

Flyers goalmouth hockey action

Flyers' last home game Friday featured plenty of action as Milton handled Grimsby in an exhibition game. The squad has narrowed the roster down and will go ahead with management's plan for a youth

movement of players who "want to play hockey." The squad starts regular season this Friday night with an 8 p.m. start at Memorial Arena.

Flyers general manager and owner Vern Gooding has promised this year to be much improved over last season.

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Local teams fare well in girls soccer

The Halton Rural Girls' Soccer League held the finals of the round-robin championship playoff round over the weekend in Bolton. The teams started the playoff rounds during the past two weeks before finishing up on the weekend.

None of the seven Milton teams won top honors but several teams which finished low in the standings during the league rallied with good efforts in the playoffs for higher placings.

The following is a brief synopsis of the Milton results in each division:

team's tie with Tornados, Stockley scored the only goal in the team tie with Orange Crush.

MOSQUITO

Milton Knights Men's Wear which finished on the bottom of the eight-team league during the regular season, pulled up its collective socks to finish third overall in the playoffs. The team narrowly missed out taking second place losing the final game to Georgetown Thunderbolts 1-0 in the battle for second.

Georgetown Wildcats captured the divisional title actually wrapping up the championship early before the final day's games. Unfortunately, results from games involving Milton Dufferin Aggregates were not available at press time.

In a heart-breaker, Thunderbolts edged Knights 1-0 to take second place. Thunderbolts scored late in the game to win although Knights appeared to have tied the contest with 30 seconds remaining but Camilla Sneyd's drive beat the goalie but struck the goal post.

Knights handled Georgetown Tiger-Cats 2-0 with Lynda Bennell scoring both goals. Knights tied Pineview Jets 2-2 on goals by Kelly-Ann Bergin and Bennell.

The squad also dropped a 2-0 decision to Wildcats, beat Georgetown Stingrays 2-0 on a pair of goals by Bennell, tied Dufferin 1-1 on another Bennell marker and beat Bolton 2-1.

SQUIRT

Milton's two teams, Lions Club and Rapco Foam finished in a tie for second place in the round-robin. It was a stronger showing for both teams than in league play where Lions Club was third and Rapco Foam fifth in the six-team league.

In the ensuing battle for second place, two overtime periods were required before Lions Club squeaked out a slim 1-0 win over a tired Rapco Foam which had just finished playing one game

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Bekar named MVP

Merchants push to limit

Milton Merchants attempt for a Cinderella finish came to a sudden halt when Leaside Maple Leafs scored six runs in the first two innings en route to a 12-5 victory taking the best-of-three semi-finals in Halton County Baseball in the maximum three games.

Al Rivero provided the decisive blows early in the contest pounding out a three-run homer in the first and following it up with a

two-run shot in his next at bat in the second. The blasts staked Leaside to a 6-1 lead in the second inning and Leafs coasted to the victory.

Later in the week, Leaside won its seventh consecutive Halton crown with a three-game sweep of Eobicoke Indians completing the sweep with a 7-3 win Sunday at Talbot Park.

Uncharacteristically, Merchants' final

game of the 1980 season didn't contain near the dramatics which typified Milton's efforts in the playoffs. Leaside capitalized on 10 Milton errors and five walks to score their 12 runs on just 11 hits. Rivero's key hits put Merchants into a hole early in the game and Milton couldn't come back.

