

Senior Marauders drop first game of season

by CHESTER GRAHAM
The senior Midland Secondary Marauders came up against their strongest opposition this past weekend. The senior blue and gold took part in the seventh

annual Kawartha Classic in Peterborough. This tournament featured sixteen teams, most in the "AAA" level. Teams competing included Eastern Commerce, George Harvey, West

Hill, and Martingrove from Toronto as well as Kennedy, Centennial and Herman all from Windsor. Defending provincial "AA" champions Timmins High also competed. Midland's opening

game opponent on Friday was the Martingrove Brown Bears which are presently ranked sixth in Toronto. The local lads were quite nervous to start this game and quickly fell behind 10-0. This ten point lead never dwindled as the Bears finished the first quarter with a 20-10 lead. Martingrove never trailed but MSS reduced the deficit to eight points at the half and seven points at the end of regulation time 56-49. Jim Faragher played a very strong game against a much bigger Bear team and led MSS scorers with 10 points. Ken Shearer added seven points. Foul shooting proved to be Midland's downfall as they only shot 53 percent from the charity stripe. This same Bears team recently defeated top ranked George Harvey in two games.

In their second game against Henry Street from Whitby, the Marauders provided a lot of excitement for the local fans. Trailing by eight points with 45 seconds remaining, the team went to a very effective zone press to force a tie game and eventually won the encounter 74-67 in overtime. Jeff Bales with 18, Jim Faragher 11 and Steve Thorpe with 10 led the scoring parade. Once again the boys had a bad game at the foul line making only 57 percent. Even a 70 percent ratio would have prevented this game from going to overtime. Coming back from a deficit of eight points in forty-five seconds has to be the highlight of the still young year.

The third game proved just as exciting as number two but lady luck wasn't with the seniors this time. In this game, the blue and gold lost a good lead late in the fourth quarter and eventually the game, in overtime, to Windsor Centennial 52-51. This loss prevented the boys from reaching the consolation championship. Jeff Bales with 12 and Kevin Gray with his best game of the Tournament, scored 11 to lead Midland. The boys once again could have won this game from the foul line as they converted only 20 of 34 for 59 percent.

received some badly needed strong competition and we got it at this tournament. Despite being outsized by a considerable margin, they more than held their own on the boards and were able to run with each team they played. The fact that they went into overtime in two games will provide valuable experience down the road for the players and the coach. The boys now know they have work to do, especially on foul shots, but they also realize they can compete with some of the

best teams in the province. Next encounters for MSS will be Wednesday when the blue and gold host their cross town rivals from St. Theresa's. The games begin at 2 p.m. and the order of games will be junior, senior, midget.

Friday of this week, all three teams travel to Orillia to face ODCVI. OD and MSS are favoured to finish first or second in zone two play in both the midget and senior divisions. These games should give a good indication of the final standings.

Central Marine 4-2 win

by BERT MASON
In their only hockey action of the weekend, the Penetanguishene Central Marine Major Atoms travelled to Parry Sound on Sunday to play the home-town Shamrocks.

Central Marine opened the scoring at the 6:32 mark when Adrian Maurice took a pretty pass from left winger Dwayne Johnson to put the locals up by a 1-0 score.

Parry Sound replied with a goal of their own with only ten seconds into the second period to tie the game at 1-1. Midway through the second period, Billy Leonard scored to break the tie as he was left alone in the goal crease area and Tim Mason was credited with the assist.

The Mariners went up by two goals when Shawn McConkey fired a blistering shot from the face-off circle to raise the score to 3-1. Scott Cummings drew

the assist on McConkey's goal. With only 15 seconds remaining in the second period Dwayne Johnson scored as he completed a three way passing play between his line-mates Adrian Maurice and Marcel Monague who also drew assists on his goal.

The period ended with the Mariners in the lead by a 4-1 score.

The third period saw tighter defensive play and the only scoring came from Parry Sound's Graham March

who managed to slap in a rebound after Penetang goalie Scott Galt stopped a break away with only 18 seconds remaining in the game.

Both Penetang goalies Mike Marchildon and Galt played well and were called upon to make several big saves at critical times throughout the game.

The final score was 4-2 for Central Marine who now await their first tournament of the year in Huntsville this coming weekend.

Three lucky people

Three lucky people got early Christmas presents last week when their names were drawn for Maurice Furniture's 10th Anniversary Draw.

The first prize of a Hotpoint Microwave oven was won by Midland resident Louise Roi.

The second name to be drawn from the drum was Gord Lafreniere of Penetang. Mr. Lafreniere won himself a Brentwood rocking chair.

Karen Forget of Lafontaine was the third prize winner of a braun heater.

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On the slopes

by VALORIE BRUCKER

Yesterday the open ski resorts in Huronia were operating with machine groomed powder slopes defined by the Ministry of Tourism and Recreation as "conditioned with power tiller or powder maker to provide relatively loose uniform surface."

Mt. St. Louis had five slopes open and one triple chairlift, they reported a base of 30-50 cm of that 10-12 cm were new man made base. The fee is \$12 for the day.

Horseshoe Valley reported a 20-30 cm base, they had four slopes open and one triple chair in operation, the cost for a day of skiing is \$12.

Snow Valley is open on the weekends, and will also be open next Friday night.

Midland's Mountainview Ski Hill is still awaiting a major snowfall before any action can occur on the slopes.

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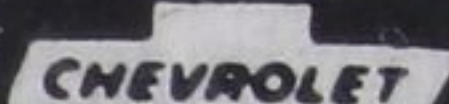
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Your flowers, fruit baskets, cards and good wishes were very gratefully received.

Just knowing that you were thinking of him has helped tremendously with Jim's recovery.

Please accept our thanks once again for your overwhelming generosity.

There is indeed a very special place in our hearts for all of our friends in Huronia.

Pam Blackwell