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Brother and sister want to face each other

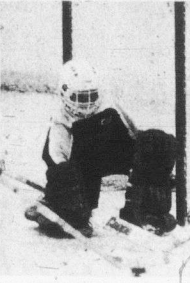
An oddity took place on Monday evening at the Cawthra Arena when Stewart and Marilyn Middleton played in consecutive hockey games.

Why, you may ask is this so odd? Well, Stewart and Marilyn Middleton are not only brother and sister but also goaltenders and that's about the closest they've come to playing each other on the ice yet. (There have been exhibition matches on the road).

Stewart Middleton is 10 years of age and a goalkeeper for the Cawthra AAA team.

A Grade 5 student at Bynnmount Senior Public School, Stewart simply shkgus when asked about his sister's talent.

"She's all right," answers Stewart in regards to the ability of his sister. When pressed however, Middleton did have to admit that he was a better goaltender than his older sister.



Stewart Middleton

Started on street

Marilyn is a Grade 8 student also at Bynnmount and is currently in her second campaign for Park Royal in the Mississauga Hockey League Girls Intermediate Division.

She started playing goal while playing in the opposing net against her brother in road hockey games.

Feeling that she could play as well as her younger brother she decided to try out last year but was just a little late for goalie.

This year however she got her chance in net and has played well for Park Royal.

Although both Stewart and Marilyn try to see each other play as often as possible and are constantly cheering each other when either goalkeeper has had a particularly rough time of it, both want to solve the mystery of who is the better goaltender.



Marilyn Middleton

"I'd love to play against my brother," exclaimed Marilyn. Asked why she simply answered that they then could see who was the better goaltender.

Stewart Middleton sounded slightly less enthusiastic when asked but also stated that he would like to have the question answered right on the ice.

Enjoys all sports

As well as hockey, Marilyn enjoys baseball, bowling, tennis, badminton and volleyball.

"I don't like to just sit around the house," states Marilyn. "I like to take part in all sports and be active."

Like any budding goaltender Marilyn keeps her eyes open on the NHL netminders and her two favorites are Ken Dryden of Montreal and Chicago's Tony Esposito.

"I like playing hockey very much and want to continue playing as I get older," claims Marilyn. "Most girls seem to stop playing when they turn 16 or 17 but not me, I'd like to play as long as possible."

Brother Stewart also has his favorite goalkeepers and like many a Canadian youth looks to hockey as possibly a career.

"Parent and Favell are my favorite goalies," states Stewart. "I try to copy their style and work on my style by watching what they do."

The match of the century as far as the Middleton household would be concerned would be the game that finally pitted son Stewart and sister Marilyn against one and other on an icy hockey rink.

McCarron closes in on new record

LAUREL, Md. — Sandy Hawley's world record of 515 victories by a jockey in a single year was tied Monday by 18-year-old apprentice rider Chris McCarron.

McCarron, who faces suspension today for a track violation committed at Penn National on Oct. 27, rode two

winners at Laurel to tie the mark set by the Mississauga jockey on the final day of racing in 1973.

McCarron, who rode his first horse Jan. 24 and his first winner Feb. 9, rode six winners on Sunday at Penn National to close the gap on Hawley's mark.



The story is told by Dixie Beehive's captain Dave Large as he raises his arms to signify a goal scored by Warren Young (not shown). Dixie's Gord Lorimer and North York Rangers Gary Van Ness (10) screen goalie Dave Johns.

Young sparked Beehives most productive Provincial Junior A game of the season with a hat trick as Bees stung Rangers 10-1. (Times photo by Stan Carmichael).

Racial overtones

Gaidy object of racial slur as Venture game marred

By DAVE O'BRIEN

It was virtually impossible to ascertain from a spectator's viewpoint whether Dixie Ventures or Burlington Mohawks won their Central Ontario Junior B Chippy League confrontation Thursday night at Dixie Gardens, which was marred by racial overtones.

The game took just under three hours to complete and when the final bell sounded both teams came out fighting.

Between punches, errant elbows, the odd illegal charge, the occasional high stick and frequent dirty looks, there were a few flashes of ice hockey.

The ridiculous altercation at the end of the game kept the vocal onlookers from leaving and when they did, the majority probably had no idea what the score had ended up. Just for the record, Mohawks scored nine goals while the Bees retaliated five times.

