

Dan Maloney and the Ladies' Auxiliary stage another super MMHA Awards Night

With the enthusiastic help of a throng of young hockey players, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Midland Minor Hockey Association staged another highly successful Annual Banquet and Awards Night, on Thursday in the Centennial Arena.

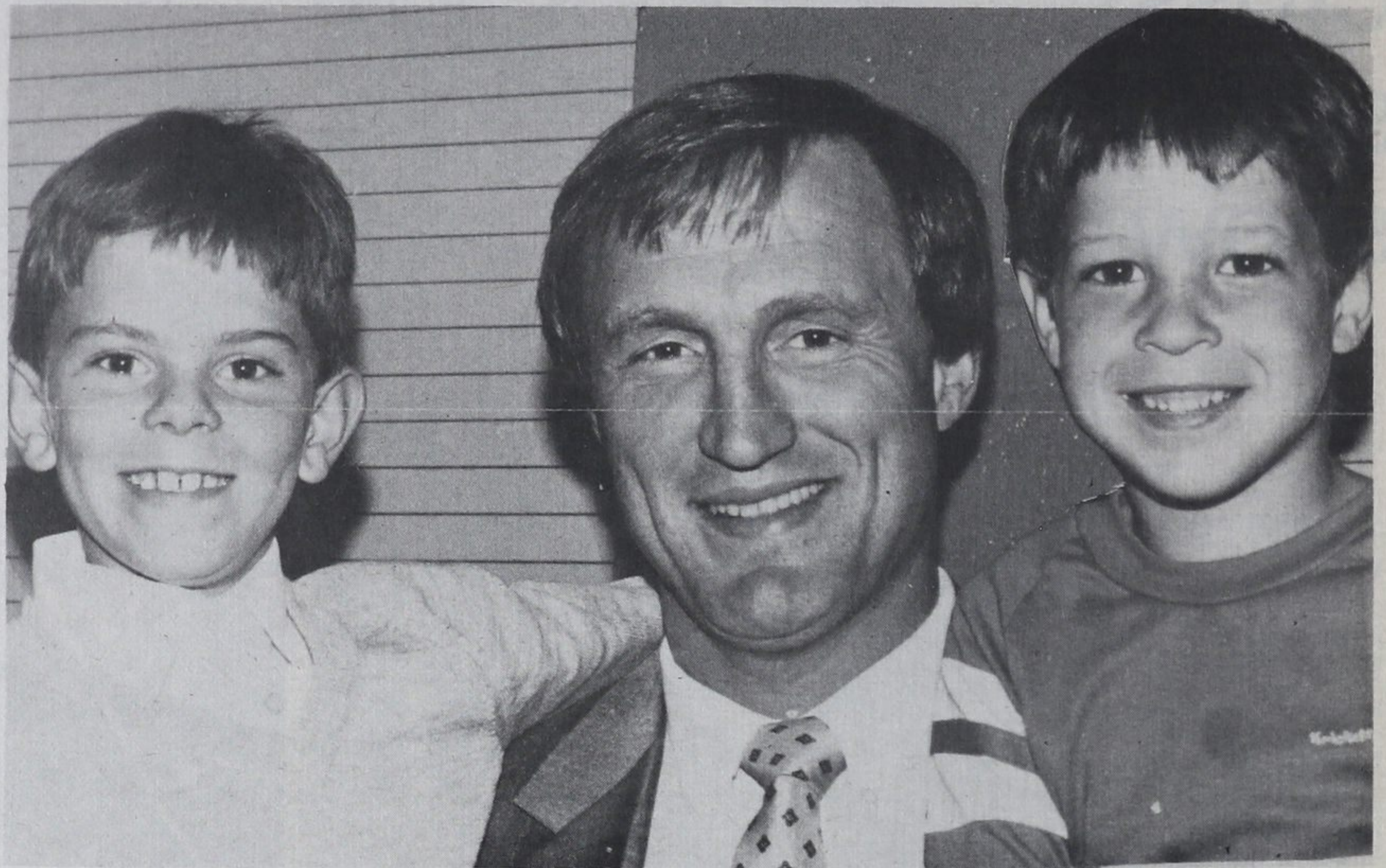
It was obvious from the reactions of the 350 MMHA skaters, and their parents, that the highlight of the night was the 40 minute speech by special guest Dan Maloney, Coach of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Many parents commented that Maloney was the speaker yet to attend the annual banquet. During a question and answer period, one bold young hockey player asked Maloney, "How does it feel to be in the basement?"

