

# Sports Scene

## Outlaws capture the title

The Midland Penetang Touch Football League witnessed one of the best defensive play-off games this year as G. Wilicers Toros won on the last play of the game. The Little Lake Service Centre Hawks were winning 14-7 when Dana Sommers hauled in a Darryl Beam toss to make it 14-13 in the final few minutes. The Toros set up to try a two point conversion as tension filled the air. Daryl Beam scrambled to his right and saw Big Jim Szarka, a step and a half in front of his defender and tossed it to him for a completion. The two pointer was good and the Toros were winners.

Szarka also scored a T.D. earlier in the game to keep the Toros alive. Dwayne Hill booted a punt into the end zone to pick up a single point which made the difference in this game. Beam threw a few interceptions but made up for it on some nice bullets to Sommers, Szarka, Bob Haley and Dwayne Hill. Hill also started at Q.B. but was replaced by Beam.

Dennis Dorion started on defence as he had a shot at four interceptions but were just missed as they were batted away.

Designated rusher, Tom Zumac on defence, was kept on his toes as he kept Hawks Q.B. Peter Maracle busy scrambling.

For the Hawks it was Trent Maracle who shone as he hauled in a T.D. for six points but also caught several big first down plays. Dave Genier snagged the Hawks other T.D. on a nice pass from Q.B. Pete Maracle. Rick Dorion was also a major defender as one was a 20 yard toss and Dorion stretched it out to a 45 yard run as he was tagged just short of a T.D. Dorion did manage to score a very important 2 points. But the Hawks came up short in the long run. Bill Nicoll, Tim Quesnelle and Kevin Loughran shone on defence for the Hawks as they kept the Toros honest (in a game as well played as this, it's hard to say one certain team won, but the Toros came through when needed.) Congratulations to the Toros as consolation champs but the Hawks deserve a congratulation on a well-played game, and a good display of sportsmanship.

Jim Szarka was voted as the Toros M.V.P.

of the game picking up a T.D. and the game winning 2 points as well as other big catches.

Trent Maracle was voted as the Hawks M.V.P. of the game picking up a T.D. and several nice catches.

In the Championship Final, the E&R Discount Outlaws strapped the Bandana Redskins 18-8 on one of the best aerial matchups of the season. The skins were intercepted several times which hurt their offensive drive. Q.B. Andy Wickstead played a strong game at pivot, but the Outlaws shut him down on the big chances to score. Rick Presse scored the skins lone T.D. and also caught some nice first down receptions as well. Jim Costello scored the other two points for the skins. He also had a big game on defence as well. Ralph May, Jeff Attwood, Richard Thomas and Ray Brien also had a big game on defence. Attwood and Brien caught some big passes to set up excellent field position. It's unfortunate but the Outlaws literally "shut down" the skins and picked big holes in their defence. It was a relatively close game in the first half at 12-8.

Q.B. Mike Hamelin shone at the pivot position as it seemed he could do nothing wrong except a couple of bad throws which turned into interceptions. He threw well, scrambled well, ran well and completed almost every pass he threw. He hit Andrew Buttineau, Joe Beausoleil and League scoring champ, Moe Robitaille all for T.D.s. Doug Condren had a big day on defence as he hauled in some major catches to set up good field position, one a 20 yard toss to run 60 yards to the skins 5 yard line. Brian St. Amant had some key receptions as old Peter Robillard who also shone on defence. Blocking several passes to frustrate Q.B. Wickstead, Joe Beausoleil and Andrew Buttineau also set up nice field positions on some key receptions. Kicker, Kent Goldsmith, laid up some nice punts to make the skins start deep in their own zone. He also played strong defence to plug up the middle.

In another well-played game, both teams showed respect and good sportsmanship, but someone has to be a winner and it turned out to be the E&R Discount Outlaws. The skins definitely stayed in the game throughout.

Jeff Attwood was voted as the Bandana Redskins M.V.P. of the game as he starred on defence and offence.

Q.B. Mike Hamelin was voted as the E&R Discount Outlaws M.V.P. as he shone at the pivot position and led his team to the win. Moe Robitaille won the scoring champion-

ship with 80 points.

The league would like to congratulate all teams on a very successful season. Good luck next year to all teams.

There will be a year ending meeting held early in December for all team reps and league officials in Penetang.



### On The Run

Joe Beausoleil hugs the ball and runs like a gazelle in Sunday afternoon's Midland Penetang Touch Football Championship final. Jeff Atwood (number 44) closes in for

the touch while referee Tom Powell is an interested bystander. Beausoleil's E and R Discount Outlaws defeated Bandana Redskins 18-8.

## Orser wins

By David Gravelle

As expected Brian Orser from Orillia via Penetanguishene won the gold medal at the Skate Canada competition in Calgary this past weekend. He defeated his arch rival from the United States, Brian Boitano in the process.

Johnny Esaw was speechless.

Debbie Wilkes was sobbing.

Those were just a few of the reactions to the exhibition skate by Brian after the medals had been presented.

The seven time Canadian champion stepped onto the ice at the Saddledome to a thunderous round of applause. With his head bowed, Brian waited for the Neil Diamond song The Story of My Life to begin. Brian has already said the ballad symbolizes his struggle to become the best.

Reaching the first crescendo of the song Brian lifted his body into the air, landing a perfect triple jump to the roar of the teary eyed crowd.

Throughout the performance the three television announcers from CTV remained silent in awe of the vision on ice. As the song came to an end, Brian Orser, the most

dynamic athlete on a pair of figure skates, stood with arms skyward, eyes gleaming with the crowd's adoration.

As the 15,000 fans rose to their feet, the veteran CTV announcers had trouble getting out the proper words to explain what had just transpired.

In fact there were no words to describe the effect this moving performance had on everybody. Although, former figure skater Debbie Wilkes gave a valiant effort. "I'm a mess," she blurted, overcome with tears.

Finally she was able to say more, more that came from her heart than anywhere else.

"It's so typical of Brian Orser. Most other champions skate their number and talk about how wonderful they are. And, he (Brian) skates his and thanks the audience for his (routine)."

Johnny Esaw meanwhile, with a frog in his throat, said, "He's a great Canadian." Wilkes echoed that sentiment. "He's a credit to our country and to the sport of figure skating."

The best part of it is that I taped it all on my VCR...when I'm down and out I can use it as a pick-me-up.



### Gotcha

The Little Lake Service Center Hawk player reaches out to tag the G. Wilicers Toro who is in the process of catching the ball. Action was caught Sunday afternoon at Penetang

Secondary School Athletic Field. Toros became the 1987 Consolation title holders with a dramatic 15-14 win.