

Long ball booms in slo-pitch

The 1999 men's slo-pitch season is off to a roaring start and Division B's Wally's Meats has charged out of the gate to lead the pack.

They are followed closely by ReMax and The Dickens. In Division A, Halton Pool current sits atop the heap. Teams struggling to find their mid-season form are Bruce Hood, Primus, Key Centre, Brancier and the talent-laden Waltzing Weasel.

Morgan in form early

Notable performances include an opening week home run barrage by Aim Lock's Mike Morgan, who belted five dingers as part of a nine homer outburst against the Weasel. Perhaps it's the new ball?

Wally's Bruce Rankin clobbered home runs off both Bruce Hood and Re/Max — who were also taken long by Chris Heath. Meanwhile, Randy Novak crushed one off the fence against The Dickens.

Also going long were MSE's Rick McTrach against The Key Centre, Terry Rowley versus Brancier and Harry Barends with a whopping three homers against Wally's to go along with Scott Prior's pair and another by Dale Sharpe. Bill Flipping enjoyed a 6-for-6 performance against Brancier.

Key Centre's Terry Young tattooed a three-run shot versus MSE and Dwight Ward had a three-run homer against Wally's. Other standout efforts came from Glen Shoebridge and Joe Vanderwater, who registered a grand slam and three-run triple respectively.

Halton Pool's Steve McCutcheon's posted a bases-clearing homer as well while Paul Lemmon went 5-for-5 at the expense of Key Centre.

The Weasel's Doug Ranch had a grand slam against Wally's. Brancier's Ernie Nemmet went 5-for-6 with two doubles and a triple, Mike Sidnell had a 5-for-5 outing versus Primus. Clive Hubbard scored from first on Dunc Currie's triple. Yes, speed can kill you.

Primus's Mark Yorke stroked a long ball against The Dickens. The Dickens' Duane Stark popped one out against Primus. The Legion's Vince Bruzesse collected three triples and a double against Aim Lock.

Milton Men's Slo-Pitch Standings as of June 3

Division A	W	L	T	PTS
Halton Pool	6	1	2	14
Aim Lock	4	3	0	08
Legion	2	2	4	07
Primus	3	7	0	06
Bruce Hood	1	5	1	03
Weasel	1	6	1	03

Division B	W	L	T	PTS
Wally's	8	1	0	16
Dickens	5	1	1	11
ReMax	5	3	1	10
MSE	4	2	1	09
Brancier	1	5	2	04
Key Centre	1	5	1	03

Forwards taken in OHL draft

Milton Merchants' Chris Rowan and Ryan Stewart, both freshman forwards with the club this past season, were picked up in the Ontario Hockey League (OHL) entry draft Saturday.

Rowan — a 6'3", 200 lbs. left winger — was taken in the fourth round, 63rd overall by the Brampton Battalion. Meanwhile, the Plymouth Whalers used their seventh round pick (154th overall) to acquire Stewart, a centreman who stands 6'1" and weighs in at about 175 lbs.

Bigger things

The MTHL graduates each held their own in the playoffs this spring and should be called upon to assume bigger roles this coming season, as the Milton Jr. A's have lost most of their offensive firepower with the exit of Kevin O'Flaherty, Geoff Schomogyi, Ed McGrane, Nathan Gillies and Ryan Robichaud.

Despite having a year of junior experience now under his belt, defenceman Adam Sturgeon was too young to be taken in either the OHL's entry draft or the controversial new bantam draft.

Jeff Thomas cards a sixth

Milton's Jeff Thomas swung his way to sixth-place honours at last weekend's Diamond Back Junior Open in Richmond Hill.

The 15-year-old golfer shot rounds of 82 and 85 at the tournament, a stop on the Canadian Junior Golf Association (CJGA) Buick Tour, which featured 55 top-flight competitors.

