

## Philadelphia Hobos come to town this weekend

The first project in the town's campaign to raise \$15,000 towards the cost of repairs to the Penetanguishene Arena will be a visit to the town by the Philadelphia Hobos.

Billed as "Clowns of softball", the team will play the top team in the Georgian Bay Fastball League at 8:00 p.m., July 9, in McGuire Park.

The game will follow the playoffs of the town's house league softball program, which will take place all through the day.

The Hobos, founded in 1967 by Herman Skea, a softball pitcher in Philadelphia, travel around the United States and Canada, playing top teams, and putting on their comic act. They also visit several military and penal institutions each year.

The team plays serious ball for the first three innings of the game, to show the fans what they are capable of. Then for the final four innings, they go into their act, which includes assorted clowning and trick play, and a female impersonator known as "Baby Jane", who chases her team mates around

the field in a series of slapstick routines.

The team's founder and pitcher, Herman Skea, began pitching in various leagues around Philadelphia in the mid 1950's. He went into the army in 1958, where he pitched for Fort Jackson, S.C., and Ford Ord, California. When he was released from the army in 1960, he returned immediately to Philadelphia, and picked up where he left off, pitching League and Tournament Ball, and being named to virtually every All Star Team around.

One of the highlights of his career occurred in May of 1964, when he struck out an amazing 32 batters in a 16 inning tilt in the Philadelphia Major Softball League. Then in the 1968 Keystone Industrial Tournament, in a marathon 23 inning game, he struck out 45 batters.

In the 1967 season, he pitched his team to the Philadelphia Major Softball Title, and represented Philadelphia in the A.S.A. regionals. They won every Tournament they entered.

