

CKMP Grand Prix

Derby fever popular in Penetanguishene



Will it pass the test?

John Saunders of CKMP radio station checks over one of the entries at last weekend's Soap Box Gran Prix. All of the cars passed technical inspection and there were no serious mishaps. Staff photo

Nearly all of Penetanguishene turned out for the first annual CKMP Gran Prix to see six of the fastest racers in town win their heat and a place on the starting grid for the championship final.

Main street was blocked off especially for the event and spectators lined the course from top to bottom Saturday, to see their favourite hurl himself down the hill in a vehicle that only its builder could love.

In the first heat Bob Fergie in car number 47 ran away from the pack while in the second heat Paul Bidan was the quickest.

In the third race Michael LeMay streaked across the finish line just ahead of his nearest rival. He could hardly contain himself after the victory and when he threw up his arms in joy his car skidded sideways into the runner-up. No one was injured.

"It was perfect, the best..." he said immediately after the race, ready to go again at a moments notice.

"I think it was the way the car was shaped" he said when asked about his win, "you know the triangle wedge shape." Randy Taylor won the fourth heat and Robert

Brooks the fifth. In the sixth race it was the Taco Terror himself, Doug McConnachie in a very smooth running cart that will be tough to beat in the final.

"But he's so light, said his father Jim McCon-

nachie, we'll have to feed him a lot before the big race in September."

The second half of the field of 52 entrants will have their chance for glory in Midland on the 27th of August starting at 1 p.m.



He's got the flag

Penetang to enter Junior "C" hockey

Penetanguishene will field a Junior "C" hockey team this winter.

The announcement that the former Juvenile team had been allowed to move up to Junior "C" came at a meeting of the Ontario Hockey Association, held Monday in Bradford. The meeting was attended by the team's coach, Peter DuBeau, and president Max Cowan.

The Penetanguishene

team will play in the northern division of the league, along with Parry Sound, Huntsville, Bracebridge, and Oro. Playing in the southern division will be Alliston, Bradford, Caledon, Orangeville, Meaford, Collingwood, Schomberg and Stayner.

The team will play a 32 game schedule, which will start around November 1. The first few games may have to be

played in Elmvale, until the ice is ready at the Penetanguishene arena.

DuBeau said the team is now in the process of looking for a sponsor. An organizational meeting will be held in the near future, and DuBeau asks that anyone interested in sponsoring the team, or in acting as a coach, manager, director, fund raiser, contact him at 549-8084 or Max Cowan at 549-7917.

Flyers react

Club's "C" status could pose problems

Few of the players who still remain from last year's Midland Flyers' team are looking forward

to a season as a Junior C team. The decision to change the teams status from

Junior B to Junior C was made by the team's executive due to the lack of an arena for the coming season and because of losses totalling close to \$9,000 last season.

"I don't really like the idea," said one player, "it's just another league of juvenile."

Another player who also felt the competition would not be as good said he intended to try out for either the Barrie or Orillia Junior B teams.

All of the players contacted by the Times felt they would like to try out for a Junior B team elsewhere, although none of them had decided definitely not to play for Midland.

Flyer owner Ron Sauve, when told of his players intentions said, "I don't think they know what they're up against, they don't know what it's all about."

We (the executive) talked it over and thought we'd go (Junior) C for a while to give the local kids more experience, and then go back to (Junior) B."

The Flyers were winless in their first fourteen league games last year and with the change to Junior C status Sauve thinks the team will be competitive.

"If we want to be competitive in Junior B then we have to get imports (out of town players). We did that and it still didn't help. And where do they think the money is coming from?"

The lack of an arena in Midland caused problems for the team last year and as yet there have been no decisions made about scheduling for this year.

Sauve was unsure about when the team would be meeting to set up shop for the coming season and has been unable to do any scheduling at all. The schedules for Junior B would have been made up by this time.

As for those players who are going to try out for other Junior B teams, Sauve said, "let them try it, I think they're in for a big surprise. If they think they are so good they should give it a good shot in (Junior) C."

Car draw tickets still available

I hope that everyone has obtained their tickets for the Elimination Car Draw and Dance to be held on Saturday, August 27, 1977 at the Curling Club. At this writing very few tickets are available. If you still have not purchased one and would like to, may I suggest that you contact Ron Bellisle at Stoneleigh Motors. The proceeds go to the Arena Floor Fund.