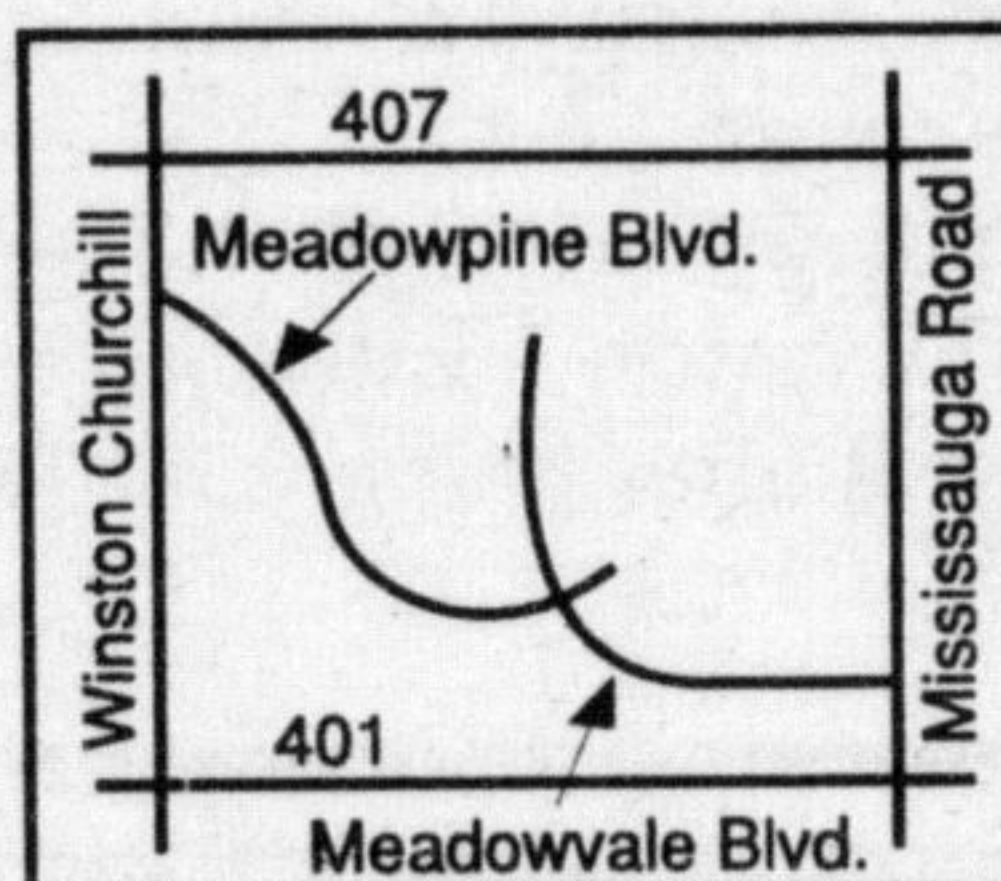
He finished 14 strokes back of the winner — Brampton's Mike Leon, who registered a career-best 73 Sunday while playing in a foursome with Thomas.

