

As I See It

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For many, sports is a means of relaxing, a relief valve that makes it easier to cope with every day stress.

Then, there are those that benefit financially from sports, such as the professional athlete earning \$100,000 a year.

Yet, there is one more category of which to speak, that being the aspiring professional athlete.

This individual is usually a high school student, who for one reason or another cannot meet the high cost of attending a post-secondary institution.

He or she may not be able to attain the grades necessary to receive a scholastic scholarship.

For this person, there is but one recourse, the athletic scholarship.

Whether the student is proficient in basketball, football, or track and field, he or she may be able to enter a college or university with the help of such a scholarship.

Many think the athletic scholarship is a good thing. Don't get me wrong, they are, if used properly!

Take, for example, the college athletes in United States who were enrolled in a prominent American college on football scholarships.

These young men had dreams of making it to the pros, and they may well have, except for one thing.

It was recently discovered that their marks had been doctored so they could remain on the team.

Now, those athletes may never get to play professional ball because of this discovery.

Some might say it is wrong to punish the athletes for the actions of some unscrupulous coaches and teachers.

Yet, the students didn't say anything about it, and why should they? It meant the professional ranks for them.

It has been said the ends justifies the means, but I don't believe that is true when it corrupts the very meaning behind the proud tradition of education and knowledge.

The problem remains then, what value can be laid on a team championship?

Sure, it's nice to say your school is number one in football. Yet, the athlete is actually the one to suffer.

There's always the chance he won't make it to the pros from college.

They can just fall back on their education, which, remember, is not really an education. They really don't have a fair chance in life.

If properly balanced, sports and education can be a great combination. It requires a lot of work to ensure that this balance continues, though.

At least, that's how I see it.

Tottenham rink stops triple

In a late August lawn bowling tournament, held at Midland Lawn Bowling Club, eight rinks from Tottenham, Stayner, Ingersoll, St. Mary's and Midland competed for the Alzina Belfry Trophy.

The greens were in excellent condition for the Mixed Trebles tournament, which started at 1:30 p.m., with three 14-end games being played.

Jim Bullen skipped his Tottenham rink to the trophy with high score for three games. The trophy has been won by the Markham

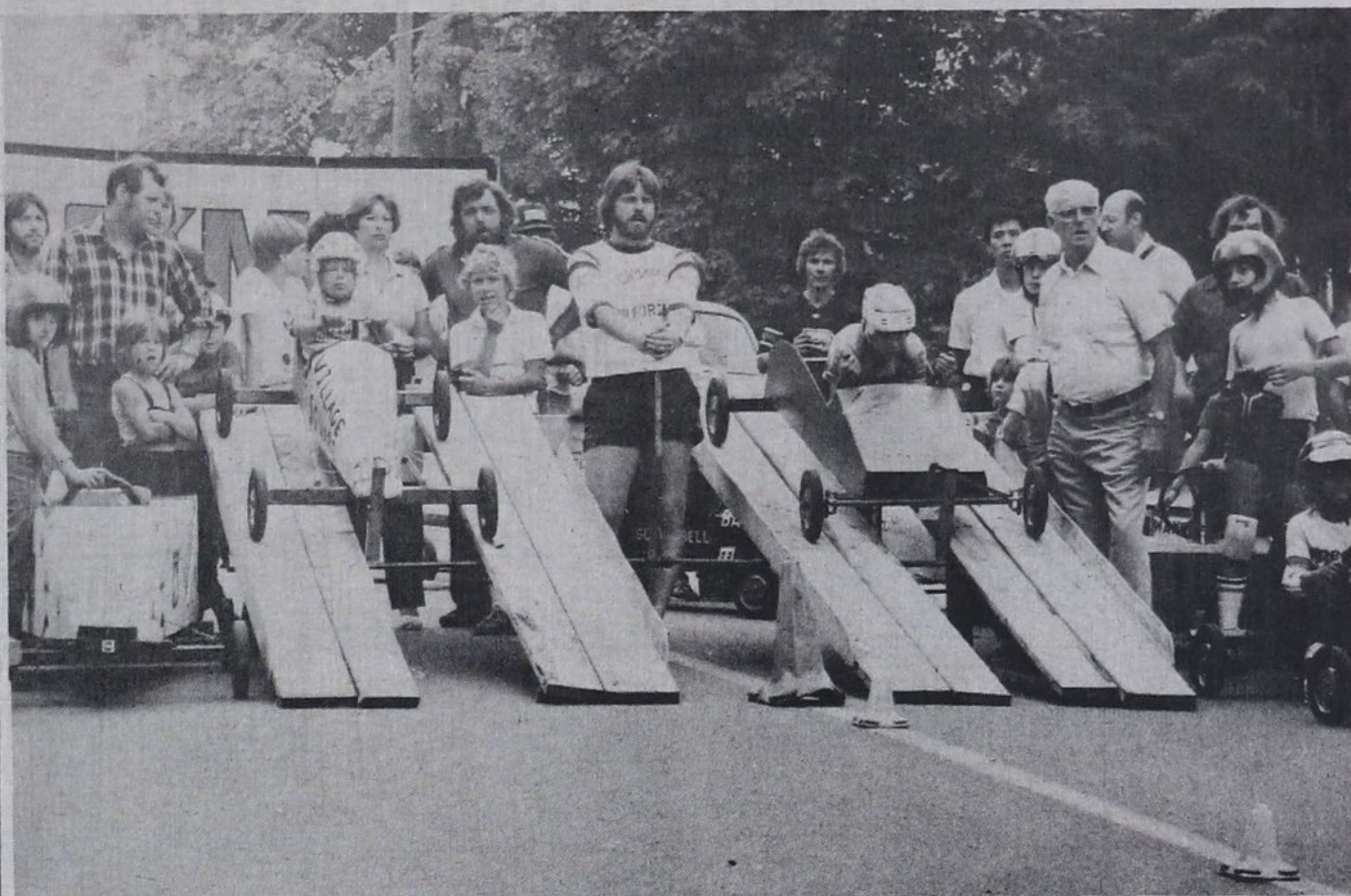
rink the past two years.

