

## Athletics 96, Raiders 39

Bruce Guthrie isn't saying the score would have been much different if the refereeing had been better.

But, he maintains, it would have been a much more pleasant affair.

And he probably wouldn't be on the sidelines for tonight's and possibly tomorrow night's games.

The 24-year-old coach of the Midland Athletics was thrown out and

handed at least a one-game suspension by referee Ken Bannerman during the Athletics' 9-2 drubbing by the Georgetown Raiders Tuesday at Midland Arena.

The cumulative effect of the evening was that the A's are even more firmly entrenched in the OHA Intermediate A Hockey League basement and will be shorthanded for their

next few critical games.

The Athletics were handed a total of 96 minutes in penalties by Bannerman, including two five-minute misconducts, one 10-minute misconduct and one game misconduct to Guthrie, and one five and one game misconduct to Andy Zurawski. The Raiders received 39 minutes.

Zurawski will play tonight at Midland Arena against the Orillia Terriers (8:30 p.m.), and tomorrow night in a re-match with the Raiders in Georgetown. But Guthrie won't be playing tonight, and

possibly not even tomorrow night, depending on a league ruling.

Nor will Ross Cousineau (shoulder), and possibly Marc Duquette (shoulder), and Larry Cowan (eye).

The A's were keeping pace with the league-leading Raiders early in the game, answering a first-period shorthanded Georgetown goal with one of their own, by Doung McMann from Gary Hansford and Wayne Dixon, early in the second.

Then the trouble started.

Guthrie was handed a rare three-penalty

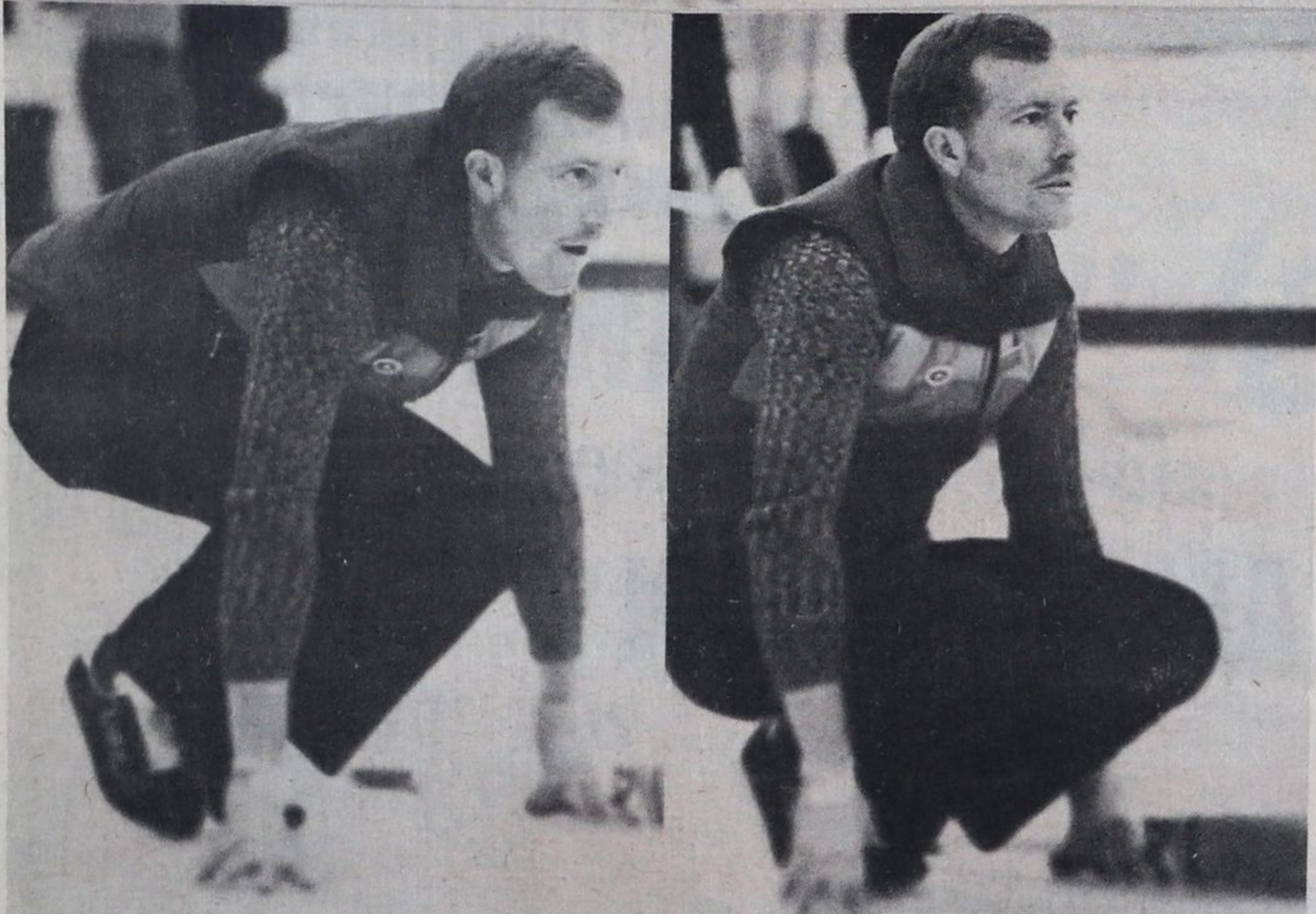
combo (crosschecking, unsportsmanlike conduct and an automatic minor) near the midway mark of the middle fram.