Recreation scene

by Ron Marchildon
Penetanguishene Recreation Coordinator

Other Fund Raising Activities which are upcoming will include a door to door blitz which will be held on September 13. Anyone wishing to donate funds will be asked to do so at that time. Remember a few dollars donated by each household will go a long way in reaching our ultimate goal of \$25,000.00. It is also understood that the Penetanguishene Minor Hockey Association will be holding a dance on October 1, further details to follow.

In the next few weeks Playoff arrangements will be finalized for the Georgian Bay Fastball League. At present the standings are very close and all eight teams are still battling for six playoff spots.

In the near future we will be contacting all groups which held ice at the Penetang Arena last year. The purpose will be to find out your requirements for the upcoming season. We of course do not know when we will have ice. You can be assured we will have it as soon as we possibly can. Your patience would be appreciated.

Georgian Bay Fastball League

Monday, Aug. 15

Hotel Brule 4
Expos 11
Ken's Esso 4

Lercar Const. 0
Olympia 1
Hotel Brule 3

Standings

Team	G	W	L	T	Pts.
Lercar	24	20	3	1	41
Olympia	24	14	8	2	30
Expos	23	14	8	1	29
Caswells	22	12	9	1	25
Hotel Brule	24	12	11	1	25
Ken's Esso	24	8	14	2	18
Juniors	22	5	17	0	10
Midland	22	4	17	1	9

Provincial playdowns

Midland teams lose in lacrosse action

Midland's Lacrosse teams met with an early demise last weekend in Clarkson and in Dresden. The Novice Bantam and Pee wee teams were all eliminated from their Ontario Provincial Playdowns, leaving only the Juveniles left to seek a provincial championship. The Juvenile playdowns begin this weekend in Grand River.

Novice On Saturday Midland Minit Market Novices played the Spartans and lost 13-4. Dale Clark was the top scorer for Midland with three goals.

In the second game Midland overpowered Erindale by a score of 10-1 as Jamie Finley and Dale Clark scored three and four goals each. Jeff Wilson, Graham Burrage and Jay Dolan each scored once in what became Midland's only win of the day.

The final blow came in the game against Ajax as Midland managed only one goal. Ajax replied with 17 of its own to take the game and eventually went on to win the Novice "D" championship.

Pee wee In the Pee wee games played at Dresden, Midland was narrowly defeated when Lakefield broke a five all tie with 39 seconds remaining. Chris Lemieux led the scoring with two goals. Perry Scott, John Bald and Peter Wright got the other Midland goals.

In the second game against Kingston, Chris Lemieux went on a scoring rampage getting eight goals and four assists in a 17-0 victory. Drew Varley added three goals while Robert Murphy and Art Perriault scored two each.

John Bald and Gord Tucherman got the last two goals for Midland.

Bantam The Bantams split their playdown series winning 11-8 against Orangeville

and losing 14-2 against Belleville.

In the Orangeville game it was Scott and Todd Jackson who did the scoring with three goals apiece. Keith Sager had two goals and Gordon Staunton, Rob Leduc and Gordon Graham added a single each.

Against Belleville, Todd Jackson and Paul Hahn scored Midland's only goals.

Peeweewes bow to Thornhill in CNE tourney

The Midland Peeweewes lost their only game at this year's CNE - Toronto Star Invitational Baseball Tournament.

