

At McGuire Park

Pickering team captures tournament championship

It was a great weekend for baseball and a great weekend for the

Pickering Glass baseball team as they captured the top honors in the third

annual Penetanguishene Invitational Fastball Tournament.

Pickering gave up only two runs in their four games in the twelve-team

tournament, those coming from Lercar Construction in the final

game. Pickering coach Frank Murphy, a Midland native, said he was a little surprised his team glided to the championship with such relative ease.

"I've seen some of these teams play before, and I know that they didn't play this weekend as well as they usually do," he said after being handed the \$200 first prize for his club.

"It's great to be back in the area, we had great weather and the tournament turned out to be a lot of fun for the guys." Turnout for the com-

petition was good on Sunday, the final day, but not quite as well as expected Friday night or Saturday.

Murphy said there was absolutely no problem with spectators as is sometimes the case when an out-of-town club beats out the local favourites.

"MacGuire Park is a very good ball park, and the people here are mild in their heckling compared to other places we've played," he said. Pickering defeated Lercar 5-2 in the final game. In preliminary contests, they downed Caswell's Antiques 3-0,

Wyebridge A's 11-0 and Lercar 4-0 in a semi-final match-up.

Other teams in the tournament were Christian Island Islanders, Athenian Raiders, Olympia Sports, Midland Twin Lakes, Dunroon, Perkinsfield, Hillsdale, Wyebridge and Victoria



Champs at last

Members of the Glass baseball team strike a winning pose after capturing the third annual Penetanguishene Invitational Fastball Tournament Sunday at McGuire Park.

Staff photo

Errors kill Islanders in 14-1 loss

Seven errors hurt the Christian Island Islanders when they lost 14-1 to Lercar Construction in Georgian Bay Fastball last week. As well as being hurt by errors, the Islanders couldn't mount an offensive attack, getting only two hits in the game as compared to Lercar's 10 hits.

Alvin Robillard was the successful Lercar pitcher, playing all seven innings and allowing

only one unearned run. Robillard struck out four and walked three while giving up only two hits. Lercar is now in second place behind the Brule Hotel, with six wins two losses, one tie and 13 points.

Lercar took a 2-0 lead in the first inning thanks to Ken Edgar and Alvin Robillard. Both hit home runs in the space of one inning. The second inning

saw one more Lercar player cross home, in the person of Fred Desroches. Desroches

singled and went on to score after Mike Dubeau singled and the Island team committed an error.

In the fourth inning, Ken Edgar doubled and went on to score to make the score Lercar 4 Christian Island 0. The Islanders got their single point in the fifth inning when Arnold Jamieson crossed the plate after a Lercar error.

The game fell apart for Islanders in the fifth inning when Lercar scored 10 runs all in the same inning. Gord Dusome, Kevin Timmons and Desroches are singled. Waxy Gregoire doubled and three walks were issued. Island defenders also committed five errors in that inning alone.

Caswell's Antiques 2, Olympia Sports 7. In the second game that evening Olympia Sports moved into a fourth place tie with Caswell's Antiques when they defeated Caswell's 7-2. Both Olympia and Caswell's have eight points total, but Caswell's has three wins, four losses and two ties as compared to Olympia's four wins six losses and no ties.

In a game that was closer than the score indicates, the key was errors. Caswell's committed four errors while Olympia committed only one.

Peter Arbour doubled in the first inning, and went on to score for Caswell's after Art Desroches hit a single.

Olympia Sports remained scoreless until the third inning, when they took a 4-1 lead. Paul Sauve led off with a single and Ozzie Marion reached base on Caswell's error. Dennis O'Leary then singled, allowing Sauve to score and Bob Moreau tripled clearing the bases. Moreau went on to score.

The final Caswell run came in the fifth when Ron Blanchard doubled and later scored on a sacrifice fly by Murray Cooper.

Olympia drove on to the final inning when they scored three more runs. Marion singled, Ben Pauze was hit by a ball and Bob Moreau scored both plus himself when his long fly was misplayed for a four base error.

Bob Moreau went the distance on the mound for the winners, allowing only six base runners on five hits and a walk, while he struck out three to gain his second win of the season against two losses.

Lercar dumps Brule Hotel

Lercar Construction, last year's championship Georgian Bay Fastball team, won a surprise victory over the powerful Brule Hotel team last week. The win put Lercar in a good position, with 13 points—just three behind the first place Brule club.

