang, Elmvale, Wyebridge, Orr Lake, Waubashene, Victoria Harbour and Port McNicoll. Linda Jeffery staffs the area office which is located at 354 Midland Ave. in Midland and can be reached by calling 526-5051.

The Bowl for Millions campaign gets underway at Bayshore Lanes on Feb. 2 and will conclude at the Knights of Columbus Centre, in Penetang, on Feb. 9. The campaign is the only means of fundraising for the Midland-Penetang Big Brothers Association.

The money raised is used by the association

to continue to operate their services for the boys of our community. Expenses include rent and office supplies, staff salaries, recruiting expenses and advertising. Regular recreational activities are provided for Big and Little Brother's enjoyment, which include a Blue Jay's baseball game, summer picnic, Christmas party and many athletic outings. The monies allow the boys to join in sporting events that would otherwise be unavailable to them.

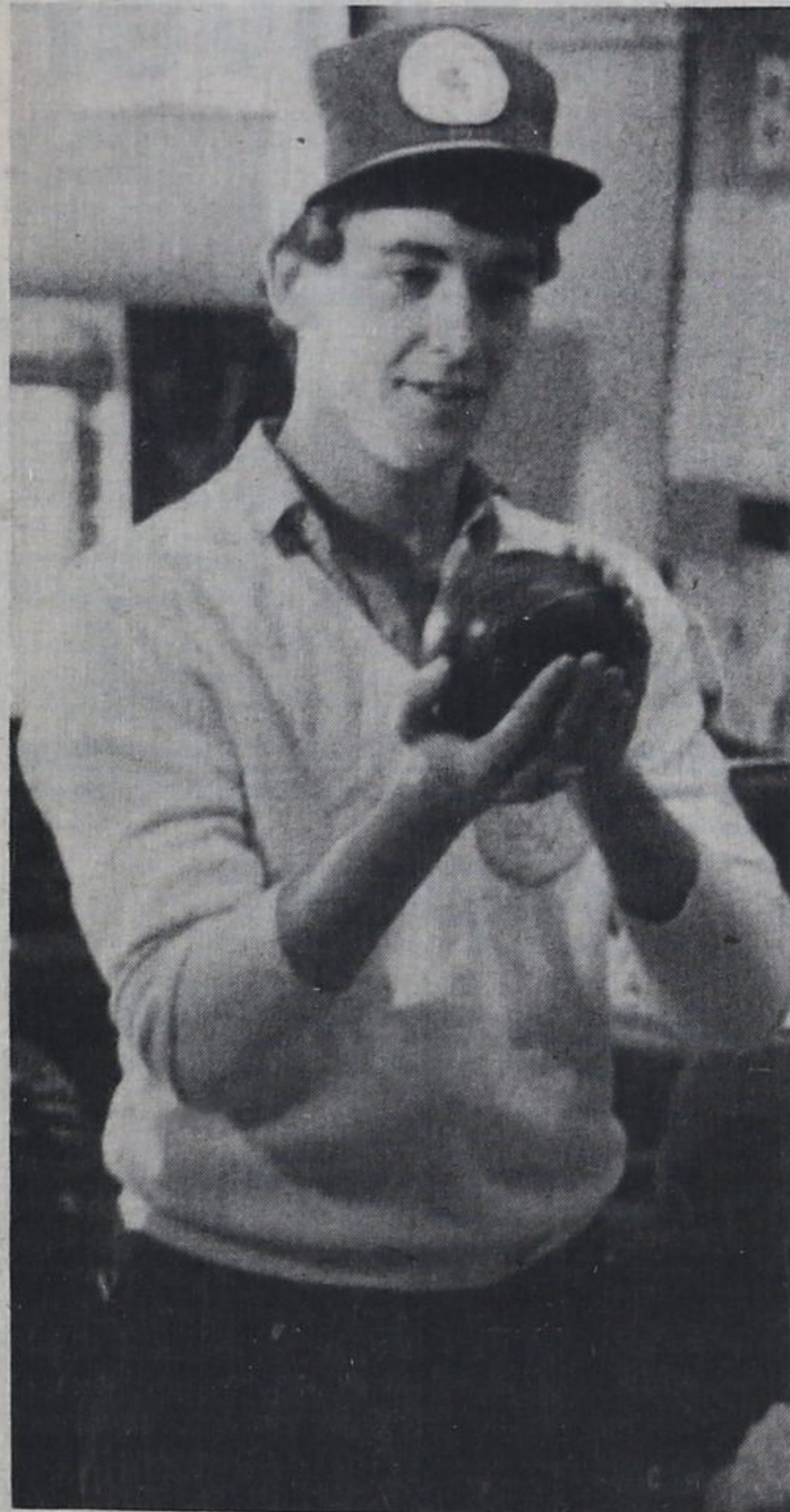
This year's target is \$20,000.

