

Sports Report



Two faces of Canada's 'True North' international sailing challenge

Internationally renowned yacht designer, Steve Killing (above left), who maintains his home and design office in Midland Bay Woods near Port McNicoll, described in detail Canada's "True North" challenge for the America's Cup (the top prize in the world of international sailboat racing), to about 100 local boating en-

thusiasts, at Penetang's Historic Naval and Military Establishments on Saturday night. With \$5 million in anticipated corporate sponsorship still outstanding, the entire, sophisticated, hi-tech, and very competitive \$16 million project has been put on hold for 30 days, for a reassessment of financing. Despite his celebrity

status in the yachting world, Killing remains confident that the boat "True North" will represent Canada, late this year and early in 1987, at the ocean racing series in Australia. Sales of "True North" posters and sportswear Saturday night (above right), helped raise \$500 for this exciting international sports challenge.

Novices capture title

by

RICK LARMAND
In the first year of existence, the Gervan and Associates Novice Rep team completed their season as Playoff Champs and League Champs.

The final game ending the series was another close match between Midland and Elmvale. Cory Scheppers opened the scoring for Elmvale at 8:25 of the second period. Midland followed at 7:57 with James Boyd assisted by Lerone Best. At 13:52 of the third period, Jason Latour picked up a rebound on a shot from Ryan Lesperance and Mark Larmand. Cory Scheppers closed Elmvale's scoring at 4:14 of the third. The winning goal was a high back hand shot by Joey Rooney assisted by Tim Reidel. Final Elmvale 2, Midland 3. The Georgian Bay Championship banner was presented to team captain James Boyd by Jim Nicholson Georgian Bay representative.

Spring dance

École St. Joseph School Parents Committee is holding a spring dance on April 5. The dance will be held between 8:30 a.m. and 1 a.m. in the Brian Orser Hall. Lunch will be served. The price of a pair of tickets is \$15.

Cents eliminated despite all-out effort

by

ARNOLD BURGER
Midland Stoneleigh Centennials played their hearts out, but came up a touch short as Bradford Blues eliminated the Cents

from further competition with a come from behind 4-3 victory in Bradford Wednesday night. There was no semblance of the team that ventured to

Bradford the Sunday before and dropped an 11-2 decision, or the week before when they lost 6-2. Chris Lemieux was virtually unbeatable in the Centennial net during the first two periods, as he allowed only one Bradford goal. The defence were clearing the puck well, and the forwards were coming back in to help out the defence.

Kevin Belcourt opened up the scoring in the first frame with a power play marker assisted by Rob Fortin and Daryl Belcourt at 5:50. Peter Flannery connected for Cents less than three minutes later, also on the power play for a 2-0 Midland lead. Peter Wright and Pat Marchgand assisted on the play. As the period ended, the puck trickled behind the Bradford goaltender, but was disallowed as the referee ruled that time had expired. Centennials outshot Bradford in the period 18-11.

Marlon Gieseler increased Midland's lead to 3-0 at 6:20 of the second stanza when he clicked on a play with Tommy Hook and Rob Fortin. Bradford picked up the tempo after that

tally and applied the pressure to Midland. Centennials coach Ross McConnell called for a 30 second time-out at 9:09 to settle down his charges, but Blues' Dan Wall broke in and scored just over a minute later. Bradford outshot Midland in the frame 17-10.

Mark Geertsma combined with Wall on a power play opportunity at 2:15 of the third to draw within one of the visiting Cents. The ever dangerous Dan Wall knotted the score at 3-3 midway in the period, before Rick Parnham fired the eventual game winner at 15:44.

With time running out and his team facing extinction, McConnell called for a stick measurement on Blues captain, Roger Gwilliams. After a few minutes in the dressing room, the referee reappeared and gave Gwilliams a two minute minor penalty for using an illegal stick, giving Midland the man advantage. With a minute and 11 seconds left in regulation time, Lemieux was pulled in favor of an extra attacker, giving the Cents two extra skaters, but the move failed to produce the expected

results, and time ran out for Centennials. Shots on goal were close in this frame, with Bradford directing 12 shots at the Midland cage to 11 for Cen-

tennials for a three period total of 40 for Bradford and 39 for Midland.

The season is over for Centennials, but they thrilled the many

Midland supporters with some fine hockey. It was an unexpected end for the local bunch, but they can hold their heads up high, as Bradford certainly had to work for their victory.

Marlin Travel lose one in Thorold

Midland Marlin Travel Major Peewees travelled to Thorold Thursday afternoon for an evening encounter in game two of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association best of seven championship final, and came away on the short end of a 4-3 decision.

Thorold led 3-1 after the first period, but Midland came back with a pair of unanswered tallies in the second stanza to tie the match at 3-3.

Al Jovaisis opened the scoring for Thorold at 13:10 of the first period, but Trevor Irvine replied for Marlin Travel, 17 seconds later, on a solo effort. Greg Filipov edged Thorold in the lead at 8:41, and

Owen Nolan beat Jason LeClair in the Midland net with less than four minutes remaining in the frame for a 3-1 lead. Thorold's last two goals of the period came with a man advantage.

Gary Moore got Midland going in the second stanza as he connected on the power play with Gary Miller and David Forest at 10:13. Trevor Irvine notched the tying marker with a minute and a half remaining on the clock in the stanza, assisted by Todd Weatherell.

With just 5:09 left in the final frame, Greg Filipov fired his second goal of the game which held up as the winning marker to tie the series at a game apiece.

Coldwater Bridge Club

by

M. (PETER) SHAW
When we first heard about this great opportunity for local players to compete against anyone in the world, including the very best, possibly right here in Midland, we really did not think that this would become a reality.

But it has. The Coldwater Bridge Club has actually received a sanction to conduct the very first ever World Simultaneous Pairs, right here in the City of Midland, at the YMCA, for all bridge players in this district.

We hope that the turnout for this event will be the greatest possible.

The opportunity may not occur again. Any bridge pair is welcome. Why not find out what you can do against the world's best. If you feel that you are a reasonable or a middle

class player, or whatever, why not find out by turning up at approximately 1 p.m. at the YMCA on Saturday afternoon, June 14

when your receipts may be turned in and your table and seating arranged, and the game will be under way by 2 p.m.

County dart tournament

The fourth annual County of Simcoe Senior Citizens' Dart Tournament will take place in the Army, Navy, Air Force Club, 7 George Street, Barrie, on April 22, starting at 10 a.m., with check-in time at 9:30 a.m.

Invitations are extended to all County residents 55 years of age and over, to enter a team composed of one of the following combinations: one man and three ladies; two men and two ladies; three men and one lady; or four ladies. The registration fee is \$8 per team of four and includes coffee, tea, light refreshments and prizes. Pre-registration is required by April 15.

This tournament is sponsored by the County of Simcoe Recreation and Special Services Department in co-operation with the Senior Citizens' Advisory Committee, and the Barrie Get-Together Senior Citizens' Club.

For further information, or to request a registration form, contact the County of Simcoe Recreation Department, Administration Centre, Midhurst, by using the local direct phone lines.