

Gervan Tykes Champs

Midland Gervan and Associates Tykes took Consolation honours at the Brampton Tyke Tournament on the weekend, winning three contests and losing just one.

Essentially Midland was entered in a tournament with teams that are classed higher due to the population factor. Midland's opponents were Kitchener, Brampton, Oakville, and Georgetown.

Gervan and Associates started the tourney off on the right foot as they mercied Kitchener 18-3, scoring three runs in the first, seven in the second, two in the fourth, and added six in the fifth before the game was called due to the mercy rule.

Midland's second contest was considerably closer as they defeated Brampton 6-5. With home game advantage, Midland opened the scoring in the bottom of the second frame, when Jess Eason stroked a base hit single to centerfield with one out, promptly stole second and third, and scored on Paul Beauchamp's base hit through the shortstop.

Brampton took the lead in the top of the fourth with a pair of tallies, but Gervan and Associates came back with three of their own in the bottom half.

Brent Reynolds led off the frame with a single to center and thieved his way around the bases. After James Downs fanned for the first out, Eason was hit by a pitch and awarded first base. R.J. Gignac sent Reynolds home with a base hit. Ryan Caley plated both Eason and Gignac, but was himself put out at first base for the second out of the inning. Vincent Leary struck out to end the threat.

Brampton replied with three more runs to take a 5-4 lead, but Midland retained their composure and fought back for a pair in the bottom of the fifth to win the contest 6-5. With two out, Keith Lapensee was issued a base on balls and stole second. Brent Reynolds stepped to the plate and slapped a two base hit scoring Lapensee. James Downs picked up the game winning rbi as he stroked a triple to left field.

In Midland's third contest, they came up against a determined Oakville squad and dropped a 5-4 decision.

Oakville struck first and fast, scoring three times in the first inning. Midland answered with three in the top of the third when Brian Duval walked with two out and scored on

Keith Lapensee's double to right field. Brent Reynolds followed with a two bagger to center and crossed the plate on James Downs base hit to centerfield to knot the game at three apiece.

Oakville came back with a single run in the bottom half of the frame. The score remained 4-3 for Oakville until the sixth when Midland had a chance to bunch up a few runs. Brent Reynolds led off with a base hit, but was thrown out at second base. James Downs doubled to left, stole third, and scored on Jess Eason's single to left, tying the contest at 4-4. Ryan Caley fanned to end the threat. Oakville won the contest with a run in the bottom of the inning. The loss moved Midland from the Championship side to the Consolation final.

Gervan and Associates were to meet another tough opponent in Georgetown for the Consolation honours. Georgetown promptly put a pair of counters on the board in the opening frame, but Midland answered with a pair of their own in the bottom of the inning. Brian Duval and Keith Lapensee both walked and scored on Brent Reynolds single down the first base line. Midland took the lead with another pair of tallies in the third, when Lapensee stroked a base hit to centerfield and stole second and third. Reynolds was hit by a pitch and stole second base. With two out, R.J. Gignac sent both baserunners scurrying home with a shot to centerfield. Georgetown inched closer with a single run in the fourth and took the lead, 5-4 with two runs in the fifth.

With two out in the fifth, Downs snapped a shot down the third base line for a single, stole second and third. Eason then walked and stole second. Gignac plated Downs with a base hit, and both Eason and Gignac waltzed across the plate as Ryan Caley directed the ball out of the park for a three run homer to cap a four run inning and give Gervan and Associates an 8-5 lead. Georgetown made it close with a pair of markers in the top of the sixth, but it wasn't enough as Midland persevered for an 8-7 victory and the Consolation Championship.

The team wishes to thank ALL PARENTS who travelled with the team and especially the "cheerleaders", Angie, Lori, Tammy, and Katie, sisters of some of the players.



Relax...Relax

Midland Gervan and Associates Tykes Coach Sunday against Bolton. Midland lost the game and the series. gives a few words of wisdom to one of his players in the seventh inning of the game

Fin, Fur and Feather

by Bryan Berriault

The one that got away

Anyone who's put a line in water has lost fish. It's not uncommon. I've lost fish from Lake Ontario to the far reaches of Northern Ontario. Bass, pike, muskie and a variety of other species have all made their unwelcomed getaway at my expense. But, that's part of fishing. If we caught every fish on a line we would soon lose interest. Look back and you'll find most fish stories relate to the one that got away.