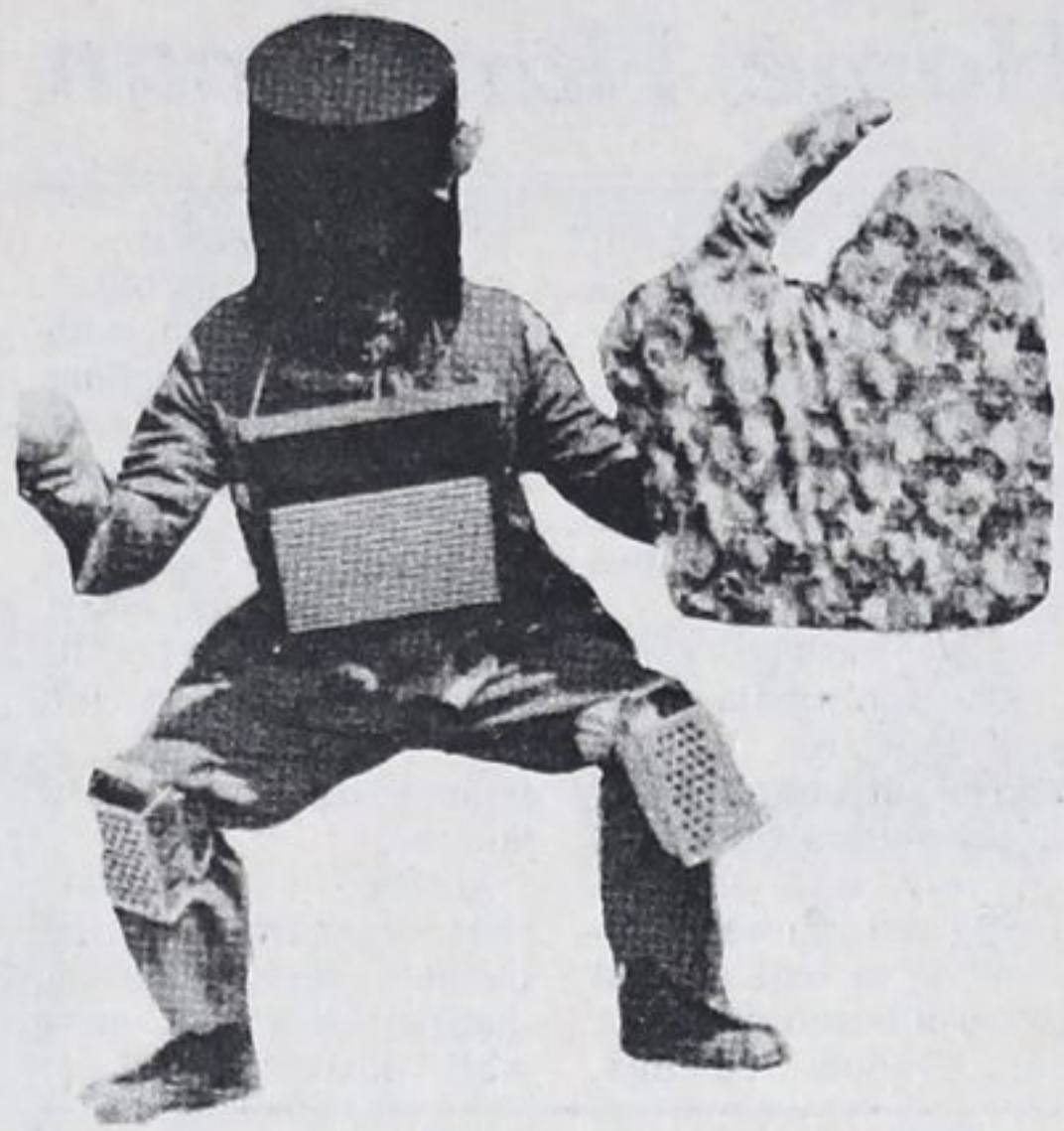
In one outstanding

performance at the Schautz Invitational Softball Tourney, held in Scranton Pennsylvania, he pitched five consecutive shut-outs, earning both the Championship and the Most Valuable Pitcher Award.

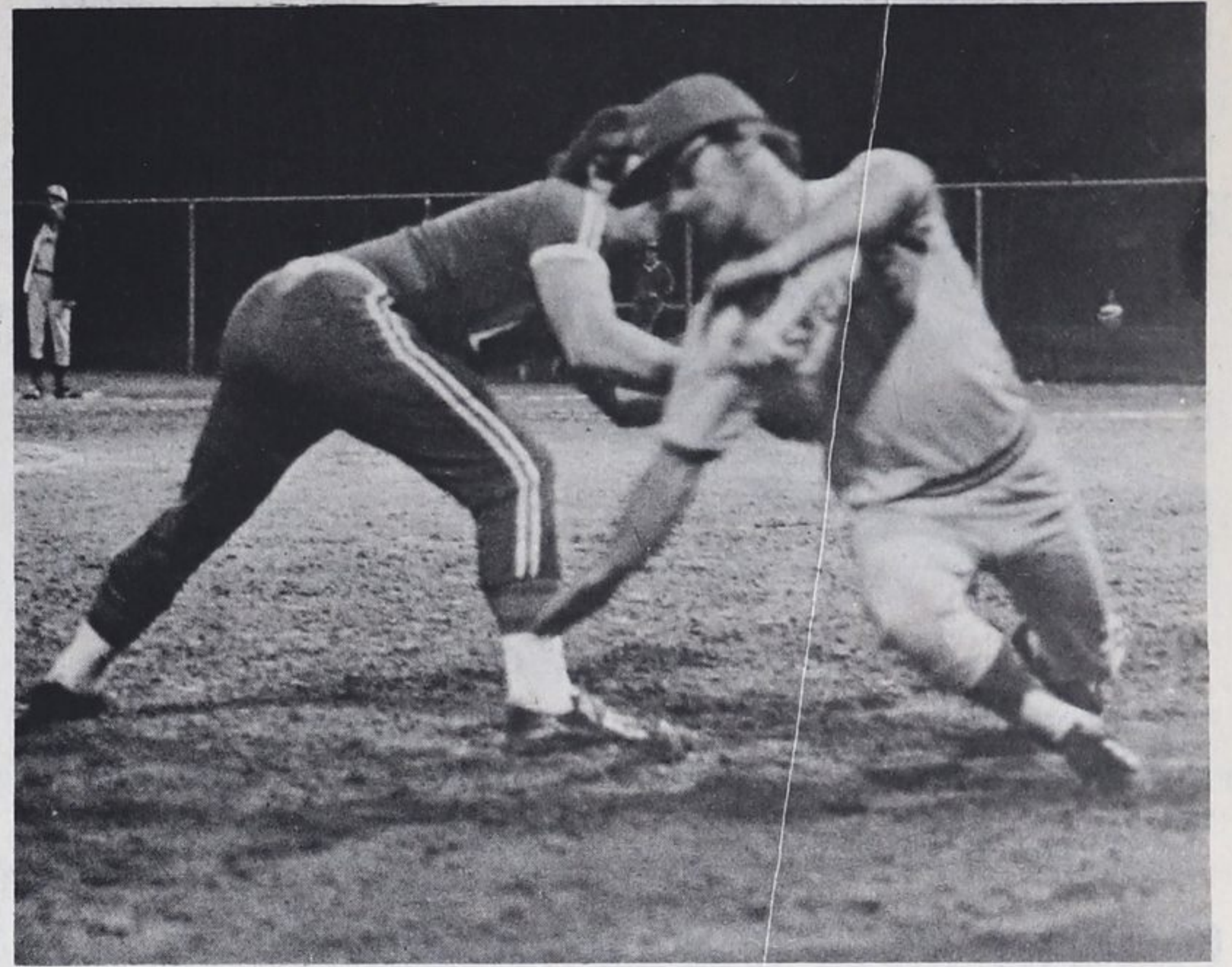
It was at that point in his career that he came up with the idea of forming the Hobos.