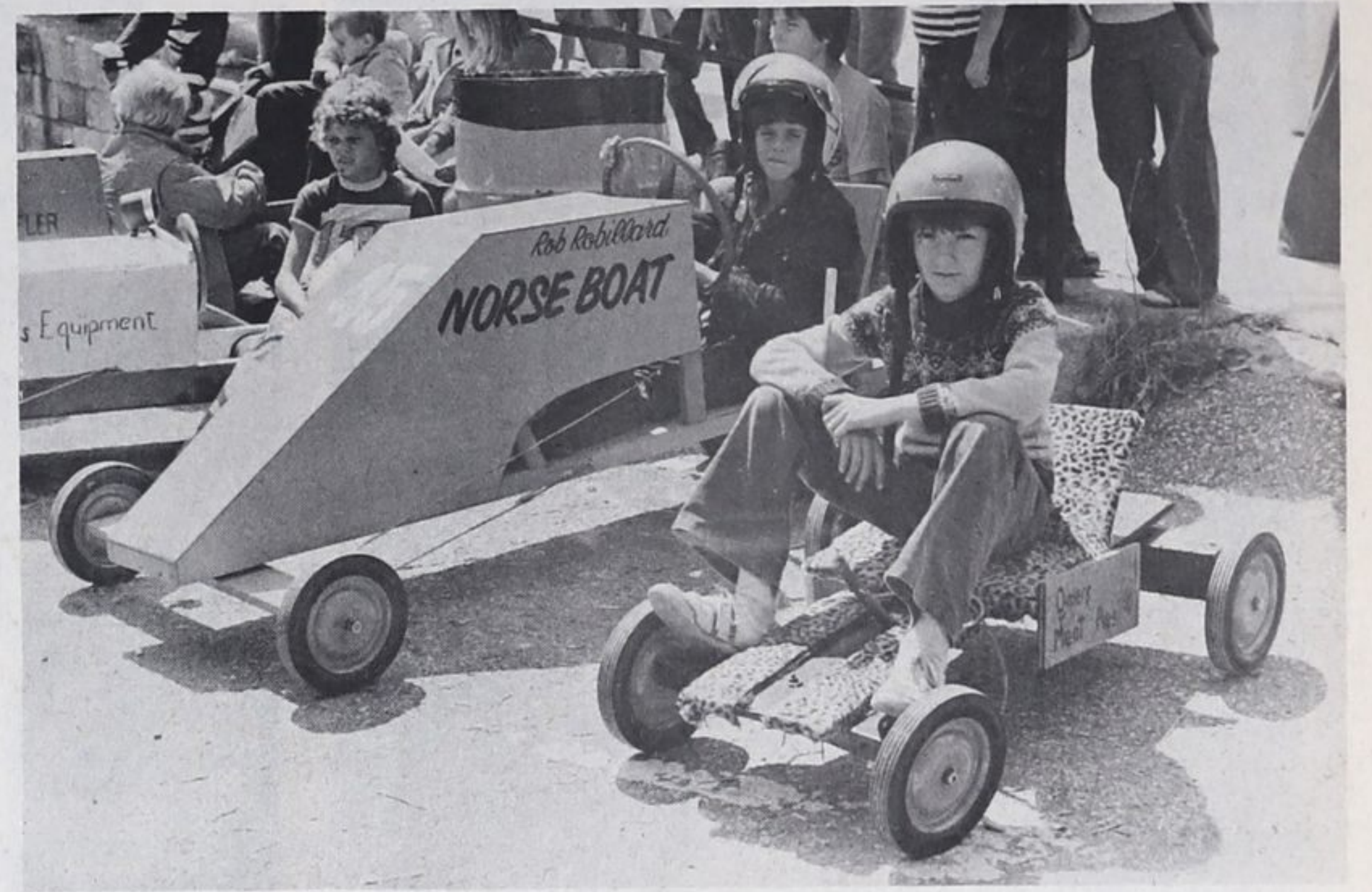
Playing against Thornhill, the Midland team were outscored 8-2 and thereby eliminated from further competition in the 32 team playoff.

This is the seventh year that Midland's Peeweewee team has been invited to participate in the annual event which goes through five rounds before a winner is declared. A double by Midland's

Craig Pender brought in the Peeweewes only two runs which were scored by John Walters and Mike Dineen.

The week before Midland won the consolation championship at the Alliston Potato Festival Peeweewee Tournament by beating Collingwood 16-4 and Elmgrove 22-1. The game against Elmgrove was called on the mercy rule after the fifth inning.

Midland lost their first game to Bolton 6-5.



The big and little of the derby

They came from all around, big and small, to compete in the first heat of the CKMP Soap Box Gran Prix. Jamie Dumais' tiny racer was almost overshadowed by Rob Robilliard's car in the pits where design styles

were as varied as possible. The two extremes pictured here were obviously not the answer as neither car won its heat. Staff photo

Russ Howard wins Walker Invitational on weekend

Russ Howard proved once again that he is the top golfer in the Midland area by winning the second annual Johnny Walker Invitational at Brooklea Golf and Country Club last Sunday.

Despite windy conditions and the threat of rain, Howard shot a three over par 75 to beat runner-up Dale Dulmage from Horseshoe Valley by one stroke.

Midland's Chester Graham looked as if he might overtake Howard until he hit the fence on the sixteenth hole and double bogied putting him third overall and second low gross with a 77.

Toronto's Don Curzon was third low gross and fourth overall with an eight over par 80.

Howard, who the day before had a wisdom tooth removed showed no sign of it bothering him; he was more concerned with the prevailing winds.

"With the wind coming from the East (rather than the west as usual) it was a totally different course," he said.