Coming in second for three games, was Midland's own Ken Ellis rink.

Midland had another winner in the rink of Ken Cowen, Skip; Irene Wilford, Vice Skip; and Bruce MacArthur, Lead, as they claimed the high two game title.

The rink from Stayner was the high one game winner, skipped by John Prior.

A delicious hot meal was served by the ladies of the local club, between the second and third game, which proved to be a welcome treat to all the bowlers.



Start your engines

Gentlemen, start your engines. Most participants in Saturday morning's CKMP soap-box derby got to the bottom of the course on Midland's Hugel Avenue in good time, but a few had problems. Bales of hay

were placed in front of telephone poles along the downward sloping street, which proved lucky for Cheryl Thomas, driving an Adco Tire cart, who hit one.

Vasey fastballers oust Elmvale to advance

Vasey has earned the right to advance on to the finals of the Simcoe Rural League beating out Elmvale 3-2 in the fifth game in their best of seven series, Thursday night.

With this win, Vasey was able to win the series with four victories and one tie. The game was

anything but boring, as the score remained at 0-0 right up until the third inning when Vasey batted in all of their three runs.

This was all Vasey needed, it seemed, because Elmvale managed to get two runs in the fourth, and no more. In fact, the rest of the

game went much the same way as the first two innings, with no runners coming in.

Ross Nicholson enjoyed a well-pitched game for Vasey, with an outstanding performance also displayed by Ken Belcourt, the young pitcher for Elmvale.

Vasey will leave this Friday for Temagami,

Ont. about 230 miles north of Midland for the 7th annual Temagami Marine Fastball Tournament.

They will return late Monday or Tuesday to start the finals against the winner of the best of three series being played between Perkinsfield and Midland.

Gieseler low man at Brooklea

About 25 golfers took part in the Brooklea Motor Hotel Golf and Country Club men's championship, the 3rd and 4th round being

played on the weekend. The four-day, 284 par tournament was won by Wolfgang Gieseler with a low score of 330, followed closely by

Harry Hodson who shot a 339.

Paul Gapp was close behind with a score of 341.

After the first two

days, the field was split up into two groups, with Rene Ladouceur winning the consolation round, shooting 363.

Karl Lehr shot a 381,

Kelly Leitch drives winner in 'MP derby

Kelly Leitch, aged 12, of Midland, completed the three block distance down Hugel Avenue in just over 22 seconds to win the CKMP Soap Box Derby held Saturday in Midland.

Leitch drove his vehicle to a 1/100th of a second win over Andrew Benke, 10, also of Midland to claim first place trophy and a new 10 speed bike.

Benke received the second place trophy and \$100 of records for his number two place position.

Coming in third was Vanessa Bourgeois, aged nine, of Midland, winning \$50 in fishing gear and the third place trophy.

Kevin Farthing and his brother, Sean, claimed fourth and fifth place, respectively, for a trophy each. Kevin is 13, and Sean is 10. Both live in Penetang.

Sixth place trophy was awarded to Gerald Befort, 13, of Midland.

Rugger Bulls looking for players

The Midland Bulls Rugby Club is looking for players, and everyone is welcome to try out for the team. John Nix, spokesman for the club, adds that former football players will especially enjoy the game.

A practice time has been set up for 6 p.m. at the Midland Secondary High School in Midland, tomorrow night.

The first game of the season will be played at the Midland High School field on Saturday, Sept. 6 at 1:30 p.m. The Bulls will face the Muskoka Rugby Club.

Anyone wishing to inquire further about the club can contact John Nix at 526-3544, or Bill Chenier at 526-8987.

Derby awards ceremony in movie theatre

Penetanguishene Fish Derby weekly competition came to an end Saturday while this Saturday's end-of-the-year awards will be given out at Pen Theatre.

Following a feature, Billion Dollar Hobo starring Tim Conway, trophies will be given out in five categories: biggest pike, bass, crappie, perch and special (includes carp).

The 50-50 draw will be held at that time. Harbourmaster Joe Brunelle says about \$1,200 has been raised and that half under the rules goes to the holder of the winning ticket. Tickets will be on sale until Saturday.

Entry to the movie is free to children entered in the derby by their parents who have been issued passes.

A trophy will be also given to the child with the best attendance thorough the summer.

Winners last Saturday in the last week of the derby were Scott Hook (2.3 lb. green bass), Kevin Hewitt (1.5 lb. green bass), Craig Deans (16.5 oz. crappie), Blair St. Amand (11.9 oz. rock bass) and Christopher Fournier (13.7 oz. rock bass).

The awards this Saturday are sponsored by the Penetang Year of the Child Committee.

Royal Bank play

Pitching proved to be the strong point for both teams in a game played between Royal Bank and French Dry Cleaners, in the Civitan House League Baseball schedule, as Royal Bank squeezed out French's 4-3, Friday.