This story is no different. But recently, Vivette Leclair and I added a new twist to the art of losing fish. A late day outing for largemouth bass put a good catch of bass in our livewell. In fact, Leclair's second cast put a bass in the three pound range on ice.

The mother ship sat off shore with wife Karen and Vivette's husband Don and son Tom aboard. They worked deeper cover for largemouth. Vivette and I opted the comforts of the bigger ship to work shoreline cover in my canoe. Comfort was the last thing on our minds as old bucketmouth kept us occupied. Sore backs and stiff knees were soon forgotten as largemouth after largemouth took our offerings. Although Vivette was known for her pike fishing, she showed some knowledge of largemouth in choosing a nice leopard frog as her first choice in baits. For the next two

hours we cruised every little inlet in our weedcover in search of largemouth. As we headed for the mothership, five nice bass lay in the canoe. Steaks taken from the freezer prior were put on hold. It was a bass fry for supper.

A quick trip to the dock had our gear, fish included, loaded in the old black van. The Leclair family headed home to ready the filleting knife and frying pan. A camera was loaded to capture Vivette's first encounter with largemouth. It was all over but the bass feast to follow, or was it. We had placed the bass in a plastic bag with the stringer. I was heading up Hugel Ave. when a car came up behind blinking his lights and honking his horn. I thought perhaps I'd lost my canoe but it was still sitting beside me. I finally stopped and was asked if I used to have a nice catch of bass. It seems the bass slid out of the plastic bag just after I turned the corner. I quickly turned around and headed back. When I arrived at the scene there was nothing but a plastic bag blowing in the wind. Bass and stringer had made their getaway.

I can just hear the person who picked up the fish when asked where they caught them, "well, it's like this, I was touring up Hugel Ave. when...."

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P.M.C.L. tourney ends

The second annual P.M.C.L. Tennis Tournament came to a close on Sunday, August 3rd, 1986 at Penetanguishene's Memorial Park Courts.

The hotly contested finals played to a packed house as spectators lined the courts, the banks, and even carried picnic tables to the area for a better view of the contestants.

Despite the many attractions of the Penetang Summarama Agenda the faithful audience applauded as 24 men and 8 women from as far afield as Newmarket and Orillia fought their way steadily to the top.

With ideal weather, and courts in excellent condition the key contestants gave their best efforts.

The following winners emerged: **Ladies Final** - Karen Byles of Barrie who beat a worthy opponent Darlene Eaton of Orillia. 6 - 1, 6 - 1. **Mens Final** - Matt Birtwhistle of Bar-

rie with a win over Mike Hamelin of Penetang. 6 - 1, 6 - 1.

The Ladies Consolation prize went to Penny Brasher of Penetang, with Roger Allen of Elmvale carrying off the Mens Consolation prize.

After the tournament, as spectators left the area and tired players were revived with soft drinks and cheques, and the plaques were sent away for engraving with the names of the Winners, the Sponsor, Brian Dubeau, Vice-President and General Manager of P.M.C.L. said: "I was so impressed with the enthusiasm of the players and the support they received from the spectators, I will definitely make this an ongoing annual event in keeping with the traditional nature of the Penetang Summarama. The condition of the courts and the calibre of play was an ideal combination."

Phelpston Falls to G. Willicers

Midland G. Willicers were saved by darkness as they defeated Phelpston 8-7 in Georgian Bay Ladies Softball League action on Thursday night in Midland. The game was called due to darkness with Phelpston at bat in the top of the seventh. The visitors had taken the lead 9-8 with two runs in the seventh, but the score reverted to the last complete inning, giving Midland the win.

G. Willicers tallied four times in the fourth, once in the fourth and three times in the sixth, while Phelpston scored a single run in the third, and added three in both the fifth

and sixth innings.

Phelpston had two runners on base with just one out when the game was called. Midland's defence started strong, but started to fall apart over the last three innings.

Georgina Gage and Dale Butt shared the pitching duties for the victorious G. Willicers. Michelle Beatty started for Phelpston but was relieved by Bunny White.

Midland's next game is this Thursday night at Little Lake Park against Sturgeon Bay. Game time is slated for 6:45 p.m.