

# Cents eye next rung on way to Jr. 'C' title

## Midland takes Oro series to win Georgian Bay round

by TED WATSON

Midland Stoneleigh Centennials won the Georgian Bay Junior "C" League Championship last Friday with a decisive 9-3 win over Oro 77's.

In the first period Oro took an early 2-0 lead on goals by Dave Hogben at 2:54 and Dennis Cleroux at 4:59. Midland scored at 8:12 when Owen Quilty diverted Al Whidden's pass past Bruce DeGeer. Al Whidden tied the game at 15:58 on passes from Owen Quilty and John Walter.

There were no penalties in this period and

Midland outshot Oro 13-12.

The second period was all Midland as they once again showed the scoring spurt they have become famous for throughout the season. They got three goals in a little more than five minutes in three different ways. First, John Johnson from Marlon Gieseler and Darryl Belcourt at 1:05 while the sides were even. Then at 3:20, while killing off a penalty, Darryl Belcourt scored from Marlon Gieseler.

John Walter scored a power play goal at 5:09 with assists from Owen Quilty and Chad

Wiebe. Al Whidden scored at 17:11 from John Walter and Chad Wiebe to give Midland a 6-2 lead at the end of the second period. Each team took three minor penalties and the shots were 23-11 in favour of Midland.

In the third period Midland continued their scoring ways with their 7th and 8th unanswered goals. At 1:30 Darryl Belcourt from Marlon Gieseler and Tom Hook (replacing John Johnson who re-injured his groin). This same line scored again at 9:10 with Tommy Hook pulling the trigger.

Oro finally scored at 10:29—Dean Edwards

from Dennis Hickling and Tim Victil. The Cents Wilson Cowan scored a power play goal at 15:10 from John Walter. In this period Oro took 5 minutes and Midland 3 plus fighting majors to Dennis Hickling of Oro and John Witzke of the Cents. Midland outshot Oro 18-12 in the period and 54-36 in the game.

The Cents now await the winner of the Orangeville-Bradford series with Bradford currently leading the series 2-0.

The Cents have now won 12 of 13 play-off games and appear to be at the top of their game.

# Sports Report



## Oldtimers in action

Neil Joyes of the Simcoe County Selects pots a neat backhand behind Midland goaltender Brian Lemieux in last weekends Over 45 Tournament at

the Midland Arena. Simcoe County went on to win this game 4-2, thus elimination Midland.

## The waiting game begins for Minor Atom pucksters

Gervan and Davy Minor Atoms travelled to Elmvalle on Sunday night for a Georgian Bay Minor Hockey Association Playoff game winning 5-3 thus eliminating their hosts.

This series win puts Midland in the Consolation Finals.

In the first period, Midland took the lead with a goal by Darryl King from Mark Larmand. Elmvalle tied the game with 55 seconds

left in the period but Gervan and Davy jumped ahead with 31 seconds remaining with a goal by Jeff Doughty assisted by Mark Leonard and Vincent Hrizo.

The second period saw Midland go ahead 3-1 with Jeff Doughty's second of the night assisted by Jonathan Deacon. Elmvalle closed the gap to within one to end the period.

Both teams came out flying in the third period, as Elmvalle knotted the score 3-3. Midland continued to apply the pressure when Jeff Sauve finally scored what was to be the winning goal. Jeff Doughty recorded a hat trick to make the final outcome 5-3.

The Minor Atoms are also waiting to play in the O.M.H.A. Zone Championship Finals.

## Minor Peewees clean up on Bolton

On Friday, March 8, French's Dry Cleaners Minor Peewees team travelled to Bolton for the first game in its best of five semi-final series.

Despite a considerable territorial advantage, the Midland team could only outscore its opponent, 4 goals to 2, the last goal being into an empty net by Craig Dempsey, unassisted.

## Br. 80 down visitors

Midland Legion Branch 80 Midgets eliminated Penetang two games to one in Georgian Bay Minor Hockey Association Playoff action Friday night in Midland by a score of 5-1.

Rod Larmand and Pat Marchand gave Midland a 2-0 lead in the first period before Wayne Desjardins scored with just 24 seconds remaining in the period.

Darby Toutant put Midland up by two with the only tally of the second period. Archie Meridis and Guy Jeanotte finished off the Midland scoring in the third period.

On Sunday night, they opened their next series with Elmvalle, dumping them 14-1. Archie Meridis led the way with a seven point night (four goals and three assists), Pat Marchand added a pair of goals and assisted on three others. Steve Bressette scored twice each with single tallies coming off the sticks of Peter Lalonde, Guy Jeanotte, Chris Duckworth, and Steven Newhouse.

Bolton opened the scoring and Scott Cooper was able to tie the game before the end of the first period with assists from Mike Boyd and Randy Tipping.

