

Sports Report

Midland down game in Belle River series Centennials hosting Canadiens twice this weekend

by TED WATSON
Midland Stoneleigh Centennials defeated Belle River Canadiens 4-3 Saturday afternoon to tie the championship series at one game each.

John Walter, assisted by Tom Hook, scored the only goal of the first period at 9:59 on a power play. Both teams played it a little rougher in this game than in the

series opener last Sunday when there were a total of only ten minor penalties. In the first period alone on Saturday Midland took 8 minors

and Belle River 11. Shots on goal were even at 15 each. In the second period Belle River tied the game when Ron Poisson scored at 1:49 assisted

by Gary Trepanier and Kevin Marentette. Penalties were even at five each. Belle River had 12 shots at Chris Lemieux while Midland fired 11 at Jim Tapak.

Midland took the lead early in the third period when Marlon Gieseler scored from Owen Quilty and Daryl Belcourt at 2:46. Belle River tied it again at

3:31 when Don St. Antoine beat Lemieux assisted by Bill Parent and Dave Cochois. The Canadiens took the lead for the first time just 29 seconds later when Ted Hickey scored from Ron Provost and Mark Zacher. The score remained at 3-2 until Midland got a lucky bounce and tied the game at the 17:24 mark.

A Belle River defenceman attempted to pass out his own zone but his shot hit the referee and bounced directly onto the stick of Doug Barber who was right in the slot and Doug took full advantage of the gift and fired it past a startled Jim Tapak. Coach Marcel Pronovost was annoyed, to put it mildly, but there was nothing he could do about it.

With 57 seconds left in the game Shawn Davy led a Midland charge into Canadien territory cut to one side, drawing defender with him and then passed into the slot where Doug Barber was again waiting and he fired the winning goal. Rob Jamieson also picked up an assist. Midland had 4 minor and Belle River 3. Midland had the edge in shots at 145-13 to make the game totals 40 each. In the words of Coach Ross McConnell, "We weren't in it at all today. They outplayed us in every aspect of the game and deserved the win." That just about sums everything up as the Centennials lost 7-2, Sunday in Belle River. Midland took a first period lead at 17:46 when John Witzke scored from the Barber brothers on a power play.

Belle River got four goals in the second period from Dave Cochois, Mike Gilhuly, Ron Provost and Don St. Antoine while Tom Hook got Midland's second goal midway through the period assisted by John Walter.

In the third period the Canadiens got three more goals from Dennis Laporte, Bill Parent and Gary Trepanier to wrap things up. Frustration set in during this period as Midland took 8 minor penalties plus fighting majors to John Walter and Rob Jamieson. Overall the Cents were outshot 43-29 with 10 of those shots coming from defencemen at the point.

General Manager Tom Garner is still optimistic about his team's chances however and predicts that the Cents will take both games this weekend. The games will go at 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday with the sixth and seventh games, if necessary, scheduled for the following week-end in Belle River.



New record in second year

Runners in the second annual Meatland Half Marathon break from the starting line on Sunday afternoon. Race organizer Paul Noack described

the weather as excellent. The new record of 1:23:25 is 10 seconds faster than last year's record. Sunday's winner, Josef Dolezel, shaved one

minute and 15 seconds from 1984 time, which was good enough that year for second place.

Doctor improves time, finishes first

by MURRAY MOORE Sunday arriving at the Meatland Half Marathon. The Midland Josef Dolezel was late Midland YMCA for the

doctor came to the race from the hospital. He only had five minutes during which to warm up, his wife said. One of the last to arrive, he was the first to return, finishing first with a time of 1:23:25.

Dolezel, 43, finished second last year, the first time that the race was held, with a time of 1:24:40. His 1985 time was 10 seconds shorter than the time of last year's winner, Chris Wright.

Runner Don Foster's time of 1:38:32 was not counted because Foster made an error in following the course.

The other top runners in the Masters group (age 40 and older) were Marv Hebner (1:38:36), Lionel Magnan (1:48:13) and Paul Noack (1:49:37).

Each of the nine Master division runners, ranging from age 40 to age 56, finished the course which took them through Midland, Tay Township, Penetanguishene and Tiny Township.

Pat Cowden entered the marathon for the first time and ran the course in 2:14:43.

The Classy division, for runners under age 40, was won by Don Johnston of Barrie, who came behind Dolezel, finishing with a 1:23:50 time.

Other speedsters in the Classy division were Mark Taylor of Sault Ste. Marie (1:25:21),

Chris Wright (1:26:25), David Shaw (1:26:58) and Paul Devillers (1:27:45). Runners in this division went from age 13 (Derek Taylor) to 39 (Paul Devillers).

Five women and 20 men in this division finished. One woman and three men did not finish. One male runner sprained an ankle.

Runners from Toronto, Barrie Sault

Ste. Marie, Georgetown, Mississauga, Perkinfield, Elmvale, Victoria Harbour, Penetanguishene, Wyebridge, Port McNicoll, Waubaushene and Midland took part.

"Weather conditions were excellent and made for a perfect long distance race," Paul Noack of Meatland, and the fourth place finisher in the Master division said.

Meatland Marathon held Sunday

The Second Annual Half Marathon was held last Sunday afternoon in Penetanguishene and Midland. The annual fun run is open to anyone who wishes to participate. Meatland of Midland sponsors the event.

There were two divisions. The "Classy Division," which is for runners under forty, and the "Masters Division," which is for oldsters forty and over. Between the two divisions, there were over 30 competitors. These competitors included local people, as well as people from as far away as Sault Ste. Marie.

In the Classy Division, 21 runners finished the marathon. Of the 21, Don Johnston of Barrie emerged as winner, with the time of 1:23:50. Paul Devillers of Penetang finished fifth with a time of 1:27:45. Paul shaved one minute off his last year's finish.

The winner of the Masters Division was Dr. Joe Dolezel, with the time of 1:23:25. This beat last year's record set by Chris Wright by 10 seconds. Second went to Midland's Marvin Hebner who had a time of 1:38:36. Also, Marvin ran in this year's Boston Marathon.



Giving it all he's got

The strain shows on his face as Midland's Chris Wright strives to repeat his last year's first place finish in the Meatland Half Marathon (21 km 13.1 miles), Sunday afternoon. As he accepts a cup of water, at the

halfway point on Robert Street in Penetanguishene, he was running in third place. He was unable to catch the eventual winner, Dr. Josef Dolezel, but managed to hang on to third place overall.