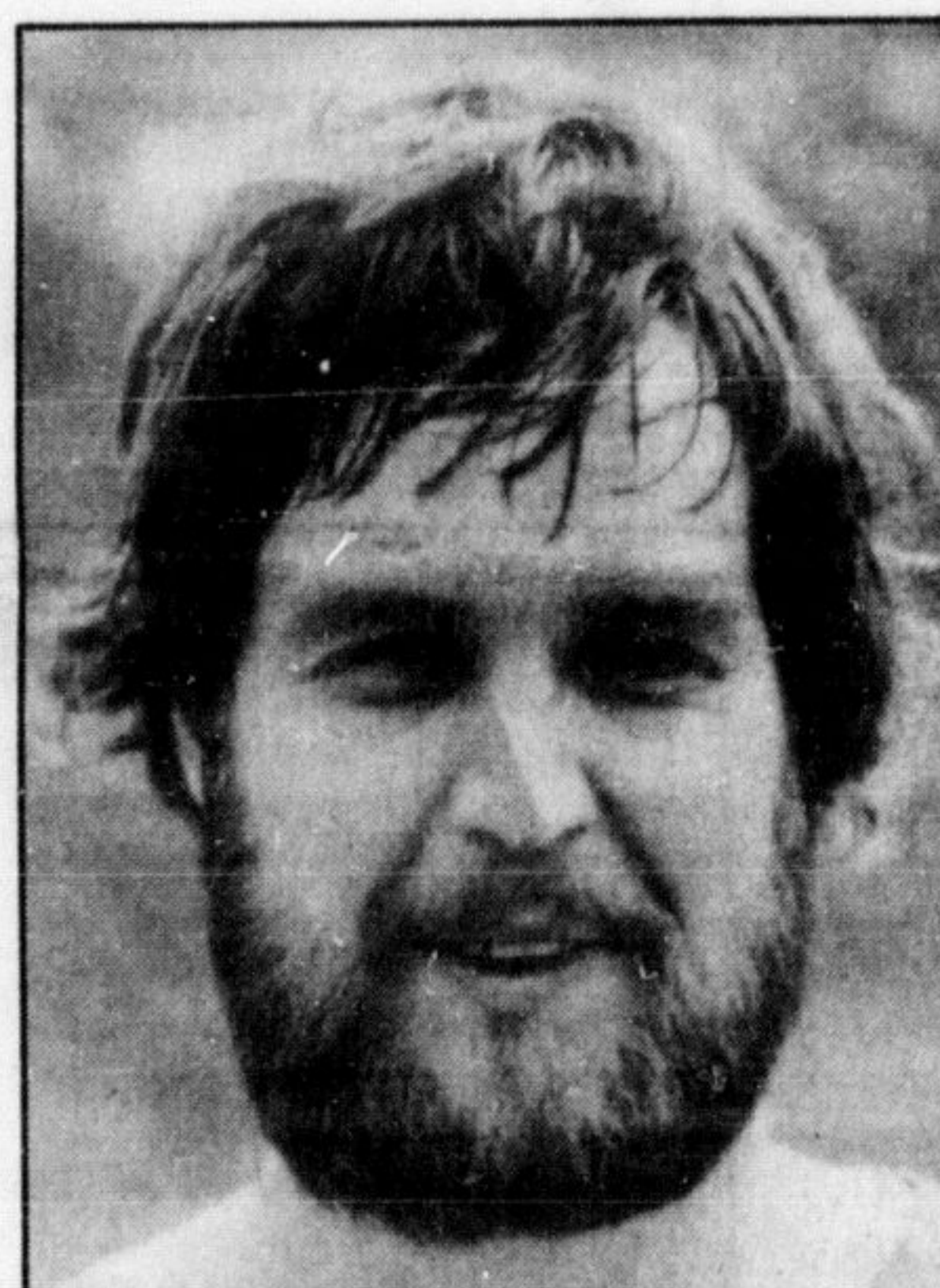
Everything considered, Merchants' manager Wayne Marchand said he was satisfied with the way his squad rebounded in the second half of the year and their play in the playoffs when the team knocked off Dundas Chiefs and took powerhouse Leaside to the limit.

"We played pretty well against Leaside," he said. "Especially when you consider that Leaside knocked off Etobicoke in three straight to win the title, it shows how well we played against them."

Merchants announced the top players of the year at the team's annual banquet Saturday night. Wade Bekar was named Merchants' most valuable player in the seasons, George Moore was named the top pitcher, shortstop Rick Binsell is the rookie of the year and Andy Hull was named the team's MVP in the playoffs. Last year, Burke Harrison was named rookie of the year and MVP.

Marchand said he was looking forward to next year. The only player who has announced he wouldn't be returning is John Chodorowicz who wants to devote more time to his cottage next summer. Other than Chodorowicz, the team is set to return.