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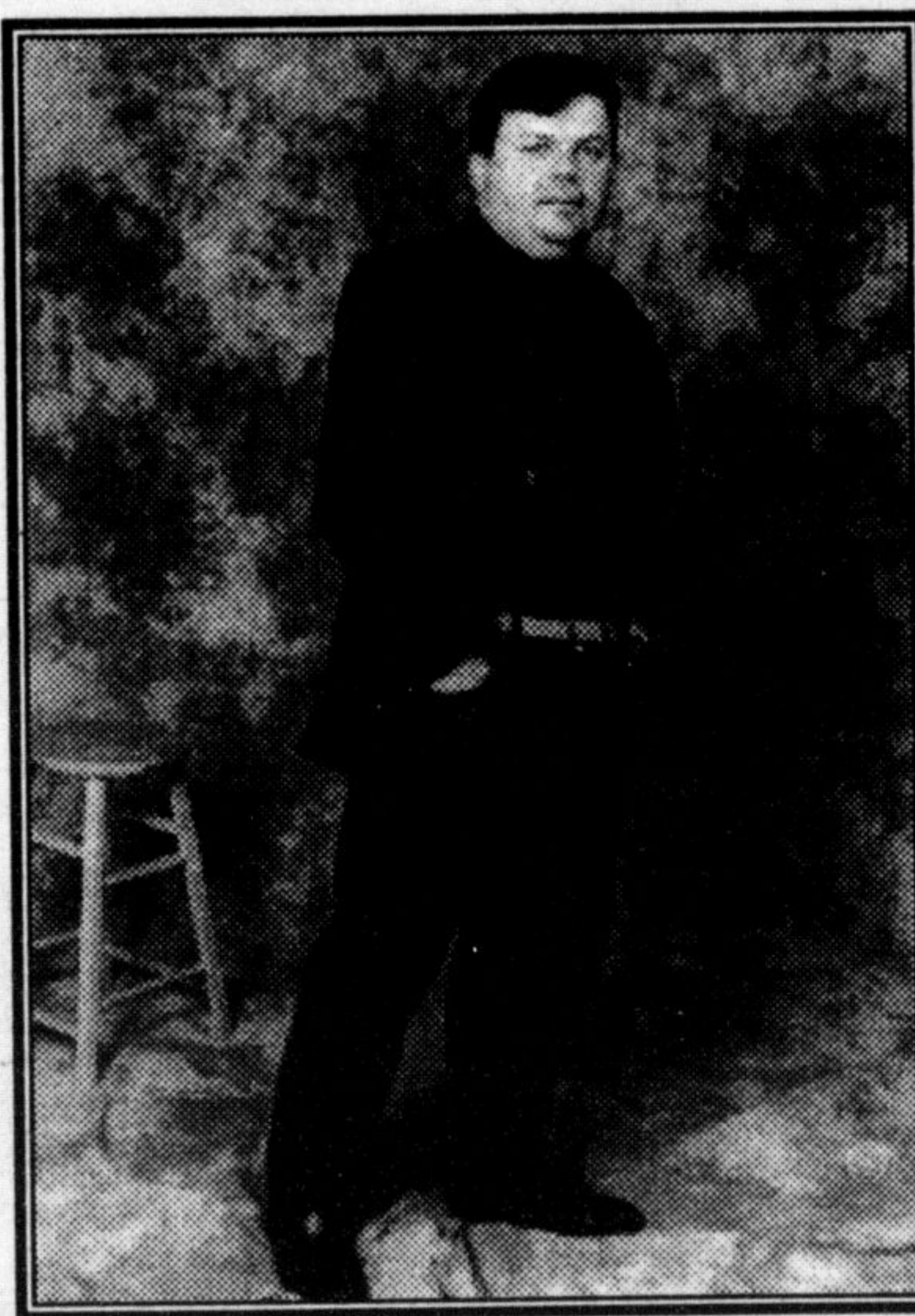
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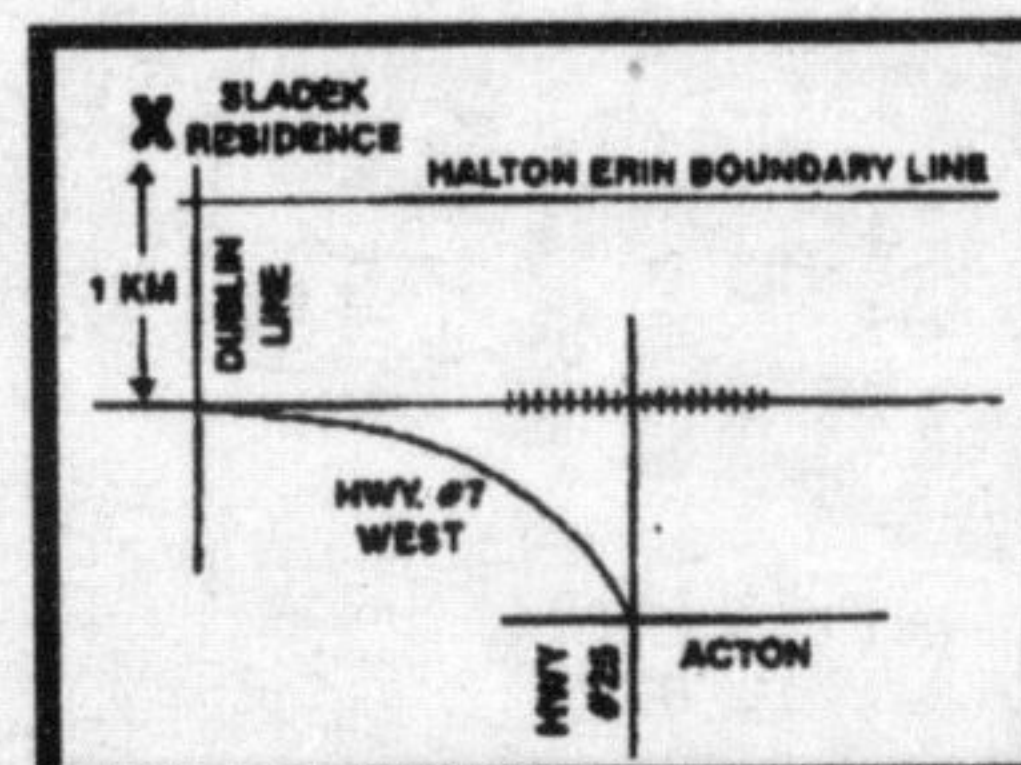


