

## As I See It

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This could be the 'Year of the Underdog' in Midland-Penetanguishene Senior Division Ball Hockey.

Stewart's Gulf Oilers finished fifth in the season standings and yet they have put up a

## Stewart's Gulf Oilers: patience paying off

tremendous performance against the first place team, S. Charlebois Haulage and Excavating Diggers.

The Diggers boasted an unbeaten 18 game season with 16 wins and two ties for a total of 34 points while the Oilers only won nine games, lost seven and tied two, for twenty points.

Team sponsor, Shawn Stewart, is hopeful when it comes to the team but says he doesn't ask for all that much from team members.

He knows the guys want to win but they are happy just to have gotten as far as they have and anything past the quarter-finals is further than they ever expected to get this season.

If any team is to win, that is the attitude that will garner the victories.

If you expect to win, you end up not trying

hard enough and when you fall behind, you try too hard and end up defeating yourself.

Stewart's doesn't have to worry about that happening to them because of the way they view the game and the healthy outlook they have on competition.

Teams such as Stewart's Gulf Oilers operate because of one basic rule, "For every champion team, there's always another team that will beat them one day".

To get on top is one thing, to stay there is something completely different. If Stewart's doesn't win the championship this year, it just means they will have to wait until next year but their time as champions is coming.

Where the Toronto Maple Leafs have failed, Stewart's has succeeded in building up a strong team gradually by adding one or two

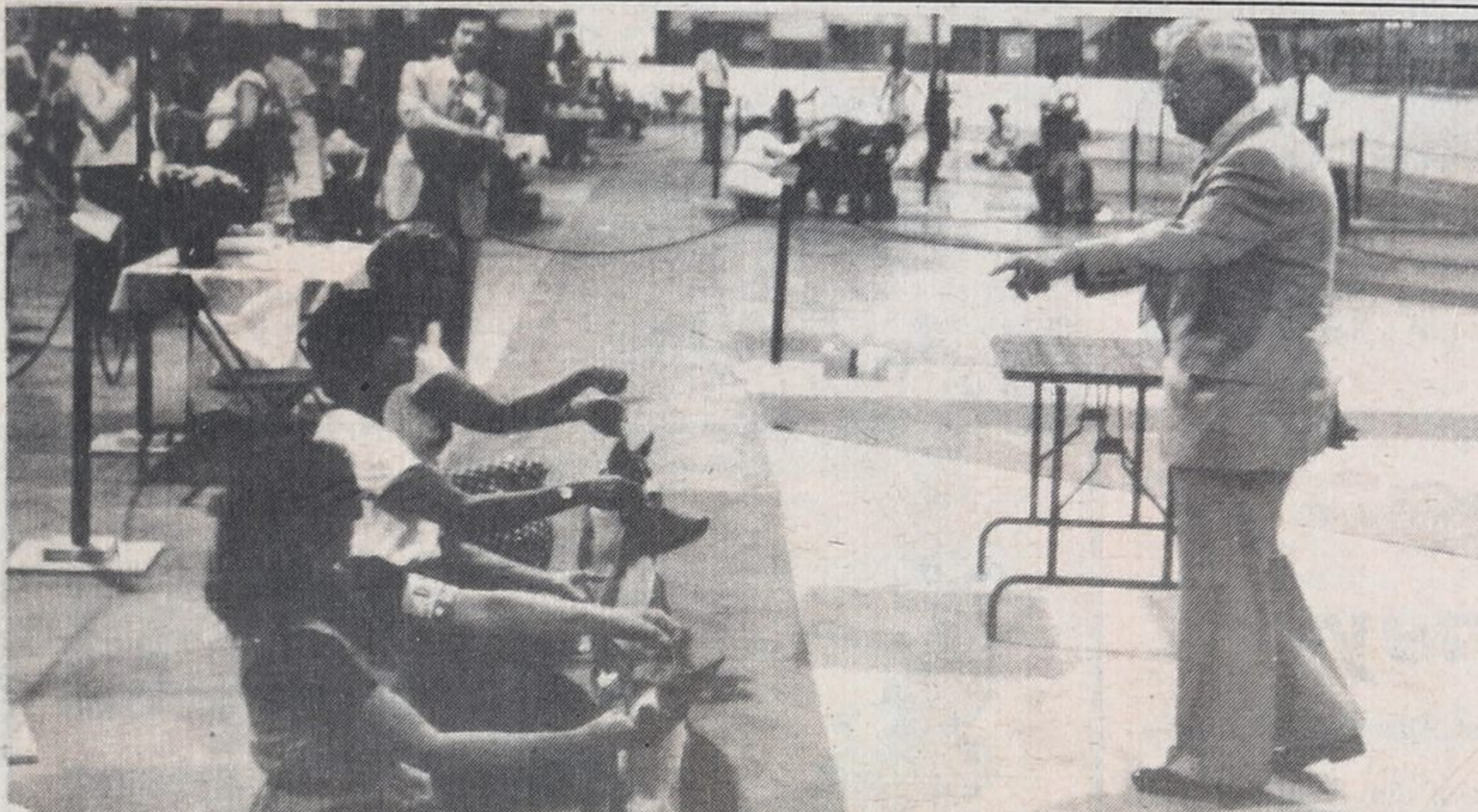
new players each year while keeping their strongest players.

Toronto Maple Leafs have tried this unsuccessfully several times but they get impatient and want it all at once.

