

Meridis shines in overtime

Midland Stoneleigh Centennial Archie Meridis scored four goals, including the game winner at 4:30 of the first overtime period, and added an assist, to lead his team to a 7-6 win over the Penetang Kings in Georgian Bay Junior C Hockey action Friday night in Penetang.

Midland opened the scoring at 2:36 of the first period when Meridis clicked with his first from Jeff Douglas and Peter Lalonde. A scant 13 seconds later, Penetang tied the score as Wayne Desjardins connected, assisted by Mark Dubeau and Brad Clugston.

Rob Fortin broke the deadlock for Stoneleigh at 11:27 with help from Daryl Belcourt and Meridis. Belcourt gave Midland a two goal lead on the power play at 14:28 assisted by Fortin and Pat Marchand.

The Kings cut the margin down to one at the 39 second mark of the middle stanza as Rob Desroches tallied from Don Monteith and Warren Hart with Midland a man short. Less than a minute and a half later, Penetang scored another power play goal to knot the score at 3-3. Monteith received credit for the tally, with the assists going to Mark Dubeau

and Desjardins. Centennials then caught fire and deposited three pucks behind Bob Sidell in the Penetang net. Brent Insley collected the assist on Meridis' second of the contest at 12:34, and then Chris Edwards found the mark a minute later on a power play attempt with Guy Jeannotte and Dave Bressette in on

the play. Insley and Edwards teamed up to help Meridis complete his hat trick on the power play with a minute and a half left in the second period. However, just six seconds later, Penetang found the range as Monteith scored again, his second power play marker, assisted by Chris Readman and Warren Hart.

Mark Dubeau at the two minute mark and Monteith, completing his hat trick at 6:44, knotted the score in the third frame for the hosts.

That set the stage for Meridis' heroics as he went in all alone on Sidell with two of his own men sitting in the sin bin, to net Midland the victory at 4:30 of the overtime period.

Sidell stopped a total of 27 shots, while Stoneleigh Centennials' Blain Dusome kicked out 36 Penetang drives.



As I was saying

The player on the right seems more intent on looking at the spectators than following the play on the ice. Action took place

Sunday morning in Penetang Recreational Hockey League action.

Major Bantams tie

Midland Indusmin Major Bantams hosted Owen Sound last Tuesday at Centennial Arena and skated to a 3 - 3 tie in Georgian Bay Minor Hockey Association.

Midland opened the scoring at 1:43 of the first period when Chris Walser slid a pass along the blue line to Bill Mitchell, whose long shot was re-directed by Jamie Peden. The lead lasted nine seconds, when Owen Sound's Derek Wardell came in from the resulting face-off to beat Jason LeClair along the ice.

At 2:51 of the second, Midland took the lead, as Greg Lalonde converted passes from Shawn Lalonde and George Gunther. The second ended 2 - 1.

Midland increased their lead when Trevor Irvine picked up a lead pass from Bill Mitchell and went in alone at the :49 second mark of the final frame with less than six minutes remaining. Owen Sound's Brent Stock pushed a loose puck in from a scramble in front of the net. With the score narrowed to 3 - 2, the visitors gained a power play opportunity with 1:09 remaining, pulling their goalie. They were rewarded 18 seconds later as Jeff Reid tied the game.

In an exhibition contest played in Beaverton Saturday, Midland Indusmin Major Bantams skated to a 6 - 1 victory.

Midland opened the scoring at 8:30 of the first, when Bill Mitchell's long shot found the target, assisted to Trevor Irvine.

On a power play at 10:10 of the second, Ted French picked an open spot from in close to put Midland ahead 2 - 0 with the assist going to Mitchell. Two minutes later, Beaverton cut the margin in half, as Midland played two men short, Scott Barkey getting the tally. French, his second. John Richardson, and Trevor Irvine closed out the scoring in the second. Chris Jones, Irvine, and Neil Snowden picked up assists making the score 5 - 1 for Midland.

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Legion Midgets on a roll

The Midland Branch 80 Legion Midgets are off to a fast start in the Georgian Bay Minor Hockey Association with a record of 5 - 1 - 1.

Their only loss came at the hands of Owen Sound Major Midgets, in a close match that saw the teams even at 2 - 2 with just three minutes left in the game. Owen Sound rallied in the dying moments to pop in three quick goals to win the game at 5 - 2. On the following Thursday, the two teams met again, but to Owen Sounds' surprise, the Midland team skated to a convincing 3 - 1 win.

In the seven game stretch, the Legion Midgets were lead with strong performances by Billy Meridis and Ricky Knibbs with Knibbs netting six goals and five assists, while Meridis rallied with five goals and six assists. Other mentions are Mark Rankin with eight points, Chris Quesnelle seven points, Brad Wadge six points and Mike Lar-

mand with five points. Steve Bressette has two goals and five assists in five games, all coming on the power play. The team's goals against average is a respectable 2.30, with Chris Hackney and Mike Player sharing the duties between the pipes.

Midland's next home game is tomorrow at 8 p.m. against the Owen Sound Minor Midgets who have been together all summer and are planning a trip to Sweden this winter.

The coach of the Midland Major Midgets, Jim Player, expects this game to be a tough one, as the Owen Sound Minors are every bit as good as their majors. With only four teams in their league this year, being Penetang, Owen Sound Majors, Minors, and Midland, Player suggests that although it's a small league, it will be a competitive one, and anticipates a winning season for the Legion Midgets.



Reliable puck stopper

Penetang Midland Petras hosted their first Ladies' Hockey tournament this weekend.

Eight teams battled it out on the ice at Penetanguishene arena. Play got underway early

Saturday morning and the "ladies" finished up the rough stuff late Saturday evening.

Cents win

Peter Lalonde tallied twice and added an assist, while teammate Archie Meridis scored a pair to lead the Midland Stoneleigh Centennials to a 6-4 win over Oro 77's Sunday night at Centennial Arena in Georgian Bay Junior C Hockey action.

Lalonde finished off a nice play early in the first frame teaming up with Brent Insley to give his mates a very quick 1-0 lead at the minute and a half mark. Chris Edwards flipped the puck out of his own end and watched the black disk bounce down the ice, through the goaltenders legs for Cents second tally at 4:36.

Oro's Bob Drury cut the lead in half at 15:27 ending the scoring in the first frame.

Bill Campbell tied the score at 1:27 of the second, but Lalonde made his second tally count a minute later, assisted by Edwards and Daryl Belcourt. Meridis restored Cents two goal lead at 3:39 with Pat Marchand in on the play. Bill Campbell at 8:12 and Todd Lewis at 13:58 gave Oro a 4-4 tie after 40 minutes of play.

A pair of Stoneleigh Centennial markers in the first minute of play, 20 seconds apart in the third period, left little doubt who the eventual winner of this contest would be. Meridis notched an unassisted shorthanded goal at 39 seconds, and then Dave Bressette tallied at the 59 second mark from Lalonde.

A far cry from Friday night's contest in Penetang, both teams were assessed only three minor infractions each.