The affair was unnecessarily rough throughout and the boiling point came as the game expired when Venture's Phil Gaidy, the only black player in the circuit, went after Burlington's Brad Bowmans. That sparked Dixie's Brent Hayes to wrestle with Mohawk's Mike Martin and an irate Rob May did his darndest to try and get at guest Mike Serre.

After several minutes, the linesmen had all the bodies untangled and it took the entire coaching staff from both sides to get their players into their respective dressing rooms.

Phil Gaidy seemed right in the middle of the rabuc and he, along with a host of witnesses, claim that the game was full of racial overtones.



Phil Gaidy (upper left) who helped start the rhuarbh when he tangled with Burlington Mohawks Brad Bowmans, watches teammate Brent Hayes (20) flail away despite the efforts of the two linesmen. Referee Don Brocci watches casually along with a host of players. The fight started at the end of the Central Ontario Junior B hockey game won by Burlington 9-5. (Times photo Stan Carmichael).

"That guy (Bowmans) and number 19 (Mike Serre) were calling me nigger and coon all game and I didn't like it so I went after him," says Gaidy.

Gord Stanfield and Bob White, two Venture's players out with injuries, backed up Gaidy's claim. "Number four (Bowmans) called Gaidy a coon numerous times after the game in the hallway," Stanfield reports.

Bowmans vehemently denied the charges. "I never said such a thing to him (Gaidy). He has the potential to be a good hockey player but he thinks everybody is prejudiced against him," suggests Bowmans.

Racial slurs were apparently tossed about for the most part of the game. "At the end of the second period, the referee (Don Brocci) pulled their manager over and ordered that his players stop calling Gaidy a coon or he would take drastic measures," testified Dixie coach Tony Callam.

Mohawk's coach Moe Royle was equally perturbed at the incident and accused Callam of sending his biggest boys out at the end of the game.

"I didn't send them out there to fight — just to keep them honest," shot back Callam.

At the game's completion, referee Brocci refused to comment on the incident. While racial insults have no place in any sporting event, Gaidy and his comrades were no angels by any means.

Both sides were extremely chippy from the opening blast of the whistle and Gaidy was more than eager to exchange pleasantries at any time with the enemy.

"We lost 9-5 but that put a lot of starch in our guys," remarked Callam and he was right.

The following night, Ventures skated into Milton and hustled out with a 5-4 triumph.

Team ready as Beehives sting Rangers 10-1

By DAVE O'BRIEN

Dixie Beehives were at their stinging best Sunday night before 650 Bee boosters at Dixie Gardens as they stunned visiting North York Rangers 10-1 for their finest hour in the closely knit Provincial Junior A Hockey League.

Bees buzzed around the Ranger cage at will and displayed a thrust of power their followers never thought existed.

The victory vaulted Dixie from ninth into a share of seventh position and prevented North York from taking over sole possession of second spot behind league leading Seneca Flyers.

Coach Gerry Inglis and general manager Bill McNicol are now fully confident that their Beehives are ready to make a steady climb up the ladder and maintain that their long stay at the bottom of the heap was due to experiments and the slow adaptation by the players to Inglis' unfamiliar ways of playing the game.

Inglis likes to see all his players, excluding the goaltender of course, to pick up a man and stay on him. He doesn't care who covers who, as long as all the opposition is bottled up.

Perfect execution of that style of play killed the usually free wheeling Rangers. They had no place to roam and organize rushes.

The Dixie Beehives are nearly set as a unit. They are down to three solid lines and can start getting used to each other.

The latest shuffle saw young Glen McClelland rejoining the Brampton Junior B's for more ice time and right winger Jim Sanzosti has headed north to play for Sault Ste. Marie in the North Ontario Junior B loop.

Dan Mortimer opened the scoring for Dixie at the 6:27-minute mark of the first period when he potted a perfect centering pass from Warren Young.

Gord Lorimer made it 2-0 with an accurate shot that caught the lower right corner. The play originated at the Dixie blueline, where Jerry Schafer broke up a Ranger's rush with his crowd rousing hip

check. Bees continued to dominate in the middle stanza with Kevin Walker, Dave Large, with the prettiest of the night and Young connecting for a 5-0 margin.