Since that time, Skea and the team have travelled extensively throughout North America.

Whichever team in the Georgian Bay Fastball League manages to be in first place as of Saturday will certainly have its hands full facing this amazing pitcher and his club.



Catcher John Hunter



You're out!

Art Desroches came home Sunday night—after the ball game was over. Desroches never made it to home plate at MacGuire Park however, as he'd obviously planned

to. Here, Expo third baseman Jerry Gignac puts the tag on the Caswell ball player during Sunday night's Georgian Bay fastball competition.

Staff photo Bill Schiller

Pitcher Herman Skea

## Alan Redfern wins Laser championship

Heavy winds made for speedy sailing at the under-19 Single-Handed Provincial Sailing Championships in Midland Bay over the weekend.

Twenty-seven competitors from all over the province arrived in Midland on Saturday and they brought with them their pride and joy — small, finely crafted boats weighing approximately 100 pounds, known as Lasers.

Winner of the two-day meet was Alan Redfern of

Lakefield College School Sailing Club. He took three of the five races he entered, placed second in one and jogged to a comfortable tenth place finish in another. He tallied a total of 19 points over the 4 mile, triangular-shaped Olympic course. Olympic scoring awards first place to the competitor who scores the least amount of points over the race series.

Second place went to Rob Muru of Toronto's

Water Rats Sailing Club. Muru finished in the top ten in every race he was in, but failed to capture the first spot in any event. He polled 38.4 points over the series.

Close behind was Greg Tawaststjerna with 39.7 points. Tawaststjerna, who hails from the Sturgeon Lake Sailing Club, captured the fourth race and finished seventh or better in his four other races.

There were six races in all over the weekend.

Competitors were only obliged to count their best five in tallying their results.

"I was really impressed with all of the young fellas who participated in the meet," said Convener Basil Clark, who along with Harvey and Marg Payne, and John Leitch were the main organizers of the single handed championships.