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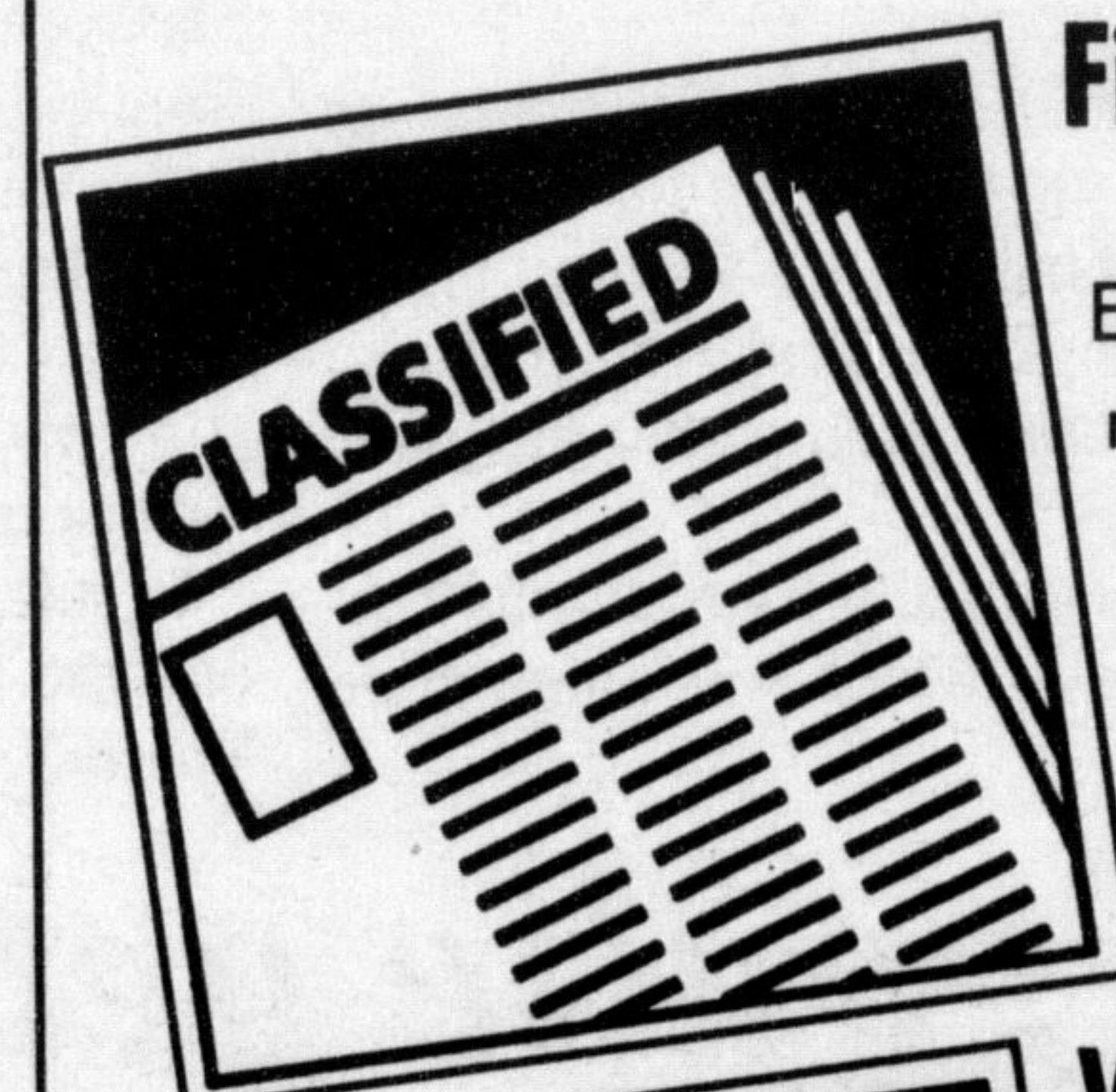