Big Brothers is inviting the public to pick up a pledge sheet, get sponsors and come out and bowl or sponsor someone else who bowls.

A large number of challenges have been issued to groups in the community including teams representing the various banks, schools, real estate firms, lawyers, doctors, businesses and others.

Again, league bowlers are asked by Big Brother's chairman, Jim Blackwell, to support Big Brothers by having friends, relatives and co-workers sponsor their league game during the week of the campaign. John Buxton, an outstanding supporter of the campaign, will be co-ordinating the bowlers.

Big Brothers of Midland-Penetang will celebrate their 10th anniversary on Feb. 28, 1985.



Here's one coming up

Brian Orser is shown demonstrating how the game of bowling should be played to Little Brothers at Midland's Bayshore Lanes. This is Orser's second year as honorary chairman of "Bowl for Millions".

Orser seeking crown

Brian Orser, Canada's premier men's figure skater, says that he is prepared for the Canadian Championships in Moncton, New Brunswick, Feb. 3 to 9.

Orser was in Midland last Friday to officially kick off Bowl for Millions as honorary chairman of Big Brothers.

The Penetang native had been to Mannheim,

West Germany, training with choreographer Uschi Kezler and practising with coach Doug Leigh in Orillia, before coming to Midland.

"It's nice to be able to

compete," Orser said, "so close to home," speaking of the upcoming championships. Travel to various parts of the world has never seemed to bother the skater.

After the Canadian championships, Orser will be going to Tokyo, Japan, where he will compete for the World's Mens Figure Skating title, early in March.

For the remainder of

the season, Orser will go on a 17 city tour of the Far East that will take him to China and Australia.

Orser says that he would like to keep his amateur status till 1988, the year Canada will host the Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta. After that, he said, he would like to join the Ice Capades or form his own touring company.

Oshawa teen Ontario angler of the year

"Ontario Angler of the Year", as chosen from all entries by the judges

of the "Molson" Big Fish Contest, is Oshawa teenager, Brett Elliott.

Brett was chosen for his display of sportsmanship and desire for a challenge by landing a 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ pound (10.79 kg) rainbow trout while using only 4 pound (1.8 kg) test line. This accomplishment has also been ratified as a World Line Class Record.

Brett fishes regularly and has been enjoying the sport for about five years. At the time of the late April battle with the trout, Brett was 15 years old. He was fishing the bank of the Bowmanville Creek along Highway 2 near Bowmanville, letting his line drift, when the giant steelhead went for the bait of salmon roe just 16 feet (4.87 m.) from shore. When measured, the fish proved to be 38" (96.52 cm) long, and 21 $\frac{1}{8}$ " (53.64 cm) in girth.

Brett's father has been a major influence in his life by taking him fishing at an early age and displaying sportsmanlike conduct. He has taught Brett to release the fish alive if he doesn't intend to use it.

A very successful angler, Brett says he has been "catching lots of fish" each year. Brett regularly fishes near his home, in Bowmanville Creek, Oshawa Creek, and Duffins Creek, for salmon and trout.

Brett is a student in grade 10 at Central Collegiate in Oshawa. As a junior member of Ontario's largest provincial conservation organization, the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, he has demonstrated his concern for the future of our lakes, forests, and wildlife.

MSS hosting area cross-country races

Midland Secondary School will be hosting the Georgian Bay area cross-country races today at Midland's Mountain View Ski Hill.

MSS cross-country coach Elmer Vuorimaki said that he feels quite confident the MSS team will do well in its first races of the season.

Vuorimaki expects a total of 130 entrants in the one day event. Teams from Collingwood, Barrie, Orillia and Lake Rosseau are expected to enter.

There will be two divisions in the races. The Junior boys and girls will be under the age of 16. The open class will be anybody 16 years old or older.

