

Faster than a speeding bullet!

Soap box derbies are pretty serious stuff from the machine to the right crouch when rumbling downhill. Terry McHugh and No. 6 though would have walked off with top honours if there had been a prize for earnestness. Hunched low over the wheel, his eyes barely showing over the top steering wheel edge, Terry's pose drew as many chuckles as the machines themselves. **Staff photo**

## Muskies move into area

by Bryan Berriault  
That scaled fury we call the Muskie has started to move into the shallow water and bays in our area. This will mean some of the fishermen will be doing battle with one of the fightingest fish

weather comes it is not uncommon to see the muskie in as little as two feet of water on some shorelines where good feed and cover exist. In the spring almost as soon as the ice goes out the muskie begins its

reaches the 49 or 50 F. mark. Since the muskie is a little later in spawning than the pike it is not uncommon for the pike fry to feed on the hatching muskie if both happen to be spawning in the same waters. The growth rate on the muskie is fairly quick. A one-year-old fish may be from 12 to 14 inches and weigh up to two pounds with a five year old fish being around 30 inches and weighing in the neighbourhood of 8 to 10 pounds. A female muskie of forty pounds may carry up to a quarter million eggs with fish from twenty to thirty pounds having from twenty to one hundred and sixty thousand eggs. Mortality rates are very high because of the sloppy manner in which they spawn and their dependence on weather conditions. The name Maskinonge comes from the Indian name meaning deformed pike but to many an

angler who has done battle with the mighty muskie deformed he is not. It is often difficult to distinguish between the muskie and pike. The muskie will usually have bars on the side rather than blotches as the pike. The pike has scales on the cheek and upper gill cover whereas the muskie has no scales on the lower portion of the cheek and gill cover. There have been instances where pike and muskie have interbred which could make it very difficult to tell them apart since they would inherit characteristics from both species. George Chris from Toronto will vouch for the fighting qualities of the Muskie. While out fishing by Methodist Island he picked up a 32 lb. 4 oz. Muskie with a 20 inch girth. The muskie was taken on a home made spoon, proving once again that ingenuity and perseverance pays off. If the chance arises to get out and do battle with the giants of the fresh water grab a rod but make sure it's a good one because these tackle busters will make short work of light tackle. There is a size limit on muskie of 71.1 cm. or 28 inches, so carry a tape measure. Morley Woods, from Port Severn, has again shown that he is still one of the area's best guides. While fishing Clouster Pool last week Morley hooked onto a 5 lb. 5 oz. smallmouth bass. It doesn't matter who's writing the book—that is a monster smallmouth. The fish had better watch out though, Morley says he still has bait left and he isn't done fishing yet. For those of you who may be heading out hunting ducks, pheasants and grouse, the season doesn't open until the 24th of September in our area. Pass the word around since I have received a few phone calls about an opening on Sept. 11th. The eleventh may be true in the far northern regions, but is sure isn't true for our area.

## Fin, Fur and Feather

that ever put on a scale. Each fall the muskie leaves the deeper waters in favour of the shallow feeding areas. During the summer these fish range in deeper water where food is more accessible. It takes from 10 to 15 pounds of food fish to put one pound of flesh on a muskie therefore showing the feeding frenzy they must go through. The Muskie will feed on almost anything it can catch to feed the constant hollow spot in its stomach. As colder

spawning ritual. The male and female will swim in unison among the growth and underbrush in the shallow bays or flooded backwaters where they spawn. The eggs will be spawned at random as they move through the water and are left to hatch unattended. The incubation period is usually six days but if weather conditions do not favour the fish, incubation could last up to fourteen days. Spawning will usually start when the water temperature



Coming in, but no score

Denyse Ritchie of the Elmvale Bears crossed the plate late in the game Monday night, but to no avail. As she came home, one of her team-mates was thrown out at first, for the third out of

the inning. The Penetanguishene Junior girls won the game 11-3, to take their best of three semi-final series two games to one. **Staff photo**

## Penetanguishene girls advance to finals

The Penetanguishene Junior Girls' Softball team downed Elmvale 11-3 Monday night to take their best of three semi-final series two games to one. At the end of the first inning it was 2-1 for Penetanguishene, but the Elmvale girls came back

in the second with two runs to go out in front 3-2. Those two runs were the last runs the Elmvale girls scored in the game. The Penetanguishene girls added three runs in the third, another in the fourth, two in the fifth, and another three in the sixth.

