

Sports Scene

Cents top Penetang

Midland Stoneleigh Centennials split its Georgian Bay Junior C Hockey League games on the weekend.

On Friday night the Cents were hosted by Penetang Charlebois Kings and took a 6-1 win in a well-played match. The Kings played the Cents virtually even for the first two periods and at times held an advantage in play.

Pat Marchand scored for Midland early in the first assisted by Derek Haines and Jim McLaren only to have Kent Nelson reply for the Kings less than a minute later.

Marchand counted again late in the second with help from Haines.

Midland solved the Kings' checking in the third frame along with the netminding of Jim Roberts as they struck for four unanswered tallies. Trevor Irvine counted twice before Haines clicked at the midway point from McLaren. Mike Larmand finished the scoring five minutes later.

Midland's Jason Murphy was outstanding, stopping many Penetang shots labelled for the corners.

Midland outshot Penetang 28-25.

On Sunday afternoon, the Cents entertained Huntsville Blair McCanns and dropped a 6-5 decision.

Huntsville took an early two-goal lead on markers by Kevin Knox. Pat Marchand replied with a brace for a 2-2 tie to end first period scoring.

Huntsville scored the only goal of the second but Midland knotted the count on the power play at 2:13 of the third when Haines connected. The visitors picked up a short-handed goal 40 seconds later to regain the lead.

Don Robertson clicked on a play with David Forrest to draw even once again before Huntsville struck with a pair within 40 seconds. Mike Larmand counted on the power play for Midland with just two seconds left to play for the final 6-5 score.

The Cents are in Stayner Thursday at 8:30 p.m. before travelling to Parry Sound Sunday for a 1 p.m. fixture with the Brewers.

Midland has seven games remaining including just two at home.



Deflection

Ted French's shot is deflected by the Huntsville goaltender in Georgian Bay Jr. C hockey action Sunday afternoon at Centennial Arena. Huntsville Blair McCanns won 6-5, buoyed by the

strong netminding of Mike Fountain. The other Midland Centennial player is Rob Fortin.

Midland CC takes Adco Cup lead

Midland Curling Club hosted the 10th annual Adco Cup Sunday. The annual affair pits 10 Midland teams against 10 Penetang teams with the trophy presented to the team amassing the highest point total.

Midland was victorious for the second consecutive year taking its sixth victory by a total of 238-236 according to drawmaster Rod Reynolds.

The overall first place team was skipped by Reynolds with Leighton Smith at vice, Jack Charlebois, second and Reg Quesnelle lead.

Another Midland foursome skipped by

Jaz Roberts with Hugh Bremner at vice, Alex McPhail, second and Don Hough lead, placed second.

The Marty St. Amant skipped rink from Penetang finished third with Keith St. Amant at vice, Wayne St. Amant at second and Brian Cusson, lead.

Reynolds also was top finisher last year for the Midland group.

The organizers, along with Bob Addison of Adco Tire, supplied prizes for the top 12 finishers including vests and equipment bags.

The event switches back to the Penetanguishene Curling Club next year.

