

Robillard makes Pan-Ams

Wheelchair athlete to take on America's best in July

Ron Robillard of Midland earned a spot on the Canadian team which will compete in next month's 1982 Pan-American Games for the Physically Disabled during a qualifying training camp last week in Halifax, N.S.

The 17-year-old provincial and national medal-winner will compete against the best from the U.S., Mexico and most Latin and South American countries in the 200, 400, 800 and 1,500 metre races when his first international test comes up July 21-28 in Halifax.

First, though, Robillard will travel to Sarnia for the 1982 Ontario Games in Sarnia July 8-12. After that there'll be another national training session in Toronto before the Canadian team jets back to Halifax for the Pan-Ams.

Robillard will be one of about 30 members of the Canadian wheelchair racing contingent.

Internationally, competitors are classified by disability, which means Robillard won't

have to face two of his toughest national opponents, Chris Stoddard of Toronto and Andre Varpiar of Quebec, in his Pan-Am medal quest.

Robillard recently lost to Stoddard in the Central-East Games in Mississauga and, last summer after winning six gold medals at the Ontario Games, he was forced to accept six silvers at the National championships in Ottawa after head-to-head duelling with world mile record-holder Varpiars.

But the teammates he will have to face in

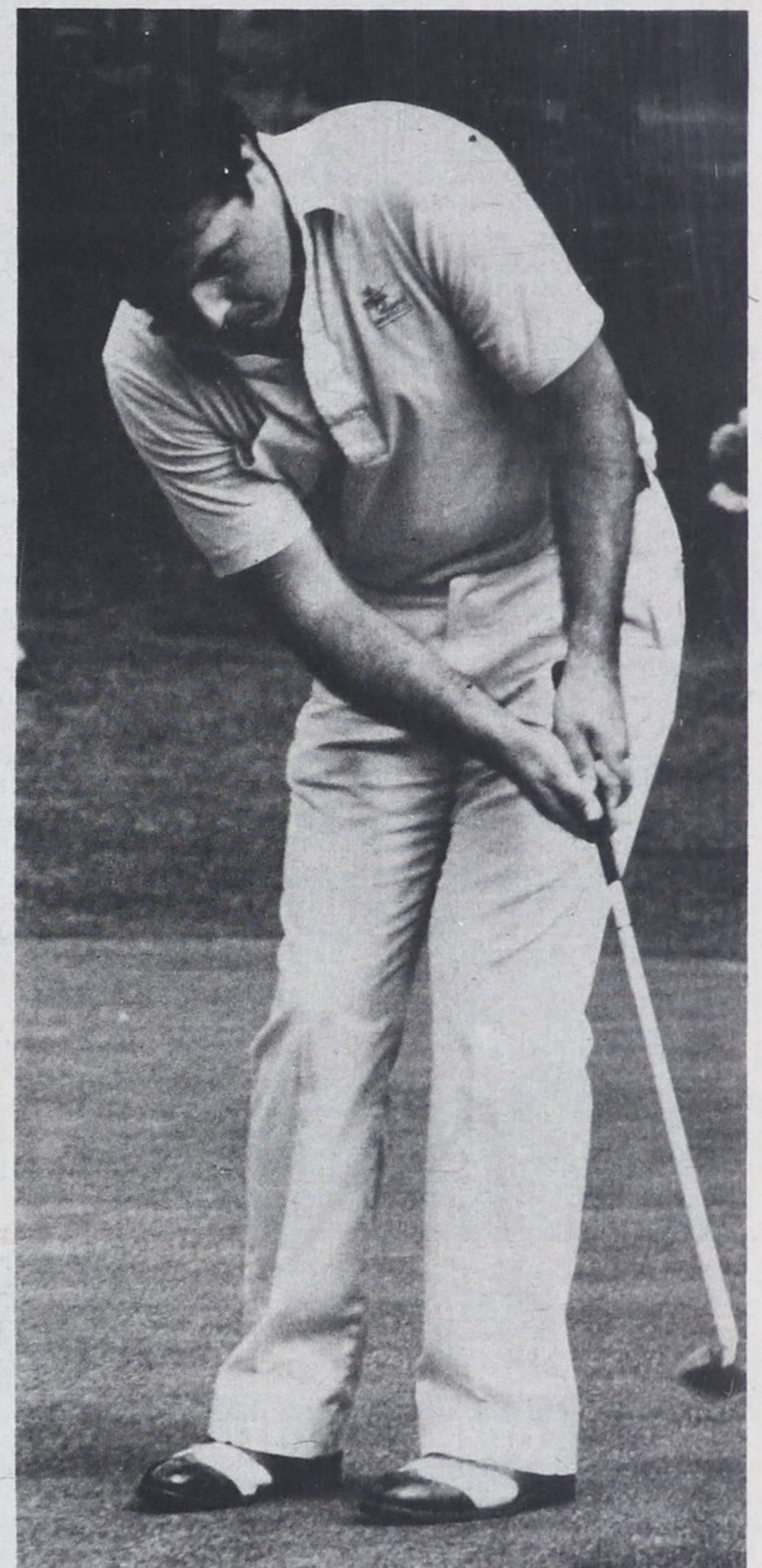
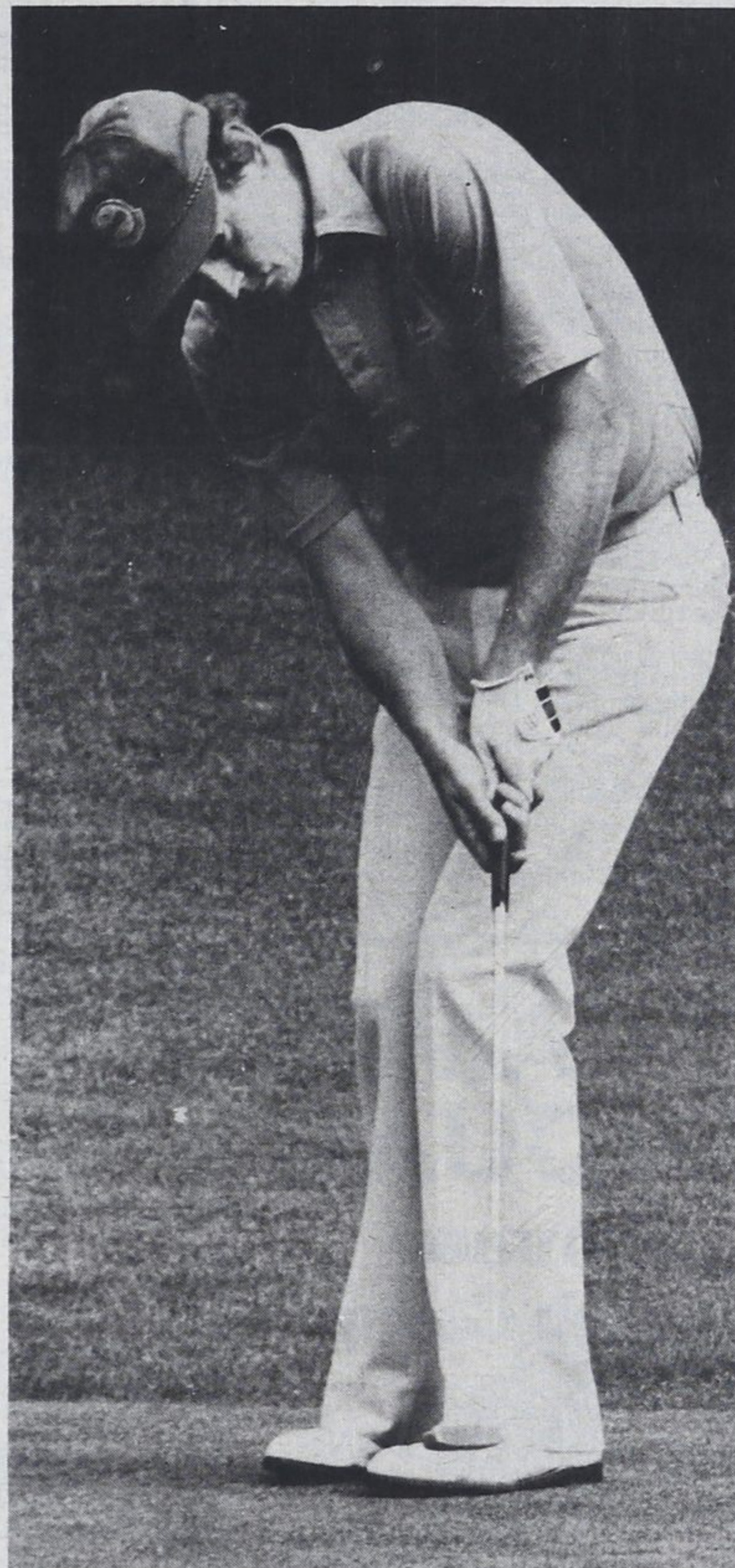
Halifax won't be any pushover, either. Two foes in particular, both from B.C., gave Robillard a tough time at last week's camp. But the Midlander said he handled one, Ron Minor, and though he didn't manage to beat Rick Henson, he's confident that he'll be much sharper when they meet again at the Pan-Ams.