"We didn't have any problems at all," said Clark, "and that's due to

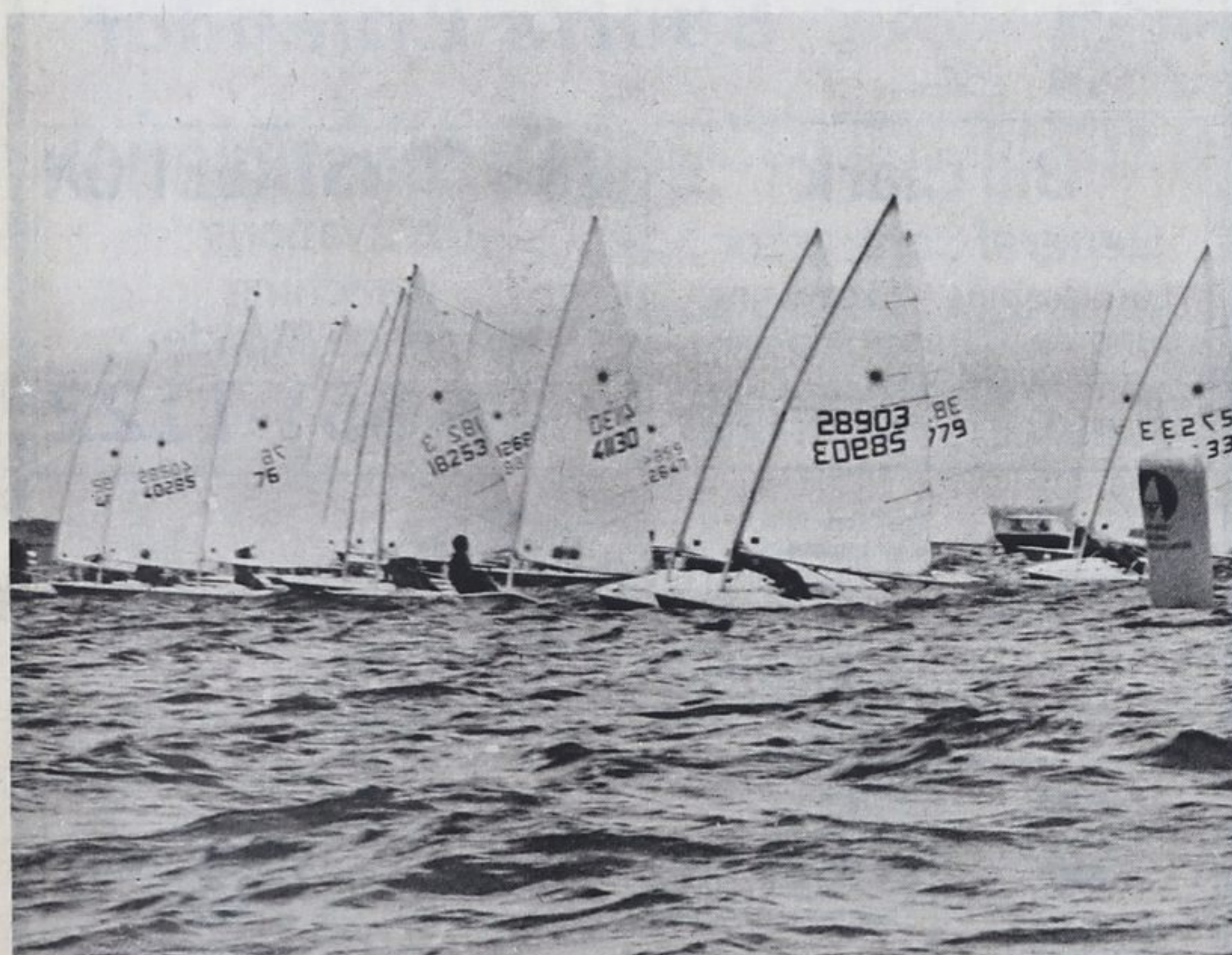
the fine competitors and to the many members of our club who helped to organize the meet."

The first and second place finishers in the event, Alan Redfern and Rob Muru will be representing Ontario in this year's Canada Games to be held in St. John's Newfoundland, August 8-14. The two-day event at the Midland Bay Sailing Club was not only a provincial championship, but was also

billed as the Canada Games trials for under 19 laser competition.

While Redfern captured first place in the first, second and fourth races, third place finisher Greg Tawaststjerna won first place in the third event.

Dave Beatson of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club in Toronto came in first in the fifth event, while Jeff Erksine of the Gattineau River Yacht Club captured the sixth and final race.