Blasko beats buzzer

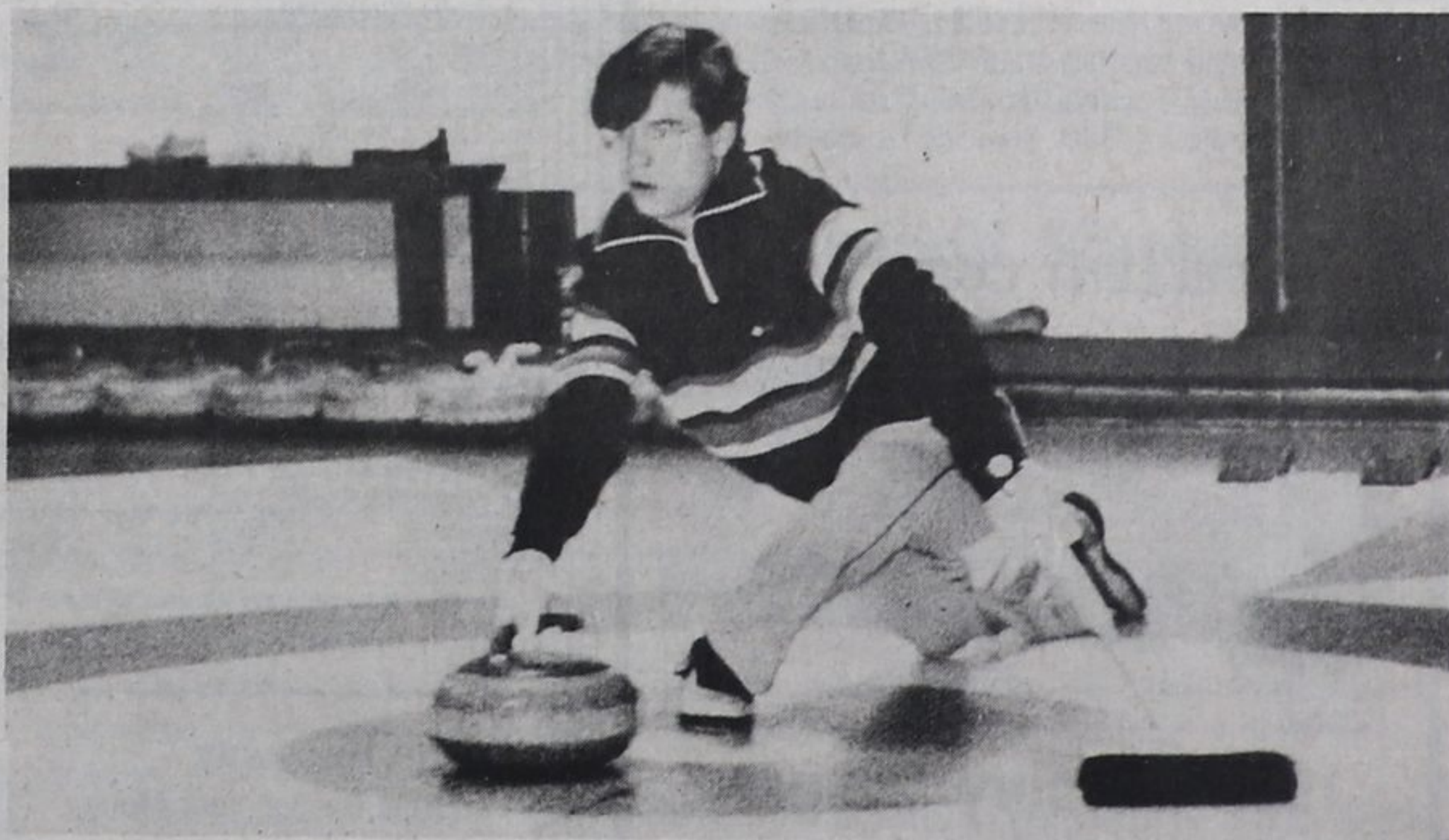
Midland Mick B's Wings won a pair of one-point games last week in Simcoe County Intermediate Men's Basketball League action. It was their second and third one-point wins in a row.

On Tuesday, Mick B's visited CFB Borden and left with a 63-62 win. The Wings, who led 36-28 at the half, were paced by the 22-point performances of John Faragher and Jeff Atwood. Bill Hartman added 13.

Midland travelled to Barrie Thursday to face Queen's Hotel and escaped with an 85-84 victory on Bob Blasko's three-point shot at the buzzer. Midland trailed 38-31 at the half. Blasko hooped 21 points while Jeff Atwood contributed 16 and John Faragher 11.

Midland is in third place in the nine team loop with a record of 11 wins and three losses. Queen's Hotel tops the standings with a 10-1 record while Stayner Mistics are second at 7-2.

Mick B's next home game is, Jan. 26, 8 p.m. at Midland Secondary School.



Smooth

David Leverdiere releases the rock at the Penetang Curling Club recently. Laverdiere is lead stone for the provincial junior finals-bound Jody Robillard rink. The foursome captured the "B" side of the Pepsi Junior regional playdowns last weekend in Georgetown.