Elmvale won the first game of the series by default, but Penetanguishene took the second game 27-5 Sunday afternoon. Penetanguishene goes on to finals against the winner of a series between Perkinsfield and Balm Beach.

## Finals to be held Saturday

# Six more finalists qualify in Grand Prix Soap Box Derby

The going was fast — faster than most of the 25 entries in the second heats of CKMP's Grand Prix Soap Box Derby had anticipated.

But most of the racers held on — some, it looked, for dear life and when the dust had cleared after three hours of racing, six more derby builders had advanced to the Grand Prix finals next Saturday.

Terry McHugh, Danny Lamer and Sandy Thomas each earned first in their respective heats to qualify for the finals. Jeff Bales, Dean Miles and Jerry Woods nipped in for second place finishes, completing the six finalists who will take on last week's six winners decided in Penetanguishene.

The one minute plus course down Hugel Avenue from Sixth to First proved ideal for the racers' and spectators' standpoint. Between 2,500 and 3,000 cheering parents, racers' friends and fascinated Midland residents lined the lengthy undulating route, each with a front seat view of the action. The Sixth St. hill proved to be the nemesis of several aspiring derby winners who found their

steering didn't work quite as well as planned and ended up veering over grassy embankments. The number of DNF's though was less than the week before in Penetanguishene, largely organizers say because of the less steep incline. That could be a deciding factor in where next week's finals will be held. Among the favourites on Saturday (and it is rumoured, someone to keep your eye on next weekend) is Terry McHugh who in his solid Dairy Queen special trucked down the hill at an intimidating pace. "I really shook it well at the beginning (to get going)" said Terry after the final heats. "I think that gave me the lead. "I've also put that point on the front end, I think it helps cut down on the wind. And the axles are foil shaped so that helps too..." he explained, contemplating his car's rocket-like front end.

Although Terry is an old pro at soap box derbies, he admitted he was a bit unnerved at the speed at which his machine rumbled down the hill. Terry has built four previous soap box competitors for races in

the 2nd Midland Cubs and Scouts.

**Derby Sweetheart**  
Sweetheart of the day though was 12 year old Sandy Thomas, the only female competitor in the entire 50 entry derby. She won both her semi-final and final heats hands down, much to the delight of the cheering crowds. Still somewhat stunned by the attention and the win at the end of the derby, Sandy admitted she too was "scared, even shaky."

"I didn't think it would be that fast," she said quietly surveying the hill in front of her. Sandy comes by her interest in racing honestly — her father Bob is a regular competitor at the Barrie Speedway. "He (her father) wanted me to go in, he talked me into it," she grins. "So I thought, it would be fun and entered. "Someday, I'll be on a racing team with Dad," predicted the petite Ms Thomas, grinning expectantly at her father. Needless to say she'll be another one to watch this Saturday.

The following are the results of the preliminary heats and final heats. First place finishers in

the preliminaries went on to compete in the final heats.

First and second place finishers in the finals advanced to next Saturday's racing.

**Preliminary heats**  
Heat 1: Terry McHugh No. 6, Kevin Sharp No. 24, Dean Lewis No. 1.

Heat 2: Jeff Bales No. 10, Ken Baker No. 8, Michael Roi No. 5.

Heat 3: Kevin Wagg No. 42, John Bald No. 26, Steven Ball No. 48.

Heat 4: Danny Lamer No. 1, Steve Charlebois No. 25, Steve Twigg No. 50.

Heat 5: Steve Trotter No. 28, Greg McInerney No. 40.

Heat 6: Dean Miles No. 31, Tim Deschamps DNF, Terry Townes DNF.