"Maloney coolly replied that he wasn't sure yet, because they hadn't been there long." His predictions included the Edmonton Oilers for the Stanley cup this year, and the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1986.

With the addition of the Esso medals, for Most Valuable, Most Sportsmanlike, and Most Improved Player on each team, over 300 awards were presented Thursday night. Among the recipients was Sherri Major, one of three girls active in Midland Minor Hockey, who received the Esso Most Valuable Player medal, for her efforts as goalie with the Meatland sponsored Tyke team.

New this year were the Special Awards, donated by the Ladies' Auxiliary, to one player from the Rep Division and one from the House League Division, based on points accumulated during the season. Archie Meridis, of the Major Midget's Royal Canadian Legion, and Bryan Poirier, of Walker's Electric Bantam House League Champions, took the honours.

Harry Reynolds (MMHA House League Director), and Bill Jones Jr. (MMHA Ice Commissioner) shared the George Dudley Memorial Trophy for the person contributing the most to Minor Hockey, in 1984-85.



Toronto Maple Leaf's first round draft choices for 85/86?

At the Midland Minor Hockey Banquet and Awards Night on Thursday, these two youngsters got the thrill of their hockey season at the Centennial Arena, in the arms of Toronto Maple Leaf's Coach Dan Maloney. Adam McCarty, 8, (left) plays left wing for the Bike Shop Novices, while Adam Desroches, 7, is the team's right defenseman.

Splashing for a good cause

by DAVID NAYLOR
Midland Y Keegos sent a 15 member team to Bracebridge on the weekend for the Annual Novice Championship.

Keegos Swim team is divided into two classes, novice and developmental. New swimmers or less developed swimmers start their swimming careers in novice until their times are competitive enough to move on to the next class. These swimmers work just as hard to improve their times as the more experienced swimmers and compete with as much earnest.

Midland sent 15 novice swimmers north to compete with 115 others in a maximum of five events each.

John Brobbin, age 13, swam for a silver and four bronze improving his times in all five events.

Six-year-old Jay Battrick swam 50 meter sprints in the back, breast and freestyle finishing first in all his races.

Peter Tumber, at eight, finished in the top six in all his events including two firsts and a second.

The two seven year olds Paul Whittam and Danny Brobbin, also placed in all their events, Danny with two seconds and a third and Paul with a second and a third.

Chris Neville finished first, second and third for the eight year olds and Paul Gerow facing stiff competition in the age 12 class still managed four ribbons for fifth and sixth places. Erin Matz led the 11 year old girls with a first place in the 100 back while Christine Landry managed a fourth in the 50 fly.

Krista Alderton and Laurel Gedge both had improved times.

Ayesha Rollinson, aged seven swam well and came home with a first, second and two thirds. Heather Hurlbut swam only three events but finished third, third and fourth for the nine-year-olds.

There are not a great many Novice swim meets and the swimmers worked very hard to prepare for this championship. Dan Shouldice, novice coach, will soon be losing some of these young athletes to the developmental ranks and wishes to encourage new swimmers to come out and train for the Keegos.

Night Results

Midland Golf and Country Club Men's Night results:

1st flight
Gross: Larry Green 35, Chet Graham 37.
Net: Jim Wright 33 1/2.

Roy Lavin 34 1/2.

2nd flight:
Gross: Leighton Smith 40, Brian McConkey 43.
Net: Gary Buttineau 35, Bill Hartmen 37.



Can you pick out the Maple Leafs' Coach?

With Toronto Maple Leaf's Coach Dan Maloney sitting in, these young hockey players got a preview of over 300 awards and trophies presented at the Midland Minor Hockey Banquet and Awards Night, on Thursday, in the Centennial Arena. From LEFT: Mike Maheu (Peewee

centre), Dan Moreau (Peewee defense), Dennis Maheu (Atom defense), Shane Cooper (Major Peewee goalie), Jason LeClair (Bantam goalie), Dan Maloney, and Jeff Beauchamp (Bantam centre).

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