

Sports Report

Therrien's dethrone defending champs

Huronion Optical rolled over G. Willicers 9-1 in Penetang Industrial League playoff action Sunday morning. Carl Cowan and Steve Kennedy each fired a pair of markers for the victors, while Bruce Guthrie, Claude Archer, Mark Decourcey, Rob Quesnelle, and Wayne King tallied once each. G. Willicers lone marker was scored by Ken Lacroix. Huronia now leads the best of five semi-final series, two games to one.

In the other semi-final series, Therrien's Furniture eliminated last year's champs, Hindson Marine in straight games with a 4-3 overtime win Sunday.

Larry Cowan fired a pair of markers and Terry Spiker one in regulation time for the Mariners, while Martin Maheu and Martin Quigley replied for Therrien's. With less than a minute remaining in the contest, and trailing by one, Therrien's Terry King notched the tying marker, sending the game into overtime.

Keith St. Amant connected in the extra frame to give Therrien's the victory and the series.

Input by ball hockey league sought

Penetang-Midland Ball Hockey League will be holding its annual general meeting, Sunday, March 23 beginning at 2 p.m. in Penetanguishene Arena upstairs lobby.

This meeting may well be one of the most critical in league history as the P.M.B.H.L. enters its ninth season.

A number of key decisions are slated for the agenda with election of officers being the leading item.

What makes this meeting so critical is the

fact that the majority of the current executive, many of them long time league members, including Jamie Robillard, Martial Robitaille and Neil Ladouceur, have decided to retire after culminating their reign by hosting the 1985 Ontario Ball Hockey Championships.

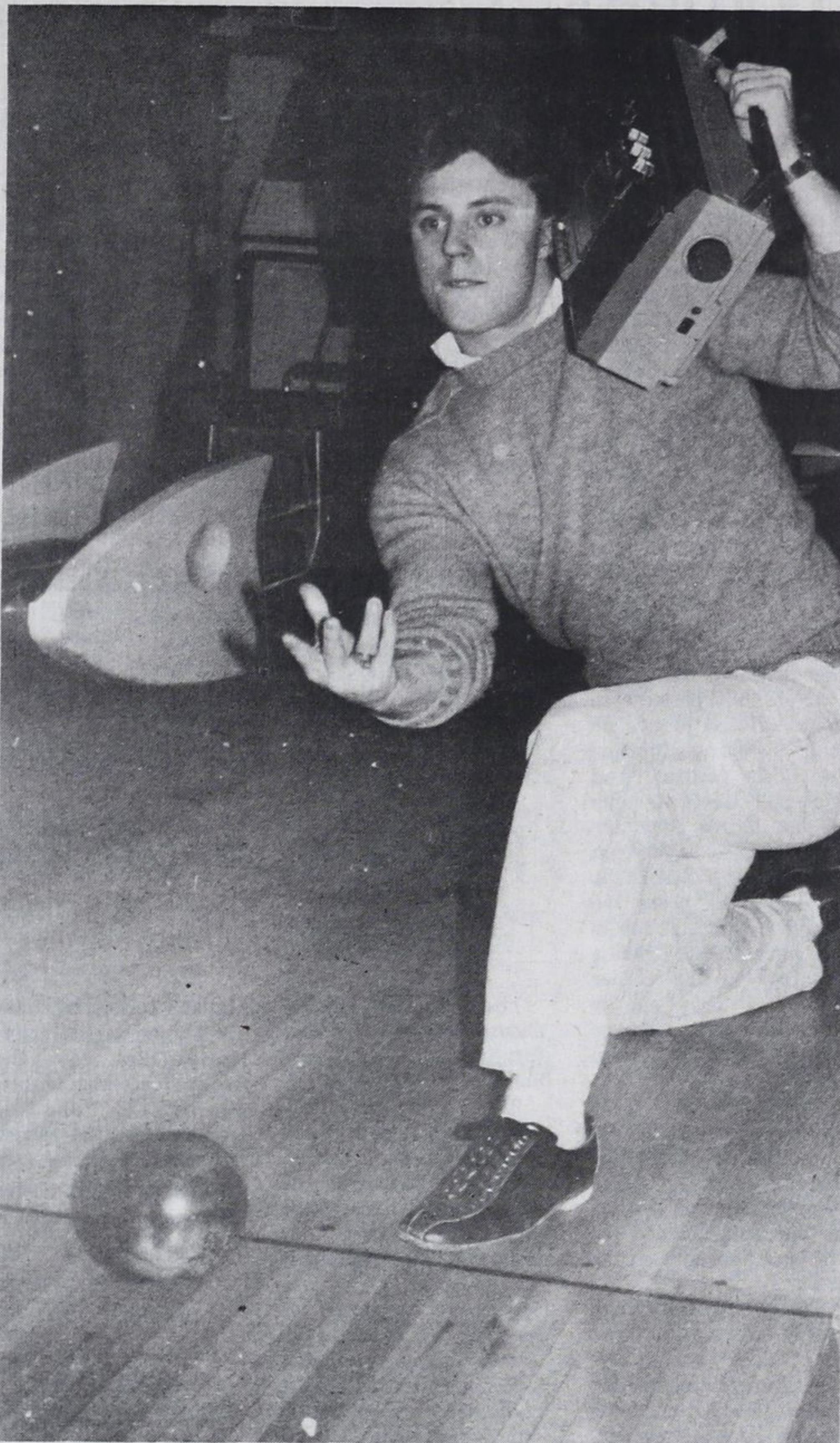
Now is the time for change and this meeting is your chance to see it happen and to elect a new executive with progressive and interesting ideas

Coast Guard begins 1986 ice breaking

Midland Harbour had a new look yesterday morning, with only one of the two familiar, bright red Canadian Coast Guard ships, tied alongside the dock, for their annual winter refit.

