



Ready on the set

Cable 12 switcher Bill Johnson was in charge of the technical end of the Midland Arena Lottery draw held Saturday night. In the monitor in the background the five young people who spun the drums for the draw can be seen in action. The winning numbers in the draw were 13259, 44210 and 18177. Staff photo

Toole finishes 11th at 'Worlds'

Midland's Tim Toole earned an eleventh place finish at the World Powerboat Championships held last week in St. Louis, Missouri. Toole raced his Modified 50 class Seebold Mercury in four heat races finishing eleventh in two of them, and thirteenth in the third. A late start in the fourth heat caused him to drop to fifteenth, killing any chance of moving up in the standings. Jeff Brown of Wisconsin won the championship driving a Burgess-Evinrude. "I learned a lot though," Toole said, "racing out of Canada you don't hear about the latest speed secrets. Going to a race like this you catch on to these things."

Competitors circled the one and one tenth mile course in just under a minute with the fastest time in the modified 50 class being turned in by the eventual winner Jeff Brown. "I was doing a lap in 52 seconds," said Toole. "Brown was doing a lap in 48 seconds. He'd already lapped me before the end of the heat. The other boats had at least three seconds a lap on the fastest Mercury." Toole's next race will be the North American championships at Picton on the Labour Day weekend. "The whole Mercury factory team is coming up for this one," he said, "but with the secrets I've learned I should be able to give them a good run."

Georgian Bay Roadrunners

Track club to hold 'all comers' meet

The Georgian Bay Roadrunners Track club has announced plans to stage an "all comers" track 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. The experience gained in the running of the "all comers" meet will help the club when they go to host an official sanctioned meet, which they hope to do as early as next year. The tri-athlon competition was chosen because it involves more than one event and would shift the emphasis from winning a specific event to doing well in several. At the same executive meeting, president Bill McInerney told members of the agreement in principle of the Simcoe County Separate School 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.

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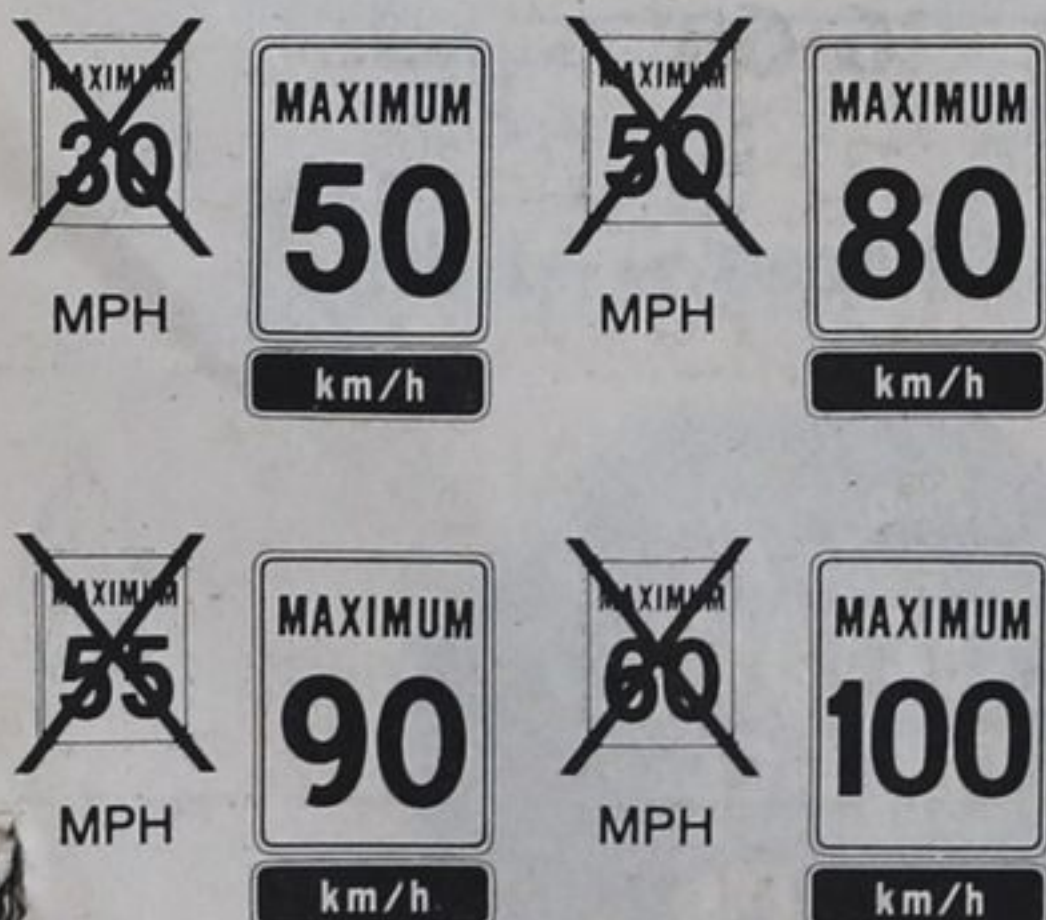
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