The Junior Girls will race over a course of 2.5 kilometres. The Junior boys and Senior girls will cover a distance of five kilometres and the Senior boys will race a total of 10 kilometres.

Coach Vuorimaki feels that the Senior boys will be doing especially well and pointed to MSS students Christopher Hollman, Ian Porter and Steve Foster as the leading contenders in that division.

Midland minors defeated by Stayner majors

Midland Indusmin Minor Bantams hockey club journeyed to Stayner last Friday night and dropped a 4-2 decision to the hometown major club.

After a scoreless opening period, Stayner got on the scoreboard early in the second on goals by Richard Spellman and Shawn Maltas.

In the final period, Midland closed the gap, but each time Stayner managed to restore their two goal lead.

Midland's George Gunther scored from John Richardson at 3:33, but Rob Swanton tallied for Stayner to give Stayner a 3-1 lead.

On a powerplay goal at 12:14, Ted French scored from Bill Mitchell to again bring Midland to within a goal. With 46 seconds remaining in the game, Peter Klink scored for Stayner to give them a 4-2 lead, which they held throughout the remainder of the game.

Midland took on the Wasaga Beach minor bantams at the Wasaga Stars Arena last night. Results were not available at press time.

Peewees sweep three

Marlin Travel Major Peewees enjoyed a successful weekend winning all three Georgian Bay League games.

On Friday, the team travelled north to the Parry Sound Arena. The game turned into a shooting gallery as the Midland club pumped 48 shots at the net.

Scoring for Midland were Trevor Irvine, Gary Puddicombe, David Cooper, Dan Sibley, Sean McIlravey, with singles, and Jim McLaren and Gary Miller scoring two each, for a 9 to 0 win.

Saturday saw Midland return to home ice to face Collingwood. The last time these two teams met was an embarrassment as Midland barely won by one goal. The team was not in the mood for a repeat performance and won easily 9 to 0.

Scoring for Midland was Todd Weatherall,

David Forrest, Trevor Irvine, with two goals each and Brandy Spring, Gary Moore and Danny Sibley with singles.

Sunday the team travelled on the bus to face Orillia. This game was expected to be a chippy one as Orillia did not take kindly to the beating laid on them by the Midland team the week before.

Although the game was close through two periods, Midland outclassed its opponents in the third and skated away with a 6-2 victory.

Scoring for Midland were Trevor Irvine and Gary Miller, with two goals each, and Jim McLaren and Sean McIlravey with singles.

Both goaltenders for Midland, Shane Cooper and Jason Leclair, played important roles in all three victories and are to be congratulated for only allowing two goals in three games.

Outdoors

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If the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ontario Field Naturalist and the Federation of Anglers and Hunters has their way, wild turkeys will once again fly the skies of Huronia. Negotiations are underway at the present time to obtain wild turkey stock from United States. Three states may be involved in the trade-off.

New York State is willing to give up a few gobblers in return for Ontario's Hungarian partridge. John Dobell, biologist for the MNR in Huronia feels this may become a reality later this winter or early spring.

Iowa will soon be in the same predicament as Midland having received a few thousand Canada geese from the water front of Toronto. This state may also be willing to trade off a few of its big birds.

Just recently, the Ministry of Natural Resources announced the transferring of 15 otters in return for 30 wild turkeys. These birds are slated for stocking in the Lake Erie area where a three-year program was instituted last year.

Birds planted last year are doing fine and raising young.

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters will pay Ontario trappers \$250 for each otter making it

successfully to its new home in Missouri.

Fund raising dinners will be held during April to help raise money to offset the cost of bringing turkeys into Ontario. If you don't think it's expensive from capture to planting these big birds, you'll be surprised to find out that it can run up a bill in the neighbourhood of \$4,000. How do you like those drumsticks?

It looks like Copelands Forest will receive the first turkey stocking, with other areas being considered for future stockings, should they happen.

These birds are not new to the area. At one time wild turkeys roamed our forests, but through unrestricted hunting and loss of habitat they became extinct. Since they did live here once there is no reason they should not take again.

Birds will be monitored through radio collars. The use of radio transmitters and receivers allows the ministry to check on the birds during breeding season and at other times of stress during the year.

At the present time, the O.F.A.H. Huronia Wild Turkey Fund Raising Dinner is slated for April 12 at the Continental Inn in Barrie.

The price is \$25 with an auction to be held. For further information contact John White at 538-2850.