



## Basket Bound

Jim Faragher of Midland Mick B's goes high with this shot in Simcoe County Intermediate Men's Basketball action at the MSS gym last Thursday against Midland Jory IDA Jazz. Jazz took a 72-60 win to up their record

at four wins and two losses. The Wings lost their first game of the season but still maintain first place in the seven team league. Last year, they were dead last. What a difference a year makes.

# Solid victory for Penetang

After just a superlative team effort from start to finish, the Penetang-uishene Driftwood Major Pee Wees emerged victorious as the 1987 Wasaga Beach Pee Wee Tournament Grand Champions played here over the past weekend.

Driftwood began the tournament pitted against their arch rivals from Muskoka, the Bracebridge Pee Wees in Division "B". In a close-checking game that saw end to end action, it wasn't until mid-way through the first period before Driftwood drew first blood and broke out with an early 2-0 lead only to see Bracebridge tie the game early in the second period. Scoring Penetang's first goal of the game was Scott Cummings from Tim Mason. Moments later, it was Cummings again from Mason and Dwayne Johnson. After Bracebridge tied the game it appeared that they were gaining valuable momentum in this contest, but it was short-lived as Mason scored the next two goals to stake his team to a 4-2 lead. Cummings assisted on both goals.

Not to be outdone, Bracebridge scored early in the third period to draw as close as 4-3, but defenceman, Michael Blow, ripped a hard wrist shot from the point to re-establish Driftwood's two goal margin. Mason rounded out his team's scoring late in the game after being set up by Johnson to give Penetang a 6-3 win.

Later that same day, Driftwood played a team from Palmerston, who scored the first and their only goal, minutes into the game. From that point on, it was all Driftwood as they replied with nine goals of their own.

Leading the way was Dwayne Johnson who scored a hit trick as well as assisting on Shawn McConkey's goal. Both McConkey and Cummings each had a pair of goals with singles going to Shawn Gignac and Kirk Ruston. Picking up assists in the game were: Mason (4), Donald Pauze (3), Cummings (2) and singles going to Kirk Ruston and Charles

Secord.

Final score of the game was Penetang 9 and Palmerston 1.

On Sunday, Driftwood completed their first-round action by over-powering a Pee Wee Select team from Kitchener to the tune of 14-0. Scoring for Penetang were Dwayne Johnson and Raymond Dupuis each with hat-tricks. Kirk Ruston, Adrian Maurice and Scott Cummings each had two goals a piece with single tallies going to Charles Secord and Tim Mason. Assists on these goals went to Johnson (2), Donald Pauze (2), Shawn McConkey (2), Secord (3), Ruston (2), Cummings (2), Mason (4), and singles going to Shawn Gignac and Peter Couling. Both goalies, Mike Marchildon and Scott Galt, shared in the shut-out and although they had little action in their end of the rink, they did make the "big" save that was needed to preserve the shut-out bonus.

After completing their round-robin play, Driftwood locked top spot in Division "B" and their next opponents came from the host club who were runners-up in Division "A". In a very physical game that saw Driftwood Captain, Peter Couling and line-mate Peter Cruise, literally knocked out of the game both with shoulder injuries, the local team dug deep and played spirited hockey that had their fans standing and cheering.

Driftwood's Pauze scored the first goal with the assist going to Dupuis. Wasaga Beach tied the game just before the end of the first period, but Mason gave Driftwood the lead and once again the assist went to Dupuis. Wasaga knotted the game at 2-2 before Mason went to work and scored the next five goals to give Driftwood a 7-2 lead mid-way in the third period.

The scoring was rounded out late in the game when Wasaga scored two quick goals to narrow the deficit to 7-4 before Ruston scored his team's eighth and final goal. Drawing assists on Mason's goals were Johnson (3), Cum-

ings (2) and single assists going to Maurice and Dupuis. Both McConkey and Gignac were credited with an assist on Ruston's goal. Final score was Penetang 8 and Wasaga Beach 4.

With this win, Driftwood entered the Grand Championship and awaited for a winner from the following game which saw Division "A" winners, Port Perry, play Division "B" runners-up, Bracebridge. As luck would have it, Bracebridge upset Port Perry by a 3-1 score and the stage was set for a second confrontation between two "old foes".

As has been the case between these two fine teams over the past three years, this contest was another classic struggle that saw hockey played the way it was intended to be played - fast, exciting and clean!

Driftwood took an early 1-0 lead at the 10:04 mark when Shawn McConkey connected from Tim Mason. Less than one minute later, Bracebridge tied the game and began to press the play sensing a possible upset. Not to be outdone, McConkey scored his second goal of the game at the 4:26 mark of the second period to give Driftwood a lead that they would not relinquish in this contest. Both Tim Mason and Charles Secord drew assists on McCon-

key's second goal.

The game tightened up from this point on and both goaltenders, Mike Marchildon and Scott Galt, were called upon to make several key saves in the game that kept their team ahead despite the fact that they had numerous scoring opportunities. Three super stops by Galt alone late in the game lifted his teammates to play all the harder. Both Peter Couling and Peter Cruise, who were side-lined in the game, led the cheering parade from the stands and the team responded when Mason's goal at the 8:13 mark of the third salted the win. Credited with assists on the goal were McConkey and Kirk Ruston.

The game ended with Penetang taking its second win from Bracebridge in as many days - quite an accomplishment when one considers the fact that it was their first two wins over their opponents this season. This rivalry has just seen another chapter written and Driftwood can be certain that Bracebridge will be looking forward to future games, especially this year's Winterama Tournament in February. Driftwood looks forward to the challenge.

At the conclusion of the

# Jory Jazz clips Mick B's wings

Mick B's Wings suffered their first loss of the season Thursday night in Simcoe County Intermediate Men's Basketball League action at MSS as the Midland Jory IDA Jazz pulled out all stops in a 72-60 victory.

The Jazz, who were led by the 19 point performance of Bob Blasko, led 38-31 at the half. Jeff Atwood who hooped three baskets in the first half, counted eight points in the

second half, four of them from the foul line. John Faragher struck for eight of his 10 points in the second half for the Jazz.

Chester Graham, making his return to the court sans whistle, hooped 11 counters.

Kevin Gray paced the attack for the Bees with 17 points, six in the first half. Jim Faragher added 12 points, but was good on only six chances out of a dozen at the foul line.

The loss by the Bees tightens up the race in the seven team loop. Mick B's lead with a record of five wins and a single loss with Jory Jazz and Queen's Hotel of Barrie tied at 4-2. Stayner completes the top four with a record of 3-3.

Next action for both teams pits Mick B's in Barrie against Texaco in Innisdale and Jory's IDA are at Barrie Central Tuesday night.

# Local figure skating

by Carol Lavin

The Midland Figure Skating Club consists of

169 skaters this season who are all registered with the Canadian Figure Skating Association.

The levels of instruction are multi-faceted in that there is a Canskate program, A Canfigureskate Program, CFSA I and CFSA II. Each of these levels are again subdivided into skill areas therefore there is a place for every skater in the Midland area.

Depending on the level, skating instruction occurs Monday to Thursday, usually twice a week although part memberships are available.

This year the club has four professional coaches available for private or club teaching times.

The skating season culminates in an annual carnival held on the first weekend in April. This is when each and every skater gets to show off their expertise and receive applause for their endeavours. Usually famous guest skaters such as Brian Orser and Christina Hough and Doug Ladret entertain as well and provide excellent role models.

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