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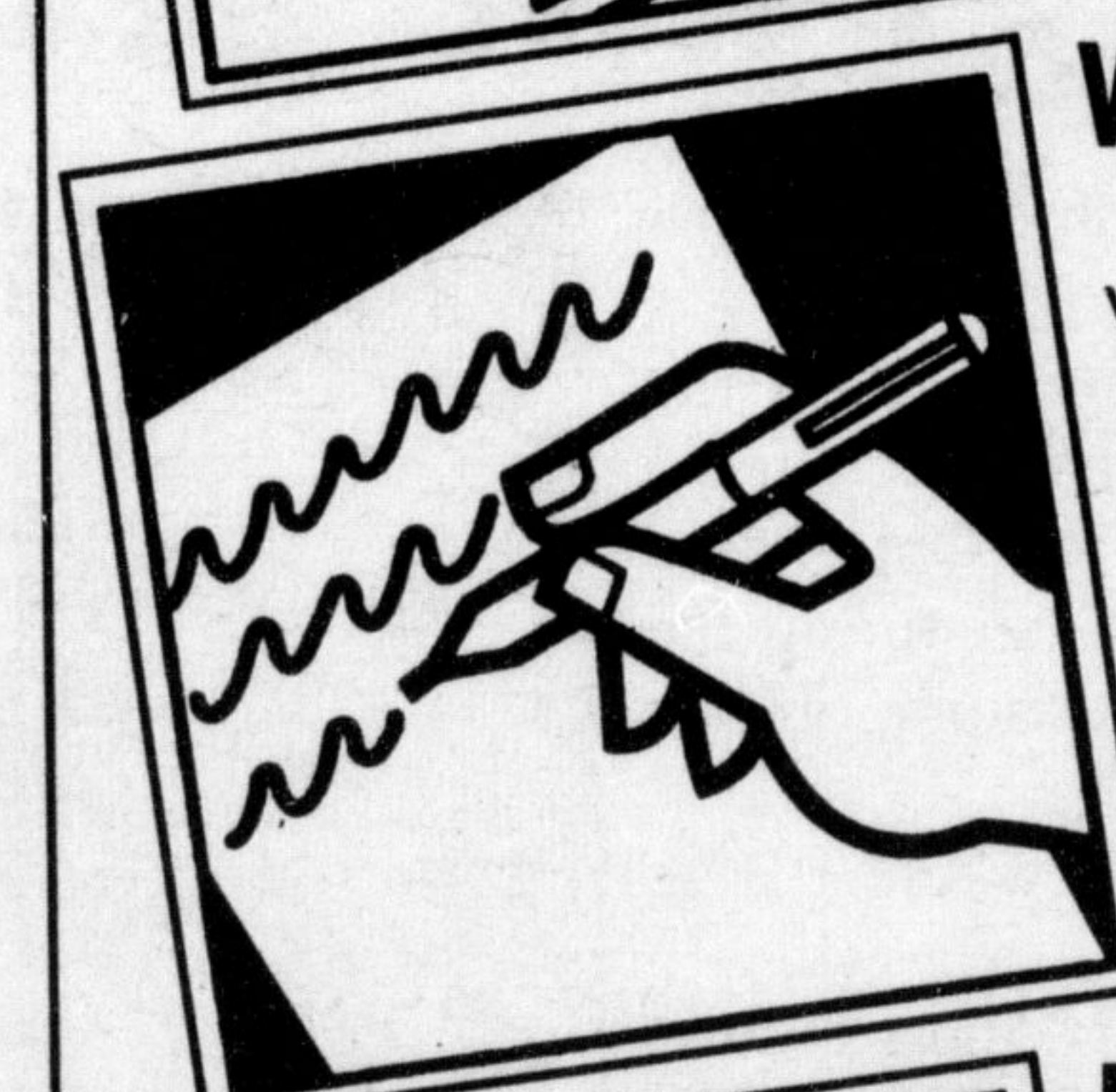
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