



Loose puck

The puck is loose in front of the Parry Sound net in Friday night's Junior C Hockey game at the Penetang Arena in Georgian Bay regular season action. Penetang hung tough

for a last minute 8-7 win. Scott Boyd paced the attack with a five point performance including four goals.

Kings victorious

Penetang Junior C Kings won both their weekend contests continuing their recent improved play. Peter Dubeau, coach and general manager, stated "we have them thinking family". It's obvious that team play has been an important factor in the Kings turn around.

Friday night at Penetang Arena, Kings built up a 6-3 second period lead and watched the margin fritter away until a pair of last minute goals within 15 seconds pulled out the victory.

Mike Brunelle scored first for Penetang at 4:23 of the opening frame with some help from Rob Desroches and Scott Boyd. Dave Garagan put Parry Sound on the board less than a minute later, but Boyd replied at 9:07 unassisted. Gary Lynch put Kings in front 3-1 four minutes later with Gilles Charlebois in on the play.

Boyd shot his second of the contest on the power play less than six minutes into the second stanza assisted by Charlebois. Kevin Morgan and Mark Smith brought the Shamrocks to within one, but Boyd, Lynch, and Steele combined on the power play to go up two. Paul Steele potted one a minute and a half later from Gary Lynch.

Beginning the third, it looked as if Penetang would pull off the win, but three consecutive goals off the sticks of Dan Garagan, Mike Trainter, and Kevin Morgan, knotted the score at six, with three minutes and 20

seconds left in regulation time. Overtime was looming, but Boyd notched his fourth of the game from Lynch and Steele with 51 seconds showing on the clock. Mark Dubeau added an insurance marker into the empty net 15 seconds later from Sean Dowanik and Rob Desroches. And what insurance it turned out to be as Parry Sound's Dave Garagan struck at 19:41 to make the final score 8-7 in favour of Penetanguishene Junior C Kings. Penetang outshot their rivals 38-26.

Saturday evening the Kings journeyed to Innisfil and left with two points on the heels of a 6-5 victory.

John Small and Keith Cyr put the Bruins in front 2-0 in the first three minutes of the game. Perry Beausoleil started the tide turning the other way with a short-handed marker at the 14 minute mark, before Paul Steele tied the score at the midway point of the first period. Cyr restored Innisfil's lead early in the middle period, but Jeff Hurl teamed up with Bob Blunt and Beausoleil with Penetang's second short handed marker of the game. Sean Dowanik put Kings in the lead before the period ended with help from Scott Boyd and Steele.

Gary Lynch sandwiched a pair of third period markers around one by Bert Buckley before Steve Laithwaite added a late Innisfil goal for the final 6-5 score in Penetang's favour.

Cents forced into deadlock

Midland Stoneleigh Centennials hosted Huntsville Blair McCanns Sunday night in a Georgian Bay Junior C regular season fixture. Although drastically outshooting their opponents on the game, especially in the middle frame, Cents were forced to settle for a 3-3 overtime tie after leading 3-1 in the second period.

Steve Boyd connected for Huntsville at the 13:33 mark of the opening frame in a goal mouth scramble. Although controlling the play, Midland were unable to get on the board. Cents outshot their guests 11-7 in the first period.

Midland put the pressure on Huntsville early in the middle frame and finally dented the twine on their sixth shot on net before Huntsville were able to test Blain Dusome in the Centennial net. Cents got on the board less than five minutes into the middle frame when Daryl Belcourt drove the puck home on

passes from Mark Gieseler and Guy Jeannotte. Persistent pressure paid off for the Centennials when Belcourt connected at 13:13 from Pat Marchand and Shawn Davy. Belcourt struck for his third straight 27 seconds later on a play with Mark Gieseler and Guy Jeannotte for a 3-1 Stoneleigh lead. With less than two minutes in the period, Lyle MacDonald narrowed the gap for Huntsville to 3-2. Shots on goal in the period greatly favoured Midland with a 19-8 edge.

Huntsville notched the equalizer with just three seconds showing on the clock in the third period after pulling their goaltender for an extra attacker.

Huntsville doubled Midland in the shots on goal department 8-4.

There was no scoring in the overtime session as Midland directed four shots at Webb defending the Huntsville goal compared to no shots on Dusome.



Wanna play leap frog?

Barrie's Gary Smockum peers over the head of Penetanguishene Curling Club's Russ Howard during the weekend's Skins Spiel. Howard won four straight, but dropped his

fifth and was relegated to the consolation, which he eventually won. The 'spiel will be an annual affair, and next year's already promises to be bigger and better.

Between the Sheets

Along for the slide

with Ed Pearson

Couple of weeks ago Ted Ross, president of the Penetang Curling Club, and Russ Howard did some brain storming and came up with a novel Bonspiel. A variation on the TV Skins game, the concept attracted sixteen class rinks. Well known names like Paul Savage, Gary Smockum, McPherson and the cream of the cross-town curlers, Keith Williams. Fine local curlers, Russ Howard, Larry Merkley, and John Moreau rose to the bait. Both ends of the age range, from Bill Howard to Brian Brooks accepted the sporting challenge. Some rinks came to curl for cash, some were here for the beer, and others were along for the slide.

Following the format, the first day of the two day event was taken with play-offs to determine the value of the skins they would play for on the following day. The top four rinks to emerge from this scramble for cash were Larry Merkley, Bob Storey (Elmvale), Glen McIntyre (Barrie) and Russ Howard. These high rollers played for the big money, \$100 per game and \$20 an end. The other rinks graduated down to the bottom placed four, who played for \$20 per game and \$5 an end.

The Skins game proved a great attraction for spectators because each stone that was delivered had money riding on it. It was standing room only behind the glass with people coming and going all day. The high rollers at the end of the day were the rinks of Glen McIntyre and Larry Merkley. To the victors went the spoils, \$310 to McIntyre and \$250 for Merkley. Russ Howard cleared \$180 and dark horse John Moreau tucked away \$175 in his poke. Paul Savage, considered a favourite going into the competition, pocketed 80 skins.

A pleasing aspect to the Skins was that it gave an opportunity for the young Brian Brooks rink of Tim Lindsay, Dave Gravelle and Keith St Amand to pit their skills against a seasoned campaigner like Paul Savage. Paul told me that although they were not among the big winners, it had been a lot of fun. He added with a laugh, "it was \$80 more than I won last week".

During the presentations the skippers were lavish in praise of the event. Comments like "We will be back next year", "This Spiel deserved a better turn out", "Best Ice we have played on all year" and "You are on to a good thing with the Skins".



Ice cleaners