Young added two more in the final frame to give him 20 goals for the season and his second hat trick. The crowd was pleased with Young's performance and so was Gerry York, coach of Clarkson College in New York, who approached the giant centre after the contest with a scholarship offer.

Doug Helip, Myles Forget and Vince Frijia added singles to close the scoring. The goal by Forget was hotly contested by Rangers goalie Dave Johns. The shot hit him and trickled over the line but Johns obviously thought otherwise. He got a 10-minute major for his over aggressiveness.

"The defense hit well at the blueline and the last three or four games the boys have really been out to win," offers Inglis.

In a rare Friday night home engagement Beehives and North Bay Trappers skated to a 2-2 stalemate in the most entertaining clash of the season.

Young again paced the attack with a goal and an assist on a first period goal by Dan Mortimer.

In both encounters, Dixie outshot their visitors 41-30.

Before the North York affair, the staff of The Times played a 25th anniversary exhibition tilt with the 1949 Dixie Staffords, the very first Junior B team to play out of Dixie Gardens. The score ended up 5-5.

Bruce Langdon was as sharp as ever with a hat trick for the oldtimers while Jim Gray and Blackie Graham notched singles.

John Enright paced The Times attack with two with Rick Desrochers, Jim MacMillan and Dave O'Brien adding loners.

Beehives host Wexford Raiders tonight at Dixie Gardens beginning at 8 o'clock, travel to Royal York Saturday and return home Sunday to do battle at 7.15 p.m. with Markham Waxers.

Clarkson wins first game ever against Lorne Park

It was a week of firsts in the Senior Division of the Peel Secondary School Athletic Association Basketball circuit.

A 54-45 triumph by Clarkson over Lorne Park marked the first time ever the Chargers have beaten the Spartans in league court confrontation.

Charger's mentor Mike Lavelle, who coached the University of Waterloo in two Ontario Universities Athletic Association title games, has his troops playing a fast running break type of offense, which he claims, should give them a shot at the title.

Clarkson had surprisingly little difficulty with the defending Peel hoop-la champions and sat on cushions of 17 points on two different occasions.

Mike McMillan and Keith Patterson paced the victors with a dozen points each while Terry Wilk turned in the most consistent effort of the afternoon and contributed nine points.

Woodlands Rams broke the ice with their first ever

victory in their initial senior campaign via a lopsided 47-20 lambasting of Mayfield Mavericks.

Rams put it all together to claim the two points with a stingy defense and sharp shooting offense.

Egbert St. Kitts continues to be hot stuff for the Rams as he destroyed Mayfield with a 27-point outing. Dave Evans added 14 to the Ram's cause and was equally dangerous while defending.

Gryphons squeaked out a nail-biting 51-48 verdict over Erindale Raiders.

The outcome may have surprised a lot of people but not Jon Austin, the Gryphon's mentor.

"Erindale had trouble with our full court zone press and we have to say 'one crowd really helped us,'" beamed Austin.

The outcome was in doubt until the last minute when Erindale closed the gap to two points and then ran into foul trouble.

Jay Simpson sank two crucial foul shots to guarantee the victory, which saw them overcome a 23-18 deficit at half-time.

Kevin Aver led the winners with 20 points followed by Simpson's 11. Defensively, Jim Dzedzina grabbed 14 rebounds, most of them coming in the dramatic second half.

Raiders top raider was John Howard with 13 points.

Clarkson's offense continued to role as they visited Woodland Friday and escaped with 65-41 win over the Rams.

The game was decided in the first half when they headed to the dressing room at half-time boasting a 40-18 margin.

The second half was a completely different ball game as Rams stormed out and although they didn't significantly close the gap, they played on even terms with their guests.

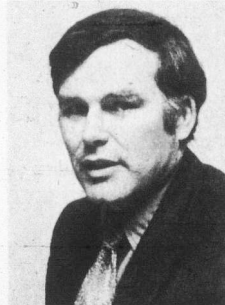
"You've got to hand it to Woodlands. They made a lot of adjustments in the second half and really improved," analysed coach Lavelle.

Mike McMillan connected for 23 points to pace the chargers followed by Russ Brahmns with 18, Keith Patterson with eight and Terry Wilk with seven.

St. Kitts again led the Rams as he potted 23 points and Evans notched 14.

