# Sports Report

# Heathcliff is back!

Last week when the discussion of finding a capable backup for Ernie Whiit came up in a discussion with my jokingly suggested we make a trade for Cliff Johnson.

However, the lad in his ultimate wisdom, pointed out the fact the last time he caught for he Jays he left a lot to be desired.

Little did either one of us know that he would be back in a Toronto uniform, especially under the cumstances in which he left the club.

Excellent move by Pat Gillick. All year I've been commenting on the despearate need of a clubhouse leader, and now we have one. He's got a pretty mean bat as well. Johnson was batting .257 for Texas, with 12 round trippers and 56 ribbies in 296 at bats. With men on base he was belting he ball at a .424 clip.

Jays gave up two minor league hurlers for Johnson, Matt Williams

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Mays who was 2-4 and two saves with a 5.06 Class A Florence.

Jays must name leaguer in 1983. another player at the end of the year to complete the deal, and it could be Jeff Hearron, currently with the big club. The Rangers apparently are looking for catching help, so Hearron would be a likely choice since the Jays have better prospects at Syracuse. With the addition of

Heathcliff, Moseby quite likely will be batting second in front of Johnson, followed by Bell, Barfield, and Upshaw.

It will be more difficult for pitchers to pitch around Blue Jay

who is 26 years of age batters now because of with a record of 7-12 for the awesome power first place Syracuse, they possess. Both and 21 year old Jeff Moseby and Upshaw seem to perform well with Johnson around. earned run average for Upshaw enjoyed his best year as a major

> Just as important as his bat will be his demonstrated ability in the clubhouse to keep the team's heads right screwed on through the lough stretch run.

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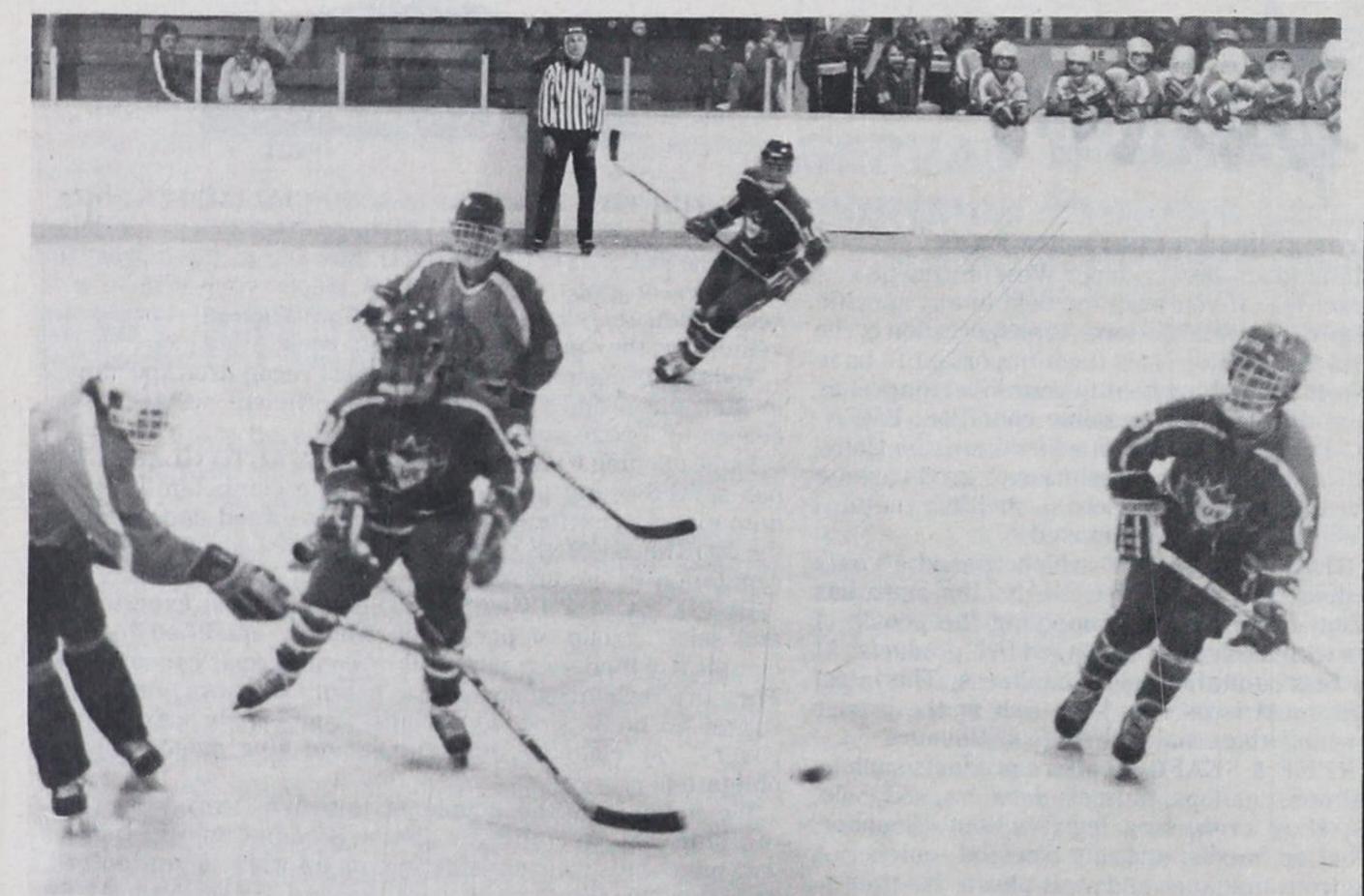