"I'm doing a lot better now," Robillard said yesterday. "My times have been improving a lot since I first started to race this year."

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Putting their best shots forward

Defending champion Chester Graham (centre) set the pace in the 1982 Midland Golf and Country Club championship with a one-

over 71 Sunday. But there's still 54 holes to go in the event, and Graham will have to hold off stiff challenges from tough opponents like

second-place Mike Jackson (right) who fired a 73, and the ever-threatening Glenn Howard (left) who posted a 75 to ride alone in fourth.

Jim Hill came in with the third best score of the day, a 74.

(Photos by Bruce Finlayson)

Upsets galore at fastball event

Bayfield Furniture emerged from the smoke and flames as champion of the 1982 Elmvale Sports/Molson's Fastball Tournament last weekend in Elmvale.

Bayfield, of the Barrie and District Fastball League, took home the top prize of \$450 after stomping the Elmvale Mets 7-0 in the final of the upset-laden competition.

The Mets, of the Simcoe Rural Fastball League, won \$250 for their considerable efforts.

Consolation cham-

pionship money of \$200 went to Brechin Lagoon City after they edged the Barrie Downtowners of the BDFL 4-3. The Downtowners, co-champions of the recent Midland Athenian Raiders/Midland Jaycees tournament, picked up a \$100 cheque.

The other co-champion of the Midland tournament, Orillia Udell's Sports, were one of several of the 16 entries shocked out of the money games in early-round upsets.

Udell's were clobbered 5-0 by the Elm-

vale Sports in the host club's opener. The Sports then went on to blank the Hillsdale Hustlers of the SRFSL before being stopped short with a stunning 1-0 setback at the bats of the Mets.

The Midland Athenian Raiders, SRFSL defending champions, current league leaders and always a force to reckon with in tournament play, avenged a loss to the Downtowners at the Midland tournament with a 5-2 opening victory on the weekend.

But they, too, were

stopped by the Mets as the Elmvale club continued their quest with a 2-0 decision.

Penetanguishene IGA of the Penetanguishene Fastball League turned

a few heads by opening with a 3-2 victory over Hillsdale, shocking Udell's 1-0 in their second game and falling just short in a 2-1 decision in favor of the

Downtowners in their quarter-final matchup.

Other clubs in the two-day tourney were Phelpston (Simcoe Rural league), Queen's

Hotel, Giffen Farm Equipment (both from the BDFL), Claremont, the Malton Eagles, Malton Moon Gardens, and North York National Gym.

A's turn to seas

It takes a lot of money to run an OHA Major Intermediate A hockey club, but the Midland Athletics haven't been cast adrift yet.

Still, facing a 1982/83 bill that will exceed last year's total of \$26,000 for equipment, ice time and the like, the team is hoping area

hockey fans will float them a little support when they take to the waves for their annual Boat Cruise and Fun Night July 17.

Tickets, which include DJ entertainment and a buffet on the Georgian Queen, are \$10 apiece and available at Jory's Pharmacy in Midland.