Despite the 6-1 score, the game was close as statistics prove. Both teams had six hits, and neither committed an error, but superior base running for Lercar made the difference.

Lercar took a 2-1 lead in the first inning, thanks to a single from Ken Edgar and a walk for Alvin Robillard. Rick Anderson then hit an RBI single and Gord Dusome hit a sacrifice fly to raise the score.

Brule runners managed to get one man over the plate in the same inning. John Dion and Ed Trudeau singled, and Dave Stinton walked. Dion then scored when Roger Ladouceur reached base on a fielders choice.

Kevin Timmons walked for Lercar in the second inning. He then went on to score on a single by Ken Edgar. Three more Lercar runs in the sixth inning put the game away. Gord Dusome was hit by a pitch, Tony Forget walked along with Ken Edgar. Kevin Timmons and Louis Belcourt then singled to score the base runners.

Tony Forget went all seven innings on the mound for Lercar. He allowed six hits and two walks and gained his third win of the season. Penetang Expos 9, Olympia Sports 6.

The Penetang Expos continued their winning streak in the second game

Sportscene



by Garry Forbes
Just ask Red

The General sat at his timers' table looking very anxious indeed. A realization crossed his face as he looked at his watch and grasped the microphone. "Ten minutes."

The General was anxious because in the second round of Saturday's wrestling card at Midland Arena, he broke open the skull of local grappler Rick Moreau.

Of course, the 233 paid customers weren't too anxious: a guy got his head opened, so what's wrong with that? After all, two hovering brutes had entered the ring and a super-duper "Midland Death Match" had ensued, complete with strangleholds, rope-bounces, body-crushes, scissorlocks and, yes, cranium cranks.

What is wrong with that is this type of wrestling exhibition is certainly not intended to be anything more than light comedy. You wouldn't know it by listening to some of the more vocal in the audience, but Moreau's injury is something akin to Red Skelton breaking both legs in an aborted pratfall.

I didn't see the bout, thank you, and don't know exactly how The General exposed to light the underside of Moreau's probably not-so-tender scalp. Moreau says he was forced into a meeting with the ring-post by The General.

I had doubted the reality of the injury, but apparently it was not an illusion—Moreau was treated for his cut at the Arena's St. John's Ambulance set up.

Judging by the rather silly masks of seriousness on most of the faces in the crowd, they weren't too concerned that someone was actually injured in the comedic production. Probably the only ones in the building whose concern was genuine were the performers themselves.

The General was in charge of the show, and thus had to keep tabs until the last midget was dropped to the canvas in mock agony.

But he did leave the scene of the crime quickly, stopping only to remind people to pick up their autographed glossies of Bobo Brazil before shutting off to check the condition of his associate.