They begin to build a young team but before they give the younger players a chance to mature and learn to play together, they trade them off for some 'more experienced players' who might better be described as 'old'.

If they kept some of the rising young players they have longer, they might just be surprised at the experience that exists right in their own lineup.

It's a lesson teams and players in all sports can learn. Patience is the building blocks from which championships are built and there are no shortcuts whatsoever.



## Successful dog show

Dog shows put on by Huronia Kennel Club Inc. in Midland Centennial Arena, Thursday and Friday, turned out to be a huge success with well over 1,000 dogs entered for judging. Despite the fact 60 per cent of the entries were from United States, the top

prizes were claimed by Canadian-dogs which speaks well of Canadian breeders. Winners in the show were awarded ribbons and Budd Watson prints.

## Hawks to host 16 top teams

# Three-day tournament

Wyevale Hawk's men's ball team will be hosting a three-day softball tournament Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Wyevale Park with 16 industrial and recreational teams competing.

A total of \$700 in prize money will be up for grabs with teams from the Simcoe Rural League, Midland Recreational League, Penetang League, Barrie, Toronto and Orillia vying for top money.

There will be 22 games played throughout the tournament, three games being played Friday night, starting at 7 p.m.

Games Saturday and Sunday will start at 9 a.m.

The tournament is in its second year and is hosted by the Wyevale Hawks men's team and Molson's Breweries of Barrie.

Other features of the tournament include a refreshment booth, a refreshment garden and a calcutta after the first round of action, 10 per cent of the proceeds of the calcutta going to the Wyevale Hawks.

Tournament play will consist of five inning games with seven innings being played in the championship and consolation finals.

The mercy rule will be used in tournament play with the games being called after three innings of play if one team is leading by more than five runs. In the final games, the mercy ruling will not be used.

## Huronia Kennel Club dog show huge success

The 17th and 18th annual dog shows, presented in Midland Centennial Arena Thursday and Friday by the Huronia Kennel Club, were a huge success with the shows getting larger every year since its inception eight years ago.

Entered in the show were over 1,000 dogs from United States and Canada with Canadian competitors taking the top prizes.

Best dog in the show for Thursday was a toy manchester terrier, "Champion Golden Scoops Kassandra",

owned by Charles and Wanda Walker of Hamilton, Ontario.

Best dog in the show for Friday was a Greyhound, "Champion Lorricbrook Sporting Chance", owned by Wendy Keeler of Brigham, Quebec.

Best puppy in the show for Thursday was an Irish wolfhound, "Keltic Brenainn", owned by Richard and Gabriel Ness of Scarborough, Ontario and the best puppy in the show for Friday was a Labrador Retriever, "Selamaps Sparrow Hawk Thar", owned by

V.C. Sparrow of Markdale, Ontario.

A local competitor that did well in the show was an English Pointer, "Champion St. Aldwins Snowflake", owned by H. "Mack" and Virginia MacLeod of Midland.

MacLeod's pointer won best of breed Thursday and was third in group judging.

The show was well run with everything going as planned which is a credit to show organizers, David and Ruth Tuckett of Aaronmar Kennels of Port McNicoll.

# Midland lawn bowling loses valuable members

On last Monday afternoon, the members of the Midland Lawn Bowling Club turned out in numbers to say farewell to two of their highly respected members.

Ross and Helen (Trenouth) of Scott Street, Midland, are leaving the area next month to take up residence in Simcoe and the members of the Lawn Bowling Club held a gala afternoon to honour these two members.

The guests were filled

to capacity as 48 bowlers took part in a trebles two-game playoff. Another 12 to 15 members were spectators or played cards. Between the two games, all present enjoyed a "bring-it-yourself" lunch under the shade of the trees which surround the club house.

The event was under the direction of Jean Harvey and his committee and the president of the club, Walter McGilvray acted as master of ceremonies.

McGilvray told a few humorous anecdotes relating to the couple being hosted and ended by expressing the club's regret at losing such a wonderful couple from their membership, but wishing them much health, happiness and prosperity in their new location.

Irene Wilford, president of the ladies section of the club and Winnie Pypher, president of the Little Lake Social Club, also expressed their regrets at seeing Ross and

Helen leave but, on behalf of their organizations, wished them well in their new home with the wish that they will return often to visit.

A small token of the club's esteem was presented to the Trenouths. Both Ross and Helen responded to the good wishes by expressing their regrets at leaving such a sociable and friendly group.

The game winners of this event were: first game - Ed. Pypher,

Elva Vasey and Alzina Belfry; second game winners were Ken Ellis, Eleanor Worfolk and Marian Pinchin.

Lucky draw winners

were Ruth White and Winnie Pypher.

During the lunch hour Ken and Bessie Cowan were surprised when it was announced that

they were celebrating their 43rd wedding anniversary on that day and were presented with a small token to mark the occasion.

## Media, No-Stars tangle

Softball pandemonium will be the order of the day Friday night at the main diamond in Midland when members of the collective Midland media will take to the baseball diamond for a benefit game against CKVR No-Stars. The game will take

place at 7 p.m. with a collection for St. John Ambulance being taken during the game.

St. John Ambulance's vehicle is not in the best condition it could be and really needs replacing so they can continue to do the super job they have in the past.

There is even talk of Mayor Moreland Lynn of Midland showing up at the diamond to throw out the first ball and with proper encouragement, could be persuaded to don a baseball glove for the worthwhile event.