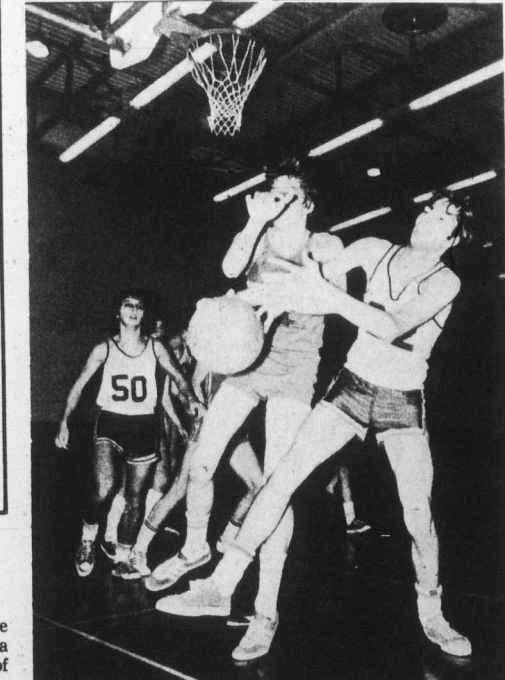
"We're breaking the press a little better but we need a little more work with basics and our passing," offers Rams coach Pete Kahro.

In an exhibition tilt, 18 points by Peter Rolt and 17 from Steve Chessel paced Bramalea Broncos to a 58-45 triumph over Oakville Trafalgar.



Mike Lavelle

Before a large gathering of vocal partisan rooters at Glenforest Secondary School Friday night, the host



The action is fast and furious under the hoop as St. Michael's College player T. Pulice (right) battles an unidentified Port Credit Warrior for possession of the ball. St. Mikes won this one 45-44 to advance to the semi-final round of the fifth annual Port Credit Blue and Gold Junior basketball tournament. (Times photo Ron Pozzer).

Town comes to town paces Orillia to Blue and Gold title

Everytime Rob Town comes to town, he stays just long enough to leave people bewildered at his athletic ability.

The 16-year-old track and field sensation from Orillia District Collegiate, demonstrated his prowess with the basketball as he hit for 15 points and stole 10 rebounds to lead Orillia to the fifth annual Port Credit Secondary School Blue and Gold Junior basketball tournament championship.

With Town leading the way, Orillia bested Burlington Central in the decisive game 56-31.

The six-foot two-inch 200-pounder last visited Port Credit in 1973 at the school's Blue and Gold Track and Field meet and took first place in the discus, javelin and shot put.

In the prestigious OFSSAA meet the same year, Town set Ontario midget records for the discus (49.25 metres) and the javelin throw (53.16 metres).

Last year's Blue and Gold basketball tourney in which Orillia won the consolation championship saw Town selected as a tournament all-star.

In the 1974 version of OFSSAA, Town won the junior discus toss, came second in the javelin and fifth in the shot put. In the near future, Town will be going decthelon and will be shooting for the 1980 Olympics.

In the championship match played Saturday, Orillia dominated the boards and prevented Burlington Central from getting inside with a tight defense.

In addition to Town's 15 points, Orillia got a top flight performance from Sean Wilson, who netted 14.

Mike Melnyk was top gun for Burlington with 10 points. The consolation championship saw Steve Nero hit for 23 points to power Whiteoaks to a convincing 68-30 triumph over Westwood Wildcats.

Wildcats, who along with Port Credit represented Peel, were paced by Joe Caruso with nine points.

On Friday night, Port Credit lost the services of high scoring Ken Parent in the third quarter and suffered a 45-44 setback at the hands of St. Mikes.

The following day, Warriors bowed to Whiteoaks 68-26. Next year's tournament will be on an invitation basis. This time out, 36 schools applied for the eight spots allotted.

RESULTS

- First Round — Friday December 13
- TA Blakelock 75, Westwood Wildcats 45
- Burlington Central 67, De LaSalle 22
- Orillia District 65, Whiteoaks 44
- St. Mikes 45, Port Credit 44
- Orillia 78, St. Mikes 51
- Consolation Semi-final
- Whiteoaks 68, Port Credit 26
- Consolation championship
- Whiteoaks 68, Westwood 30
- Championship final
- Orillia 56, Burlington Central 31