



## Side lines

by Garry Forbes

### Let's all lend a hand

Sometime within the next 48 hours, as you're running, skipping, bouncing, skating or skiing, stop for just a moment to consider what it might be like if you couldn't do some of those things -- if you were severely limited by a physical handicap.

Think what it might be like for a child -- to whom those things are much more a part of life than for you and I -- who is physically disabled.

Think about it.

Don't feel sorry for them; many disabled children have far greater desire, determination and lust for life than you and I could ever hope to have.

What they need is not sympathy, not a kind, understanding word, but real financial help to aid them in rehabilitation and research programs which provide them with opportunities for "normal" growth and a hopeful outlet for their determined energies.

The Easter Seal Society is doing it, and each year, dozens of athletic fund-raising activities are held to drum up the money needed for the Society's programs.

Foremost among them is Whipper Billy Watson's Snowarama for Timmy.

Last year, the event -- spearheaded by former professional wrestler Whipper Billy Watson -- raised \$900,000.

This year, Watson hopes to clear the \$1 million mark.

And this year, we -- you and I right here in North Huronia -- may make the difference in attaining that goal. For the first time, our area has joined the long list of Ontario centres which contribute to Watson's tireless effort.

The local event, organized by the Kiwanis Club of Midland, will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday morning; snowmobilers from all over North Huronia will set out from Lafontaine's Maple Valley Club on a 100-km. trek through the back roads and trails of our communities.

Perhaps, then, sometime between now and Saturday morning, you'll pause from your busy activity to consider participating by entering the event, grabbing a sponsor sheet and gathering a few names, or by pledging a few dollars to one of those taking part.

Easter Seal kids do have a full life. With help, it can be more complete.

Think about it.



#### SAMSON'S RELEASE

In comes the fancy press release from the Midland Oldtimers, describing a recent "hair-raiser" of a hockey game.

Scoring two goals for the Midland side, says the release, was "ex-Elmvale Rink Rat, Ross Heacock."

"Since we found an effective hair-restorer for Ross Heacock we've played much better hockey," the release quotes coach Bob Carruthers.

"Like Samson, he seems to get stronger the longer his hair grows."

The Oldtimers don't win many hockey games. But they sure have fun.

My condolences to your scalp, Mr. Heacock.



#### THE WISDOM OF BABBLE-ONIA

One of the dozens of listeners of a very local radio station overheard the disc jockey announce on Sunday morning that despite the cold and snow and general ugliness of the weather in Detroit that day, it was expected that the Super Bowl game would still be held.

Sure enough, it was.

The night before, Dick Irvin stood outside Montreal Forum and told his Hockey Night in Canada listeners that "it's cold and snowing out here, but inside, it's warm and it's not snowing."

Sure enough, it wasn't.

Which brings us to...

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"You'd almost think the Flyers were on for that one."

-- Barrie Cable 10 announcer Don Lowe, after the Georgetown Raiders scored a goal on the Barrie Flyers.

And, yes, sure enough, they were.



### That's Performance

Performance Motor Sports goaltender Glen Irvine blocks a shot from a Duggans Polar Kings forward during Midland Monday at Midland Arena. Duggans won Recreational Hockey League action 4-2.

## Ruston top local in MCC 'spiel

# Sharples cashes in

Jim Sharples' Leaside rink collected the \$800 first prize in the Midland Curling Club's first annual open cash bonspiel last weekend.

Sharples defeated Don Duffenais of Base Borden's Circle Pine Curling Club for the first-section championship.

The Duffenais rink split up \$400 for their efforts.

The Bob Ruston rink of Penetanguishene was the top local entry, defeating Penetanguishene's Marty St. Amant for the second-section crown.

Ruston's rink, a regular on the provincial cash-bonspiel scene, is comprised of vice Gilles Cinq-Mars, second Martin Robillard and lead Denis Gignac.

The Ruston rink won \$400 for their title victory, St. Amant's foursome divided \$300.

A total of \$3,300 in cash and prizes were awarded among the 24 competing rinks.

Other winners:

Third section champion: Brad Mitchell, Humber Highlands (\$300); runner-up Guy Morgan, Barrie Essa Road (\$200);

Fourth section champion: Larry Merkley, Penetanguishene (\$200); runner-up Peter Watts, Midland (\$150);

First section semi-

final winner: Jim Dyas, Toronto St. George's; runner-up Terry Heatherington, Toronto St. George's;

Second section semi-final winner: Larry Hudson, Barrie Curling Club; runner-up Barry Acton, Uxbridge;

Third section semi-final winner: Keith Williams, Midland; runner-up Bob Storey, Elmvale;

Fourth section semi-final winner: Del Thorpe, Midland; runner-up Bob Bell, Midland.

## Orser easy favorite to repeat

Penetanguishene native Brian Orser will begin defense of his Canadian Senior Mens' Figure Skating title as the Canadian mens' championship gets underway in Brandon, Manitoba, tomorrow morning.



Orser

Orser, easy favorite to win the competition, will begin tomorrow with figures, move to his short program Friday and finish off with his long program on Saturday.

The womens' championships began yesterday. Tracey Wainman of Toronto is runaway favorite to claim that title.

Orser warmed up for this week's event by winning the Eastern Canada regionals in Montreal two weeks ago. His performance in that competition was academic, though, since the defending Canadian champion automatically qualifies for the national championships.

Orser left Sunday for Brandon accompanied by his sister Joanne, a local figure skating coach.

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