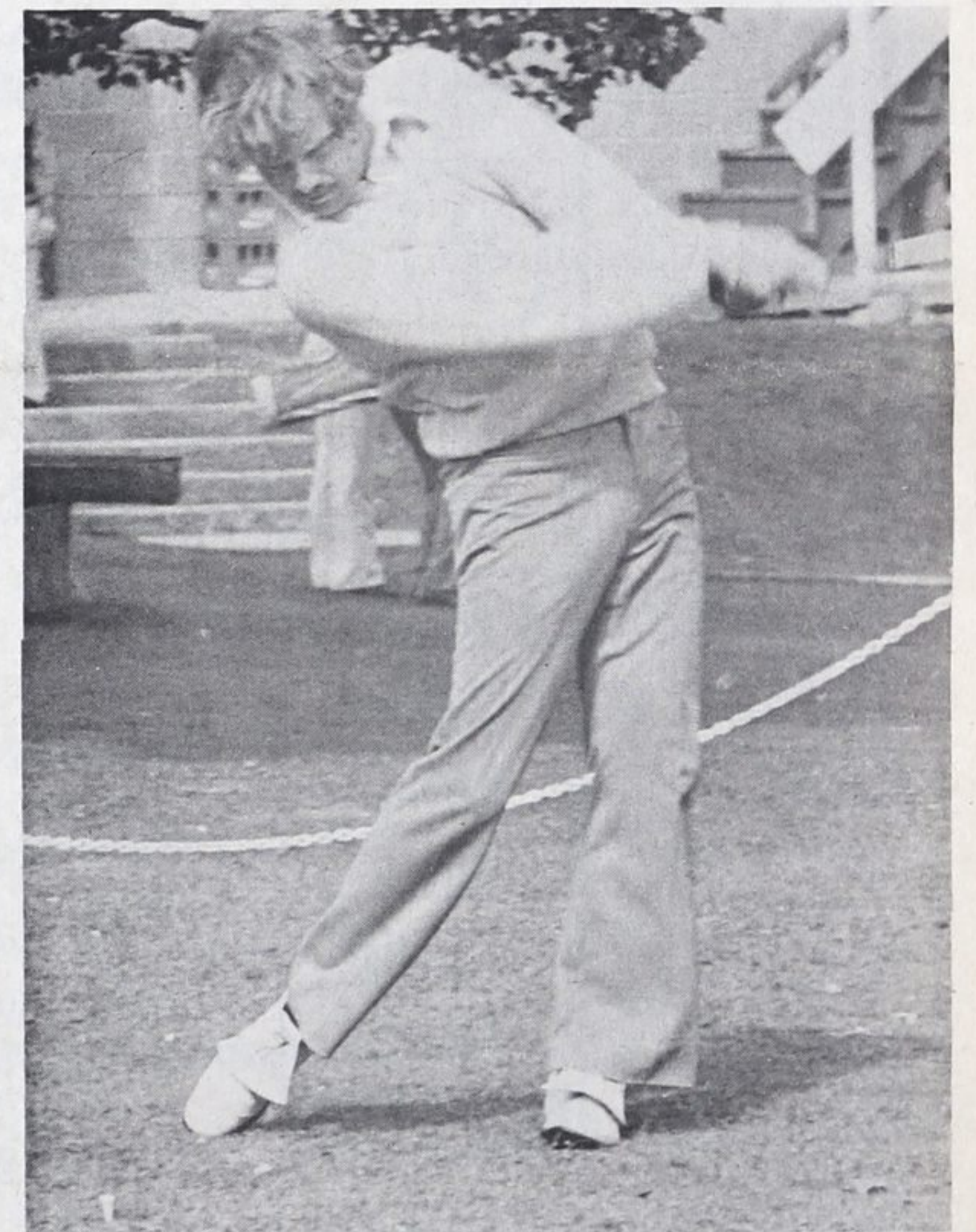
Dulmage had a chance to win first overall until the eighteenth hole when he shot a nine, raising his total score to 76.

Top scorers in order of flights were:

First Flight-Gross
Handicap 0-11
Russ Howard - 75, Dale Dulmage - 76, Chester Graham - 77, Don Curzon - 80.

First Flight-Net
Dennis Lemieux - 70, Ray McMurray - 72, Ken McClellan - 72

Second Flight-Gross
Handicap 12-21
Jack Glover - 84, Ken Richmond - 84, Layton Smith - 86.



Winner's swing

Russ Howard of Midland teed off first thing Sunday morning despite having a wisdom tooth removed the day before. A total of 56 golfers entered the Second

Annual Johnny Walker Invitational played at Brooklea Golf and Country Club. Staff photo



Walker Invitational trophy presentation

John Walker, president of the Brooklea Golf and Country Club, presents Russ Howard with the Johnny Walker trophy at last Sunday's Invitational Tour-

nament. Howard shot a low gross 75 to win yet another Midland area golf award. Staff photo