Taking a run at the line

Twenty-seven lasers jam the starting line in Midland Bay as another race in Ontario's single handed championships is about to begin. This kind of congestion is not steady throughout the races, but the average sports buff would be surprised just how tension-filled laser racing can be. Staff photo

## Excellent instruction pays off

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The excellent instruction at Lakefield has obviously paid dividends. Redfern's competition in the Single-Handed Championships featured some of the best sailors in the province, regardless of age class and he finished number one. Both Bob Muru and Greg Tawaststjerna second and third place finishers over the weekend, finished in the top five of

an "open" laser meet held in Barrie last week. What does a sailing enthusiast do in the summer?

"Why, teach sailing of course," Redfern offers. Redfern just recently passed examinations to attain the highest level of sailing instruction offered by the Canadian Yachting Association. He teaches at the Ontario Sailing Centre in Orillia, located in Geneva Park, and classes there run from

June 12th to August 28th. After that, Redfern says, it's back to Lakefield for Grade 13. One of his classmates will be missing this year however: Prince Andrew. The young prince's six-month stay is over.

"He was a good guy," Redfern says casually. "He fitted in very well at school and was well appreciated."

Redfern admits that it was a bit formal at first. "We all began calling

him "Prince Andrew" at first," Redfern explains. "And then it was 'Andrew' — but by the end of the year it became 'Andy'."

Redfern reflects for a second after relating the Prince Andrew information and says, cautiously, "You're not going to play up the Prince Andrew thing are you?...it could tend to make people think of us as snobs." Not a bit Alan.

## Anne Merkle wins another

Penetanguishene's Anne Merkle has won the Cambridge Junior open tennis tournament in Cambridge, for the second straight year.

The 14-year-old star won five straight matches to walk off with top honours in the under-16 category of the tournament, held on the weekend of June 25-26.

In her first match, she downed Pam Managhan, of Kitchener, 6-0, 6-0. She went on to take Wendy Strum of Pennsylvania, 6-1, 7-6.

In the quarter-finals, she knocked off Mary Daily, also of Pennsylvania, by scores of 6-3 and 6-1. Jenny Sheppard

of Aurora was the next to fall victim to Anne's racket work, as she went down to defeat 6-7, 6-2, 6-2 in the semi-finals.

In the finals, Anne downed Jenny Colborne of Windsor 6-2, 7-5, 6-2. For her troubles, Anne picked up a trophy and a pair of shoes.

Right now, Anne is in Toronto, practising for an American Tournament, in St. Louis. She and three other girls, and four boys, who will all be representing Ontario at the tournament, are practising at the Cobblestone Tennis Club. The tournament in St. Louis begins on July 11.

## Bass derby attracts 105 hopeful entrants

by Bryan Berriault  
The 1977 Little Lake Bass Derby was the biggest bass derby since its start some fourteen years ago. At the twelve o'clock weigh-in a grand total of 105 entries had

so quite effectively. At the twelve noon weigh-in a fish of 2 pounds 15 ounces was top fish. As the day wore on the hard hours of fishing started to take its toll with many of the anglers throwing in the

to be top fisherman of the day with a three pound six ounce largemouth bass. It just goes to show that a Lott can win the derby. Father George who has been trying for fourteen years to be top dog on Derby day will have to give it another try next year.

If the entries keep climbing as they have we will either have to enlarge the lake or use smaller boats. All in all it was a mighty fine day for all concerned. Congratulations to all the winners and to the losers there's always next year. I would like to take this opportunity to send out congratulations to Allen Stewart, supervisor of the

Fish and Wildlife Branch of the Ministry of Natural Resources. Allen will soon leave the Midhurst office to take a position as District Manager at Moonsee. I can honestly say that I hate to see a man of his calibre leave our area.

Allen has always been straight with any dealings. I have had with him whether it was the answer I wanted to hear or not. He never flowered his answers to any question or watered them down until they meant absolutely nothing.

He was honest in all situations and deserved the respect of all of us. We did not agree on everything but we could always see each others

points. In some dealings with some government agencies, it's like banging your head against a wall, and the only relief comes when you stop. With Allen it was never like this. If he was in the office he always had time to talk even if a few meetings had to wait a couple of minutes. He was a sportsman and knew what the sportsman was up against.