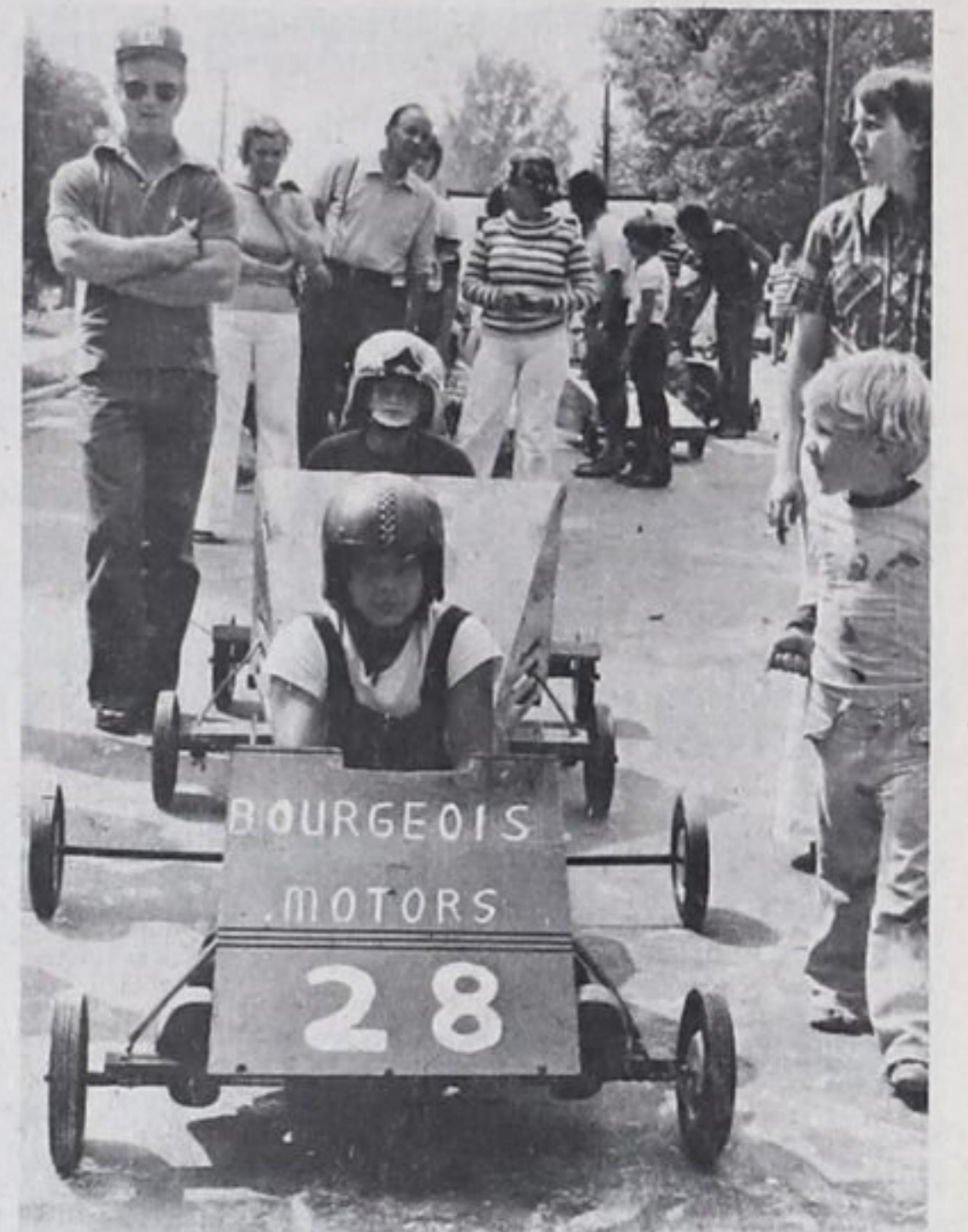
Heat 7: Sandy Thomas No. 7, John Deschamps No. 44, Wayne Jehle No. 17.

Heat 8: Jerry Woods No. 4, Shawn Henderson No. 41.

**Finals**  
Heat 1: Terry McHugh No. 6, Jeff Bales No. 10, Kevin Wagg No. 42.

Heat 2: Danny Lamer No. 1, Dean Miles No. 31, Steve Trotter No. 28.

Heat 3: Sandy Thomas No. 7, Jerry Woods No. 4.