Although the 46.2 metre (154 ft) ice-strengthened buoy tender Montmorency was in her regular spot, the 67.2 metre (224 ft) light icebreaker Griffon was busy breaking ice in Midland Harbour.

The shipping season is not yet officially underway, but the Griffon was required to free the hull of the bulk carrier Quebecois, moored at the Maple Leaf Mills elevator in Sunnyside, so she can be shifted to continue unloading a cargo of wheat.



He's got that bowling rhythm

According to the regular Saturday night bowling crowd at Midland's Bayshore Lanes, young David Wright earned the nickname "Banjo" for his habit of carrying a loud selection of favourite banjo music with him, wherever he goes.

Warriors take a one game lead

Penetang Midland Ladies Hockey League Championship series began on Saturday evening at the Penetang arena with the Stoneleigh Sunbirds taking on the Woods Ice Warriors.

The Warriors Karen

Graham started her scoring spree of the evening with a short handed goal halfway through the first period.

Stoneleigh replied two minutes later when Gail Latour scored from Norma St. Amand and Bobbie

Dupuis. Karen Graham then added the second goal for the Warriors to end the first period with a one goal lead.

Graham netted three more goals in the second period to put the Warriors up 5 - 1. the third period

Marlin Travel leads semi-final series

Midland Marlin Travel Peewees skated to a 9-3 opening game victory in Bowmanville on Saturday, in a best of five Ontario Minor Hockey Association semi-final playoff contest.

Midland played a tentative first period coming out tied 1-1, by virtue of a David Forest marker with a minute and three seconds remaining.

Marlin Travel loaded their guns between periods and fired home five unanswered second period tallies to take a commanding 6-1 lead into the final frame. Andrew Bowers clicked for a pair in the stanza, with Todd Weatherell, Gary Moore, and David Forest collecting singles. Two of the goals came within the last 18 seconds of the frame.

Forest completed his hat trick at 11:11 of the third, before Bowmanville got on the board with their second marker of the contest just over a minute later.

Big Gary Miller blasted a pair of tallies within 40 seconds, both assisted by Andrew Bowers who ended up

with a five point game on a pair of markers and three helpers.

Bowmanville picked up their final goal of the game with a marker at the 12 second mark.

Marlin Travel took a 2-0 lead in the series with a 5-2 victory at home Sunday afternoon.

Gary Moore scored first for the locals when he clicked on a paly with David Forest and Mark Bottineau at 13:06 of the first period. Chris Bales from Gary Moore and Trevor Irvine increased the lead to 3-0 before Shawn Lalonde gave Midland a 2-0 first period lead.

Bowmanville tallied at 12:44 of the second, but Midland restored the three goal lead 18 seconds later when Trevor Irvine notched an unassisted marker.

Irvine struck again for his third of the contest at 10:54, before Bowmanville closed out the scoring for the period and the game at the six minute mark of the second stanza.

The next game in this series will be played in Bowmanville tonight, which could wrap up the series.

Cents drop game

Midland Stoneleigh Centennials are going to have a tough row to hoe if they expect to advance to the next round of the Ontario Junior C playdowns.

Sunday night in Bradford, Cents dropped a 6-1 decision to the Blues in a lack-luster performance.

Joe Weiler connected at the 5:05 mark for the hosts, before teammates and captain Roger Gwilliams scored 90 seconds later.

Dan Wall gave Bradford a 3-0 lead when he went in all alone on Chris Lemieux in the Centennial net and made no mistake.

Bradford outshot Midland in the frame 10-8. Shawn Davy blasted one home on the power play early in the second stanza to put Midland back in the game, but never quitting Blues came back at 14:35 when Al Emerson clicked on a play with Dan Wall and Greg Fallis.

With Midland's Archie Meridis off for slashing, Dan Wall tallied on the power play with just 17 seconds left in the period for a 5-1 Bradford lead. Centennials outshot their hosts in the period 11-9.

Although Midland tried to take the game to Bradford in the final 20 minutes, they were stymied time and time again by the Bradford goaltender and came up empty handed. Al Emerson connected on the power play at 19:09 with Tommy Hook in the sin bin for a slashing infraction. Blues edged Cents in the shot department 11-10 for a 30-29 margin on the game.

Midland will have to pull up their socks and hitch their garters if they are to beat this team. Several fans from Innisfil were heard to say after the game, "that's not the same team we played," referring to the Cents' four game annihilation of the Bruins.

Some Bradford fans were overheard mentioning that Midland has good forward units, and strong goaltender, but lamented on the "weak defence." Whatever, Centennials are going to have to play the kind of hockey that got them this far to put Bradford Blues on the shelf. So come on out tomorrow night at Centennial Arena and watch Midland do just that! Game time is slated for 8:30 p.m.



All in the wrist

Chris Lemieux (29) goes down to block a shot off the stick of Bradford Blue Stewart Angus (14), as defenceman Peter Flannery (2) and Dan Clement (11) prepare to

move in and assist their goaltender. Cents dropped the contest 5-3 before a near capacity crowd at Centennial Arena Wednesday night.