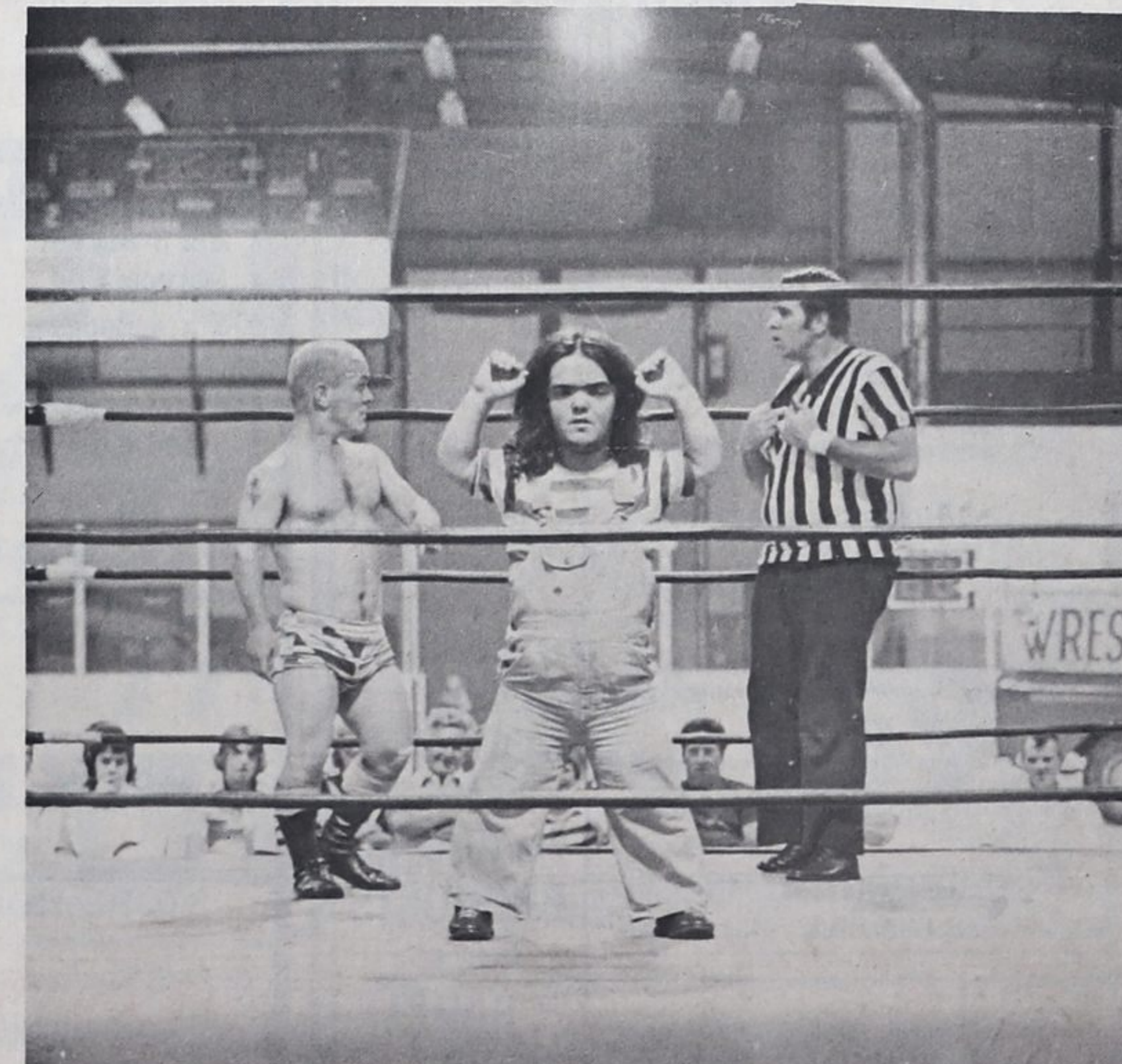
Turned out Moreau was okay—it's not too likely anyone could suffer any serious bodily harm unless their timing was away off.

Just ask Red Skelton.



Linda Ruddick of Orillia helped husband Mike stroke to the lead after about three-quarters of a mile into Sunday's Coldwater Great Canoe Races. Ruddicks held the lead all the way to take first prize in the competition.

Staff photo



Farmer Pete challenges Ivan the Terrible to try to take him from behind in the final bout of Saturday's wrestling card at Midland Arena. Farmer Pete won the match in front of 233 spectators, who also saw Vic DeCarlo beat Bob Marcus. The General stop Rick Moreau, Chris Tolos thump Billy Redlions and, in the feature event, The Masked Avenger upset Bobo Brazil.

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Canoeists race on river

More than 200 spectators followed 23 pairs of canoeists 8 1/2 miles down the North River in Sunday's first annual Coldwater Lions Club Great Canoe Race.

Linda and Mike Ruddock of Orillia were first to cross the finish line, located adjacent the Coldwater Home Hardware, in one hour, 17 minutes. The Ruddocks won a \$639 chestnut canoe donated by Ackland Industries.

Placing second for a pair of paddles from Viking Marina were Barrie's Jim Hobbs and George Drought. The runners-up had entered the race with the intention of using a racing canoe, but were told to find a regular craft in the interests of fairness to other competitors.

Paddling in third were Rick Schell and Tony Vanderwal, both of Coldwater, who took the final prize of a pair of life jackets donated by Coldwater Home Hardware.

All entrants were required to wear life jackets, and no one was hurt during the course despite the stormy launching which saw all 46 competitors take off running with their canoes in a shotgun start at Laughlin Falls, five miles north east of Coldwater.

The first of three portages along the route was about 50 yards from the start, a hurdle which proved to be the downfall of the ill-prepared.

For both entrants and spectators—who shuttled from bridge to bridge to follow the action—a barbecue was held at Coldwater Fair Grounds following the event.

Rick Oliver, Lions Club member who came up with the idea two months ago, was very pleased with the turnout and the enthusiastic attitude of participants.

"People are getting into more recreational activities these days, and I suggested this competition as an annual event," Oliver said.

"Everybody is enjoying themselves, and everybody has a shot at first place. The response has been so good, it may be a two-day event next year; we're learning from this one, and it's going to get bigger and better," he said.