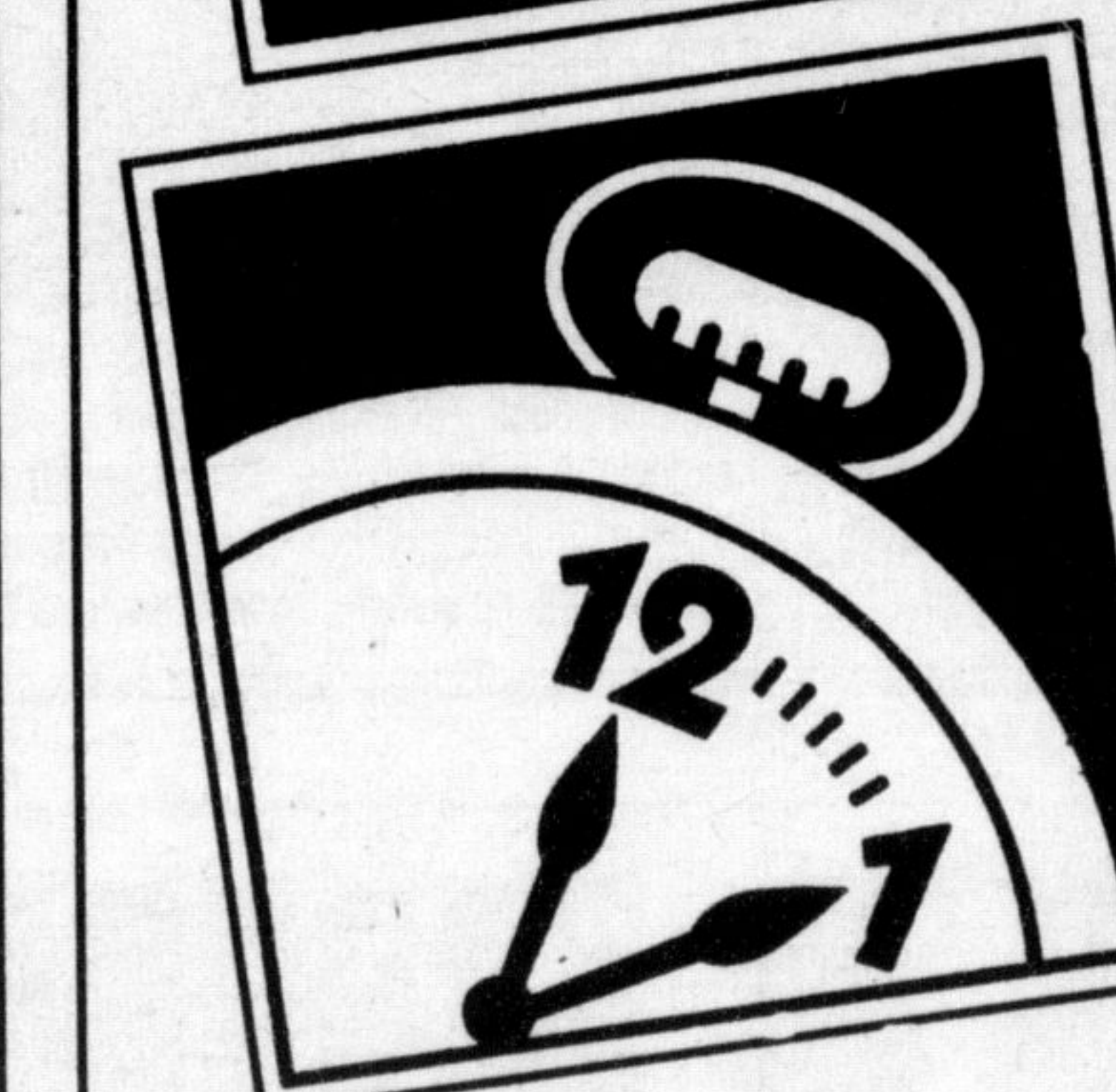
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