One of the changes in the squad will be the establishment of player representatives. Glen Turner and Bekar are the new player



Bekar: Named Merchants' most valuable player during the regular season.

reps in an effort to gain a better means of communication between the players and Marchand which had been one of the raps against Marchand throughout his two years as Merchants' manager.

Marchand also said he was actively looking for a major sponsor. This year, Merchants went with individual sponsors. Another hopeful change on tap, would be the installation of grass over most of the infield at Brian Best Park to facilitate drainage.

Controversial run leads McDuffe

Ineffective clutch hitting and a controversial run all contributed largely to McDuffe Equipment winning the first game of the Milton Fastball League championship series with a 4-1 win over defending champion Thornborrow BP Fuel Stags Thursday evening at Brian Best Park.

Rain washed out the second game of the best-of-five series which was to be played Monday. The two squads clashed last night (weather permitting) and meet again tonight (Wednesday) and Thursday.

Stags and McDuffe were rolling along comfortably in a scoreless tie until the fifth inning when a controversial call led directly to McDuffe's first run. In the fifth, Hughie Williams singled and went to second on a passed ball. Stags' pitcher Mark Curtis threw a pitch which struck home plate and caromed over the screen. Base umpire Gord Hasselheldt ruled Williams to advance all the way home and the call sent Stags reeling into the rule book. Stags protested the game because of the call (which entitled Williams to third base only) and won the protest but league officials permitted the result to stand.

McDuffe put it away in the sixth with a three-run outburst courtesy of some sloppy Stags' fielding. Pete McDuffe and Pie Lee singled. McDuffe scored on an error on the play and Lee came around on Ray Evans' RBI single. Evans went to third on an error and scored on a passed ball.

Stags pressed in the game loading the bases on three occasions. In the third inning, McDuffe hurler Randy Coulson got out of a bases-loaded one-out jam by retiring Trevor Houston on a pop-up and Loris Faggion on a ground out.

In the sixth, Stags pressed once again but four consecutive singles didn't score a run. Garry Nayler and Larry Scott hit singles but

Nayler was thrown out on his way to third base. Bill Brush and Curtis followed with singles but Coulson struck out Roger Johnson to end the bases-loaded threat.

Stags loaded the bases once again in the seventh inning and managed but one run. Steve Gervais walked, Johnny Penson singled and Houston walked. Keith McKinnon came on in relief of Coulson and struck out Faggion before giving up a run-scoring double to Garry Nayler. Penson was thrown out at the plate on the play and Scott struck out to end the threat and give McDuffe the 1-0 lead in the series.

Stags out-hit McDuffe 12-6 with Curtis suffering the loss on the mound.

McDuffe reached the final via a 5-3 win over Muffles in the fifth game of the best-of-five semi-final last Tuesday. Larry Bennett and Coulson combined on the mound to pitch a five-hitter and allow McDuffe to win the series after trailing two games to one.

Barrie Elliott, Pete McDuffe, Williams and Evans led McDuffe's 12-hit attack with a pair of hits apiece.

Muffles jumped ahead 1-0 in the top of the first inning on a homer by Bruce Chinnery. McDuffe tied the score in its half of the first. Lee McPhail singled and advanced to second on Doc McCutcheon's sacrifice where he scored on Pete McDuffe's RBI single.