Preparing for a test run

In the starting gate and awaiting his turn for a trial run is No. 28, Steve Trotter. Each contestant in Saturday's Grand Prix Soap Box Derby was tested on a preliminary rundown the hill. The wavering wheels and loop-de-loops would indicate that few had test driven their machines before the big event. **Staff photo**

## Members approve tri-athlon competition

# Georgian Bay Roadrunners plan 'all-comers' meet for September 18

The Georgian Bay Roadrunners Track club has announced plans to stage an "all comers" tri-athlon meet on September 18th. At their executive

meeting held last Thursday, the members approved coach Rick Presse's proposal to stage a tri-athlon competition in the Midland-Penetanguishene area.

The location of the meet has yet to be confirmed. The meet will serve two purposes according to Presse, first it will introduce people of all ages and abilities to track and field in the area and second, will give club members much needed experience at officiating.

Board to plans for an improved track facility at Midland's Sacred Heart school.

The only concern the school board had over the use of the grounds and facilities by an outside organization was that of liability. In cases such as this the board requires a shared use agreement be drawn up with municipal council.

Midland town council has agreed to the use of the school's track by members of the club and official approval from the school board will be sent to the club within the next few weeks.

In addition the club was looking for letters from both council and the school board to send to the Ontario Lottery Corporation (Wintario) in their application for assistance in building the new facility at Sacred Heart.

The application will be made to Wintario once the required minimum contribution is collected by club members.

The club will be embarking on a fund raising drive this week in the Midland-Penetanguishene area. According to a brief drawn up by the executive of the Georgian Bay Roadrunners, the present facility at Sacred Heart is large enough but needs improved drainage, and levelling of the ground. The track is also not the right length or width.

Plans for improving the facility include a standard length 400 metre track, jump pits and a storage building, as well as baseball diamonds, volleyball courts and a field suitable for football and soccer. Donations and promises of assistance

have already been received from many of the local residents and the area businesses are also starting to respond.

According to the estimate contained in the brief almost half of the cost of the new complex is already covered by donations which total close to \$21,000.

The club is still seeking help in several phases of the construction. The most immediate need is for trucks to carry fill that has already been donated for the levelling and building up of the track area.

The club will also be needing top soil, sand, and building materials for the storage space. Further information concerning the Georgian Bay Roadrunners or the new track facility is available from club president Bill McInerney at 526-7277.

## Georgian Bay Fastball League

Monday, August 22	Caswells 9
Lercar Const. 13	Midland 2
Tuesday, August 23	Ken's Esso 4
Midland 19	Expos 3
Juniors 4	Olympia 2
Wednesday, August 24	Expos 2
Hotel Brule 3	Juniors 6
Lercar Const. 12	Caswells 6
Thursday, August 25	Juniors 6
Ken's Esso 7	Caswells 6
Midland 7	Juniors 3
Sunday, August 28	Ken's Esso 0 (Def)
Olympia 9	Juniors 3
Caswells 7	
Standings as of August 28 / 77	
	P W L T Pts.
Lercar Const	26 22 3 1 45
Olympia Sports	26 14 9 3 31
Expos	25 14 10 1 29
Hotel Brule	26 14 11 1 29
Caswells Antiques	24 13 10 1 27
Ken's Esso	27 9 16 2 20
Midland	25 6 18 1 13
Juniors	25 6 19 0 12

## Hotel Brule downs Olympia Sports 3-2

Hotel Brule won three earned runs. Brule got on the scoreboard first, in the opening inning. Gary Hamelin led off with a walk, followed by a bunt single by Lapham. Both advanced on a sacrifice by Ed Trudeau, and scored on a double by Angie De Cola.

In Olympia's first at bat, Dan McMillan walked, and scored on Dennis O'Leary's double. O'Leary then scored on a single by John Stamp, to allowing seven hits, and

scoreless innings, before Angie DeCola singled, moved to second on Rover Ladouceur's sacrifice, and scored on a single by Bob Morasse to give Hotel Brule the winning run.

DeCola was the hitting star for Hotel Brule, with two hits in four trips to the plate. O'Leary led the Olympia batters, with two hits, both doubles, in three times at bat. Olympia committed just one error, while Hotel Brule committed two.



Giving it a little tap

Tom Sibley, of the Caswell's team in the Georgian Bay Fastball League, bangs one out in Sunday night's game

between Caswell's and the Juniors. Caswell's won the game 7-3, behind the pitching of Murray Cooper.