Sports Scene

Top Hat leads round robin play

Round robin playoff action in Midland Recreational Hockey League resumed Friday night but still left a lot of doubt which two teams will advance to the finals.

Cedarview and Performance Motor Sports skated to a 1-1 tie in the evening's opening fixture. Both goals were scored in the last five minutes of the hockey game. Doug Edwards broke the shutout at the 4:57 mark of the third with Ken Edgar and Ken Mitchell in on the play for Performance Motor Sports. It appeared that goal was going to stand for the victory, but Cedarview's Brian Garner connected with just 43 seconds remaining in the contest to give both teams a single point.

Garms MufflerWorld outlasted a very determined Barrelworks Blues to defeat them 9-6.

Carl Cowan blasted a pair of counters and assisted on three others for a five point game. Teammate Bruce Guthrie connected for a hat trick in a winning cause.

Jeff Dunn gave Barrelworks a 1-0 first period lead at 7:03 from Paul Robillard. Cowan replied for Garms at 5:37 on a solo effort before Guthrie struck for the first of two in a row 29 seconds later. Paul Robillard got that one back for Barrelworks at 3:42, but Garms ended the period with a 3-2 lead on another Guthrie marker assisted by Jeff Wright, his second, and Gerard Lachapelle.

Rick Graham increased Garms lead in the second on a play with Cowan and Brent Gordon at 11:04. John Webber got one back for Blues at 7:16 from Dave Wright. Glen South knotted the contest at 4-4 on a play with Robillard at 3:53, but Garms struck again 39 seconds later as Lachapelle and Wright clicked. with just over a minute left in the period, South hit paydirt again to tie the game at 5-5.

However, Garms came out in the third ready for the kill, scoring four times. Guthrie tallied at 11:36 from Cowan, then Cowan scored unassisted four minutes later before Rick Graham tallied his second of the game with Cowan and Gordon assisting. Gord Paul rounded out Garms scoring with 21 seconds left, unassisted.

The final game of the night was a carbon copy of the evening's first match as Olympia Sports and Top Hat Amusements played to a 2-2 draw.

Wayne Dixon drew first blood for Olympia on a solo effort at 3:33 of the second period. Brad Copeland drew Top Hat even midway in the third from Wayne King and Fred Bertucca. Less than three minutes later, King lifted top Hat to a 2-1 lead with Terry Thoms assisting. Dave Carr responded for Olympia

another 43 seconds later at the 6:25 mark from Pete Stephenson and Warren Duckworth to end the game tied 2-2.

Top Hat leads the round robin affair with a win and a tie for three points after just two games. Garms and Barrelworks have a win and a loss for two points while jamming up second place with a pair of ties each is Olympia and Performance. Cedarview Hawks tied one game and lost the other and trail the pack with just one point.

Next action will take place at Centennial Arena Sunday night with Garms facing Cedarview at 7:15 p.m., Top Hat and Performance go at it at 8:30 p.m., while Barrelworks faces Olympia at 9:45 p.m.

The round robin wraps up Monday, March 23 with Barrelworks and Performance at 7:15 p.m., while Garms and Olympia hold center stage at 8:30 p.m. Top Hat and Cedarview will draw the curtain at 9:45 p.m.



Top swimmers

The Midland Y Keegos recently returned from the AA championships in Sudbury. The Midland Club maintained its' standing with 239 points, a significant increase from last

years' point total. The results were enough to push Midland into 11th place in the AA standings, good enough for 25th in the province. Sean Brooks, Jenny Gibson, Muriel Henry, Joel Magnan and Bryan Shouldice enjoyed strong performances as did the relay teams.



Future Gretskys

These young gaffers were strutting their stuff at the eighth annual Midland Minor Hockey House League Tournament yesterday at Centennial Arena. Yesterday was reserved for Tykes and Mini Tykes, while the Peewees will be in action today, followed by Bantams tomorrow, Novice on Thursday, and Atom Friday. Consolation and Championship contests will all be played Saturday.

Tykes open annual tourney

The eighth Annual Midland Minor Hockey House League Tournament got underway yesterday with Tyke and mini Tyke action. Penetang Legion needed an overtime

marker off the stick of Spencer Deschambault to nip Midland Jory IDA 4-3.

Paul Quesnelle gave Penetang an early 1-0 lead unassisted two and a half minutes into the contest. Doug Reed replied for Jory's just over two minutes later on a solo effort. With only 22 seconds remaining in the opening period, Reed tallied again with Jeremy Sauve assisting for a 2-1 first period Jory's lead.

Penetang moved into a tie 89 seconds into the middle stanza, as Quesnelle fired his second of the game from Joel Dorion. B.J. Sterling with Reed in on the play, retrieved the Midland lead at 3:44 sending the teams to the dressing rooms. Paul Quesnelle completed his hat trick with just 35 seconds showing on the clock in the third to send the game into overtime.

Penetang IGA blanked Midland Bertram Fuels 2-0 behind the two goal performance of Tim Moreau. Jonathan Dyer and Ryan Pitz each picked up an assist on the first Moreau goal.

Midland Stoneleigh Motors battled to a 3-1 victory over Elmvale O'Neill's Auto Center. Robin Cameron scored half way through the first period on a solo effort, but Jeff Hopkins replied for Elmvale at 3:44 from Jason Toner

and Mathew McCartney. Midland regained the lead with 42 seconds to play in the second frame on a goal by Rory Levechia unassisted. Cameron connected for his second of the game at 6:10 of the third sealing Elmvale's fate. Chad Buttineau drew an assist on the play.

Stayner was tough on Oro, whitewashing them 10-0. Brad Soules tallied four times for the victors, while teammate Christopher Campbell notched a pair and added three assists for a five point game.

In Mini Tyke action, Midland Stoneleigh/Meatland defeated Elmvale J&S Ritchie 5-3. Kris Franz scored for Meatland six and a half minutes into the contest, while Eric Tindale gave Stoneleigh/Meatland a 2-0 lead two minutes later assisted by Justin Nielson. Elmvale's Jason Parent cut the lead in half at 1:36 before Drew Ogden connected with the tying marker exactly one minute later on a solo effort.

Meatland struck for two straight in the second as Kris Dickeson and Tindale hit paydirt. Parent moved Elmvale to within one, but Neilson doused the Elmvale fire at 1:45 of the second. There was no scoring in the third. Dickeson earned an assist on the Neilson goal.

Alliston scored once in the first and added four more in the second to blank Midland Bertram/Jory's 5-0.

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