Again I say it's too bad we are losing him but along with every sportsman in the Huronia District I wish him all the luck and success in the world.

Over the past few years we have been hearing a lot about mercury in fish. In a report put out on

mercury residue level, General Food Items (Toronto) it was quite noticeable that fish are not the only ones carrying mercury. Dill, for instance, contains 0.33, if home grown 0.17 ppm hg wet weight. The report goes on to include such items as beef at 0.01, turkey at 0.03, spinach with 0.06, salmon at 0.08 with two of the lowest being sunflower seeds (0.006) and pumpkin (0.008). According to biologist mercury takes time to break down and can be built up if consistently consumed. So next time the subject of fish and mercury comes up throw in a few of the every day foods and see what they think.

## Ken's Esso stage come from behind victory over Brule

Wayne Dion allowed only five runs on 10 hits Sunday night, to pick up a 7-5 win for Ken's Esso over Hotel Brule in the Georgian Bay Fastball League.

Hotel Brule blew a three run lead going into the bottom of the sixth, and Bob Lapham, who pitched for just over five innings, was credited with the loss. Ken Davidson pitched the last

two thirds of an inning for Hotel Brule. The Brule team went out in front 1-0 in the top of the first, but Ken's Esso scored two runs in its first time at bat to make it 2-1. The Brule team picked up a run in the third, and another in the fifth to take the lead once again, and in the top of the sixth, they scored two runs on three singles, by John Dion, Doug Crake

and Angie DeCola, and a sacrifice by Terry Alderton.

In the bottom of the sixth, though, the bottom fell out for the Hotel Brule squad. Ken's Esso scored five runs off a pair of singles, by Keith Bath and Wayne Dion, and a pair of walks to Mike Brophy and Steve McDonald. Brule then replaced Bob Lapham with Ken Davidson, and

on the second pitch, Walter Zimmerman hit a double to right field, advanced on the throw in, and scored on the sacrifice.

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## Caswell's downs Brule 6-4

Despite a fifth inning rally by Hotel Brule Monday night, Caswell's Antiques hung on to an early lead for a 6-4 victory in Georgian Bay Fastball League action.

Murray Cooper, who was on the mound for nearly five innings, was credited with the win, and Tom Sibley, who pitched the last two and a third innings for Caswells, got the save.

Tim Sylvester pitched six innings for Brule, for

the loss, and Bob Lapham pitched the final inning.

In the top of the first, Caswell's scored five runs on singles by Tom Sibley, Art Desroches, Carl Banting, Wally Jamieson and Brian Marshall, and a pair of Brule errors. Marshall picked up three R.B.I.'s.

In the third inning, Caswell's scored one more run, on a double by Sibley, and a Brule error. The Brule squad hit the

come-back trail in the bottom of the fifth, as they scored four runs, on singles by Roger Dupuis, Doug Crake, Bob Morasse and Peter DuBeau, and a double by John Dion. They were helped along by a couple of Caswell errors.

They couldn't get moving in the sixth, however, and in the bottom of the seventh, Sibley gave up a single, and then struck out three

in a row, Roger Ladouceur, Dion and Morasse.

Tom Sibley, Carl Banting and Brian Marshall were the big hitters for Caswell's, each going for two four at the plate.

Throughout the game Caswell's managed to pick up 10 hits, while committing three errors, and Brule got eight hits, and committed five errors.

## Garrisons dump Midland

The Lercar Construction Garrisons of the Georgian Bay Fastball League had little difficulty Monday night, as they disposed of the Midland Athenian Raiders by a score of 10-0.

Lefthander Tony Forget, who was on the mound throughout the game for the Garrisons, allowed only three hits.

The Garrisons banged in three runs in the first inning, and three more in the third. In the fourth

they scored two, and in the fifth, they scored their final two runs.

The highlight for the Garrisons was a home run with one man on in the third inning by Bill Bowker.

The Garrisons play the

Penetanguishene Expos tonight at McGuire Park, while the Midland squad saw action last night against Ken's Esso.

Details of both those games will appear in the Friday Citizen.