

# Sports Scene



## The Ball

Midland Boatworks Soccer Club's Steve Jupp finds himself in a heading duel with this Alliston Athletics player during recent soccer action. In Midland's last

action, they toppled the strong Barrie United Club 2-0. Barrie United is the only team to have defeated the Boatworks so far this season.

## Vasey edges Port 3-2

Vasey scored a pair of runs in the second inning, added a singleton in the third and hung on for a narrow 3-2 win over Port McNicoll E&R Discount in

Simcoe Rural Fastball League action Wednesday in Vasey.

Pitcher Steve Tumber could virtually lay claim to the victory as he scattered

five hits, walked two and struck out five. He also contributed at the plate driving in all three runs with a home run and a double.

Wayne King opened up the second inning with a base on balls, and then stole second. With two out Tumber ripped a Kevin Thomas pitch over the fence for a two run homer and a 2-0 lead.

Don Foxall and Bob Widde led off the third with back to back singles, but Widde was snuffed at second, and Jim Mills and Wayne King were retired on fly balls to end the threat.

Ian Dundas singles with one out in the fourth and reached second on an error to the shortstop. Tumber then unleashed a two bagger, scoring Dundas for the third Vasey run, and what would prove to be the winning tally.

Port McNicoll E&R Discount didn't mount a challenge until the sixth when Kevin Thomas reached first on an error to the first baseman, and scored on Roger Reid's double. The next batter, Jerry Woods slapped a triple, plating Reid for the second Port run.

Foxall, Tumber, and Pete Robinson led the Vasey attack with a pair of hits each.

## Midland minor lacrosse

Last weekend, the Midland Novice Braves travelled to Orangeville for its second tournament of the year and while coming up on the short end of the score in each of their four games, considerable improvement was again shown and, with a little luck, could have been in the Consolation final.

The first game was played against Orillia, with both teams having already traded in league play. Through the first two periods the play was very close, with Midland having a slight edge. Kevin Beauvais, in net, and Kevin Lunnie (three goals) were particularly industrious and Midland held the lead, 5 to 4, going into the third period. Being short three players finally took its toll in the final frame and Orillia came back to score three goals in 1½ minutes, and a further goal, to win the game 8 to 5. Also working very hard in this game were Chris Henry and Robert Fawcett. Assists were gained by Jamie Summers, Kevin Henry, Jason Grouette, and Kevin Beauvais. This loss was particularly hard because a win would have put Midland against Elora (which were beaten by Orillia in the playoff 9 to 2) and then into the consolation Championship.

Unlike the first game, the second game was never in doubt, as Arthur ran over Midland 15 to 3. In this game, it was the cornermen (defence) who came to the fore, with the forwards and Kevin Beauvais missing (possibly due to the heat and exhaustion). Leading the team of-

fensively was Jason Grouette with 1 goal, and 1 assist and Jamie Summers, also with 1 goal and 1 assist. The real scoring highlight was Naomi Walser's first goal of the year, assisted by Brent Lunnie. Defensively Jason Grouette, Kevin Henry, and Peter Kitay, played well.

Early the following morning the Braves faced probably the best team in the tournament Orangeville No. 1, and knowing from previous scores what was facing them, a number of minor injuries, and the wearing manpower shortage, they could easily have folded and suffered their worst defeat. At the beginning it looked as if this might happen as Orangeville went out to a 4 to 0 lead. However, due to the tenacious checking of the entire team and the return of excellent goalkeeping by Kevin Beauvais, the Braves only allowed the same number of goals (4) over the last two periods. To have kept the score 8 to 0 was a tribute to the Midland team's effort, given that Orangeville is three categories (graded abilities) above Midland, and also that they had beaten Orillia 13 to 3.

As a result, Midland had to play the Orangeville No. 2 team in the first game of consolation round. While losing 9 to 4 the score was a great deal closer than it appears and Midland even controlled some stretches of the game. Kevin Lunnie (3 goals) and Brent Lunnie (1 goal) again led the scorers, with Kevin Beauvais and Jason Grouette getting assists.

However mere statistics were not the measure of this game as Midland played with tenacity and only folded in the third period after drawing as close as 3 to 5. Chris Henry came close to scoring his first goal of the season and generally played an effective game despite being only a Tyke. His brother, Kevin, played as well with great deal more enthusiasm and it was reflected in the defensive results. Peter Kitay, playing at a new position, did so with greater skill as each game progressed, which mirrored the actions of the whole team. In every game - contrary to games when the team is at full strength - the team was outscored and was due largely to the few number of players being able to keep up the pace in the extremely hot arena.

As was mentioned early that scores are not often the measure of the game, so are the games the sole measurement of the success of the weekend. The players and the parents enjoyed the pleasures of camping and swimming and, most importantly, the happiness of shared experiences. Trips such as this provide new horizons to some and old reunions for others - but both with a view to a weekend of fun; and that was certainly the case despite the team losing all its games. The scores were quickly washed away in the swimming pool and the tiredness of progressive defeats just as quickly erased by jolity of impromptu campsite games.



## Under attack

Midland Boatworks' Dave Jupp is under attack in recent soccer action. Boatworks is currently in second place in league standings, and a victory over league

leading Barrie Italia on Wednesday would give them first place.

## Steaming soccer

by Ed Pearson

The Midland Boatworks soccer team is still on course to capture the top spot in the League table. They were home to the strong Barrie United team the only team to have beaten them this year. Revenge was sweet as they scuttled Barrie 2-0. In the first half, Rob Hitchcock sailed down the port wing and cut towards the goal deep to the enemies touchline. Barrie's keeper thought he had the angle covered but the swift winger sliced the ball through the porte into the top right side of the net.

Midland's defence, which has been a bit leaky of late, was water-tight. Larry Buckley in goal, repelled any boarders who slipped through the defence. Ben Lowell took the middle watch and was just as effective. Midland controlled the middle of the field and had opportunities to increase the lead but the forwards had their shooting boots on the wrong foot. Eventually, Dave Jupp lost patience with them, circumvented a defender and booted the ball past the keeper from 15 yards out. Scoring an average goal a game, his tally of nine goals, is tops among the middle field players in the league.

Midland success this season has them positioned in second place. Next Wednesday they are away to Barrie Italia, the league leaders. A win will give Midland the league lead, an unaccustomed role but one well earned.