Jim Wylie then objected to all that and earned an unsportsmanlike penalty, to which Guthrie objected, and to whose objection Bannerman objected to the tune of a ten-minute misconduct.

The Raiders scored while Guthrie fumed, making it 2-1.

Five minutes later, Zurawski was handed four minutes for tripping and roughing, and,

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### Will coach Cents

## It's still the same old Bep

by Garry Forbes

In 1974, Armand Bep Guidolin was probably the most respected hockey coach in the world.

Wednesday night at Midland Centennial Arena, Guidolin proved that little has changed. The respect may have been somewhat more confined, limited to the weary youths on the ice surface and the handful of observers in the stands, but the respect was there.

It was, it seemed, the same old Bep that would be coaching the Midland Centennials for the remainder of this Georgian Bay Junior C Hockey League season.

"I'm happy to be here," Guidolin said after Wednesday's hour and a half workout. "This is a first-place club, and I really don't know why they need me, but I'll be here. Outside of a few family commitments I've made for this month, I'll be here for every practice and every game."

The 54-year-old Guidolin, now living in Barrie, first made his claim to fame as the youngest player to ever play in the National Hockey League. He was 16, and the club was the Boston Bruins. He later moved onto the Detroit Red Wings and the Chicago Black Hawks, retiring from NHL play in 1952 at the age of 27.

He earned his global coaching reputation in the fall of 1971 when he led the fledgling Boston Braves, farm club of the Bruins, to a wire-to-wire American Hockey League Eastern Division title.

No AHL team, it was observed then, had ever been better conditioned, better disciplined, or more spirited.

Midway through the next season, Guidolin was called up to replace

Tom Johnson as coach of the faltering Bruins.

His style didn't change. The Bruins did. Their practises became more gruelling, featuring a back-to-basics approach with relentless drills and tough skating workouts.

Their games became more conservative, and, the next season, the Bruins were in the Stanley Cup finals. They lost to the first expansion club ever to win the major hockey crown, the Philadelphia Flyers, and that may have been part of the reason for the Bruins' surprise firing of Guidolin that summer.

But Bep wasn't about to change. He accepted an offer to coach the upstart Kansas City Scouts the next season, and eventually left that post when a rift developed between him and management.

He moved on to Ontario Major Junior A, still refusing to change his style and attitudes toward the game.

Earlier this season, he was fired from the Brantford Alexanders, and has been back at



**Bep Guidolin**

home in Barrie since.

Wednesday at Midland Arena, the Centennials found out about Bep's style.

They skated and worked. Hard. And yet, they still seemed to enjoy themselves, an

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### Ahh...huh?..oh,oh

Rick Larmand of Charlie Walton's rink appears happy with his delivery during Mens' Schedule play at the Midland Curling Club Monday night,

but his smile quickly disappeared as the rock took a slide for the worst.

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