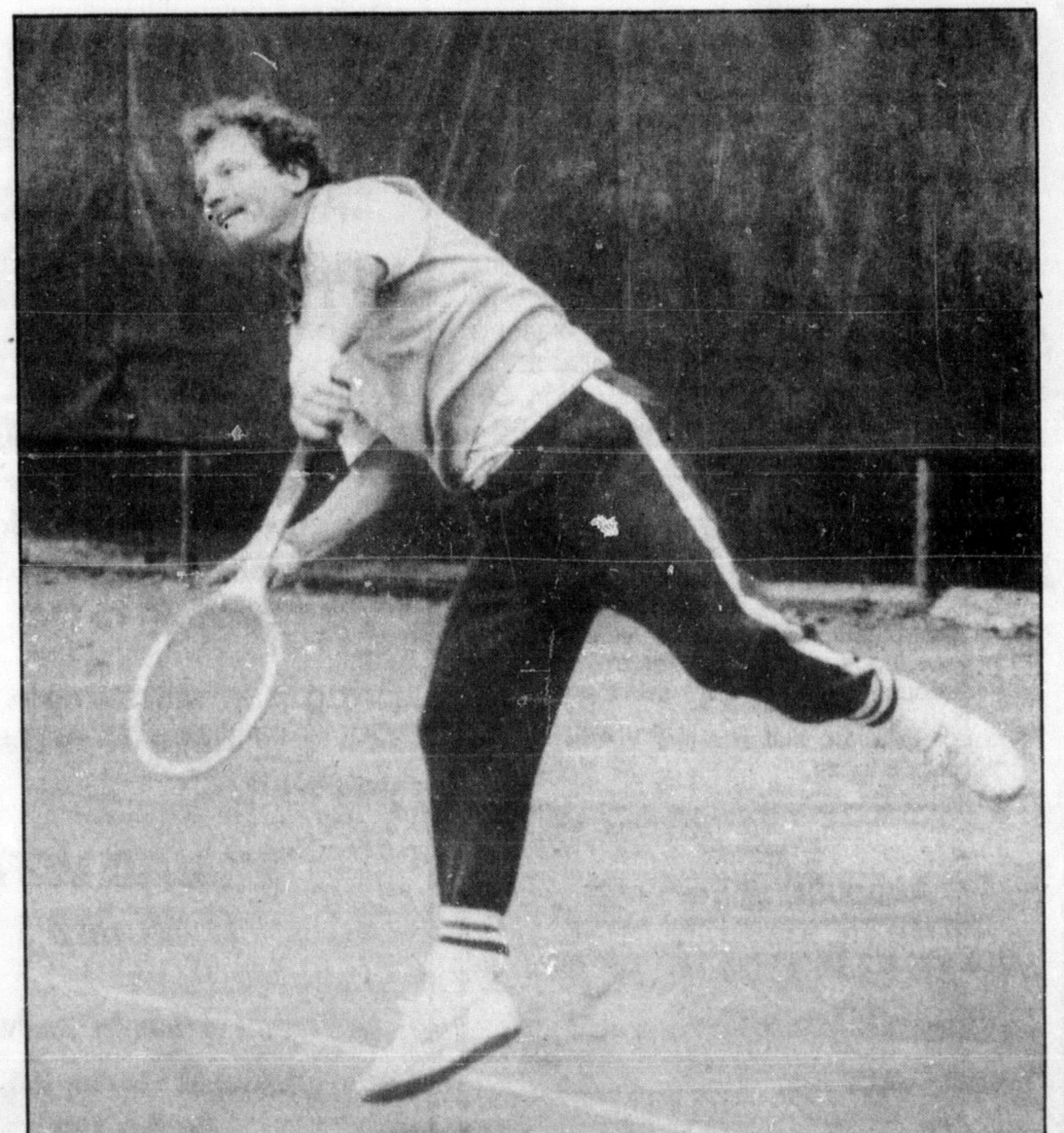
Elliott pounded out a two-run single in the second and then scored on McCutcheon's single installing McDuffe into a 4-1 lead.

Muffles closed to within a pair of runs in the third when Ray Griswold tripled and came home on Chinnery's RBI singles. Griswold's sacrifice fly in the sixth inning scored Nick Gauthier to close the gap to two runs before McDuffe sewed up the win on Pete McDuffe's RBI double in the bottom of the sixth.



Brand champ again

Pauline Brand defeated Anna Sjerps for the second year in a row to win the ladies' single tennis title Saturday afternoon at the Rotary Park courts. It took three tough sets before Brand emerged with the championship.



Alcock extended

Chuck Alcock was extended to a tiebreaker in the second set before he handed Mike Polvere a straight-set loss to win the men's singles championship Sunday. Alcock also teamed with Mike Rigo to win the doubles championship.