Mighty Casey at bat

Plate Umpire John Wadge displays excellent positioning behind the plate, as catcher Ray Leeking of Wilkins Auto waits patiently for the pitch in last week's Huronia Slow Pitch League All-Star Clash. This CMT Video batter prepares to send the ball into orbit.

-Photo by Arnold Burgher



#### It's hockey time again

Peter Dubeau, general manager of the Penetang Jr. C Kings, has announced, tryout camp will take place in Penetang on Sept. 15 or 16, times to be announced. Dubeau expects about 10 returnees from last year which leaves plenty of room for local hopefuls. Kings are looking for a couple of defencemen and a goal scorer or two for the upcoming season.





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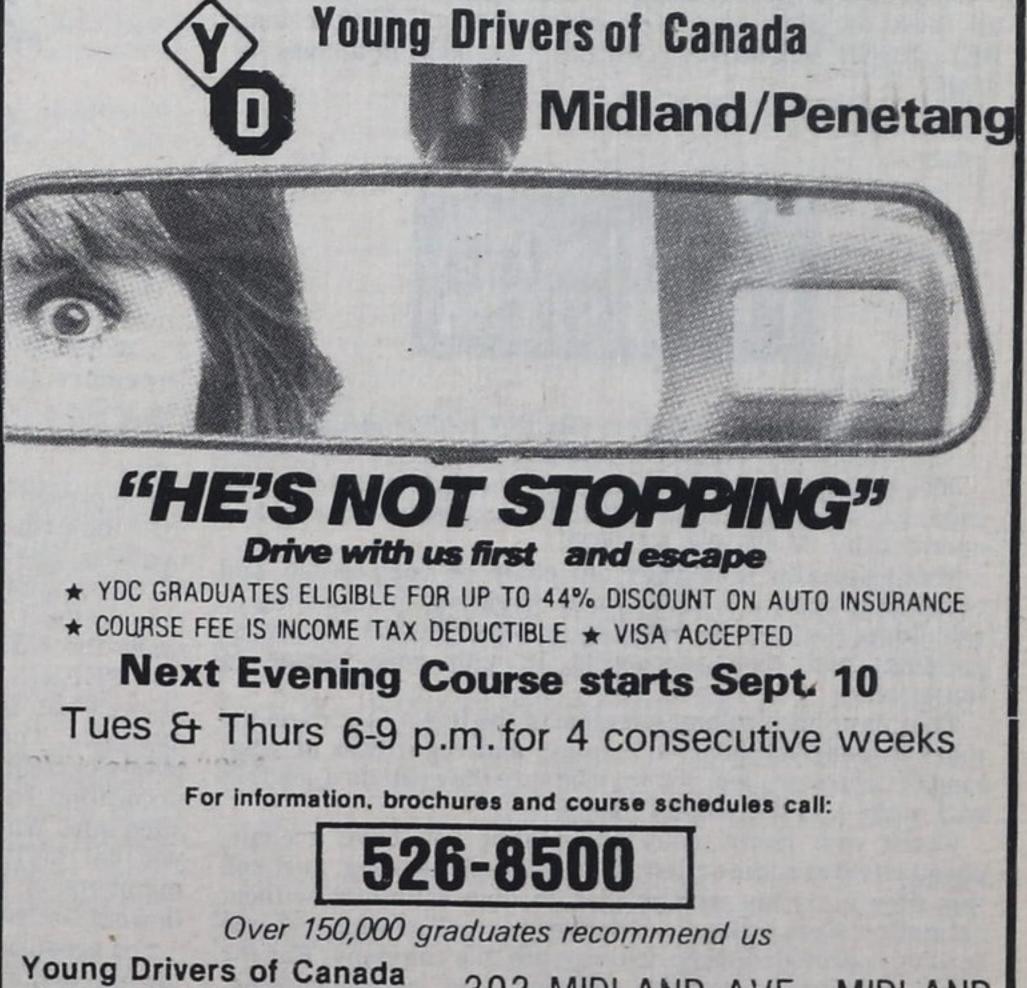
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