Midland took the lead early in the second period on a goal by Chris Bales, assisted by Christian Diesveld, only to have Bolton come back in less than a minute to tie the game again. The Dry Cleaners took the lead for good in the third period on Chris Bales second goal with an assist from Chris

Kinnear. As had been their custom, the Midland players picked up the tempo in the third period rarely allowing any serious attacks on their own goal and outshooting the Bolton Braves 18 to 3.

Jason Nicoll was strong in net until replaced - due to injury - by Terry Waltenbury half way through the final period.

Next two games in the series will be played in Midland on successive Wednesday evenings, March 13 and March 20.

## Outdoors

by Bryan Berriault

It appears the problem of geese at Little Lake Park does not enrage residents during winter months.

This was quite evident at a meeting held in Midland's municipal building last week on the question of geese in Little Lake.

If there had been a few more people sitting at the head table they would have outnumbered those on the floor.

Alex Smith, Fish and Wildlife Supervisor for Huronia District had the right idea, "your goose problem is not something you look at when they're landing on the beach, you lay out a plan before hand and stick to it. Some ideas may work and some may not, the ones that work are the ideas you use."

As Smith sees it, geese are attracted by grasses present on beach areas and handouts from people, as long as they are getting freebees they'll be back.

Geese have no reason to fear anything in the park.

At long last it was finally agreed, geese were not the only problem when it came to fecal counts in Little Lake.

Gulls infesting the lake were finally put in their proper place as another contributor.

And, although there was agreement, other possible pollutants such as storm drains, leaking septic tanks and run-off were quickly

dismissed as too costly a problem to rectify. So, geese and gulls will be prime targets.

Possible solutions were much the same as those brought up at a meeting held last fall.

Swans, trained dogs, trained birds of prey, reseeding lawns with grasses that are undesirable to geese and the famous solution, hunting.

However, Smith was quick to say, hunting would only help after the tourist season but if continued for a few years geese would eventually get the idea they weren't welcome in Little Lake Park.

The question of dusting eggs was brought up but its a known fact very few pairs of nesting geese use Little Lake Park as nesting grounds and this method would serve little purpose in solving the problem.

And the question of geese in the park continues.

Bob Whittam, from the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre has the problem solved, if the geese will cooperate.

He volunteered the grounds of the centre to all geese.

There is also another solution. Turn the park over to the geese and the fishermen. I haven't heard a fisherman complain about the geese yet.

## Beth Murphy dazzles opposition in Barrie

Commodore Malibus travelled to Barrie, Wednesday night to play Collingwood in the S.C.W.V.L. finals.

Malibus were slow to get started in the first game but with good

power hitting from Sue Lamers and Jennifer Meesters, the women won the game 15-10.

Poor communication, poor court movement and lack of aggression lost the Malibus the second game, 9-15,

in spite of some of the best rallies of that match.

The final game was slow with neither team doing anything inspired until Sue Lamers made a blistering hit which

seemed to rally team but the credit for the win has to go to Beth Murphy who went on a serving streak of eight straight points to win the Malibus the game and the championship 15-10.

## SportStats

### TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL STANDINGS MIDLAND INDUSTRIAL BOWLING

| EAST               |     |    |     |
|--------------------|-----|----|-----|
| TEAM               | W   | L  | PTS |
| Commodore Hotel    | 61  | 17 | 141 |
| Gamna Signs        | 43  | 35 | 101 |
| Garners Sports     | 44  | 34 | 99  |
| Allied Fire Safety | 42  | 36 | 98  |
| Bandana Const.     | 40  | 38 | 88  |
| Ladouceurs Const.  | 20  | 58 | 45  |
| WEST               |     |    |     |
| TEAM               | W   | L  | PTS |
| R.D. Ivens         | 51  | 27 | 119 |
| Brabant Const.     | 43½ | 34 | 101 |
| Huron Auto Glass   | 35  | 43 | 80  |
| Don Sherk Const.   | 32  | 46 | 75  |
| G. Wilicers        | 29½ | 48 | 66  |
| Olympia Sports     | 27  | 51 | 62  |

### TOP 10 AVERAGES

|                 |     |                |     |
|-----------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| Maurice Lacroix | 249 | Jules Marion   | 230 |
| Phil Southon    | 241 | Howard Woolner | 229 |
| Ray Staunton    | 237 | Don Spring     | 227 |
| Rodney Todd     | 233 | Pete Lacroix   | 226 |
| Leo St. Onge    | 233 | Bill Lalonde   | 226 |

### TRIPLES

|                 |     |                |     |
|-----------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| Maurice Lacroix | 852 | Bob McMann     | 788 |
| Dave Latondress | 816 | Patrick Duval  | 782 |
| Leo St. Onge    | 798 | Bill Lalonde   | 748 |
| Gerry Borsa     | 797 | Len Lesperance | 738 |
| Larry Dion      | 794 | Len Desjardin  | 729 |

### ALLIED FIRE SAFETY HIGH SINGLE AWARD

|               |     |
|---------------|-----|
| Patrick Duval | 336 |
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