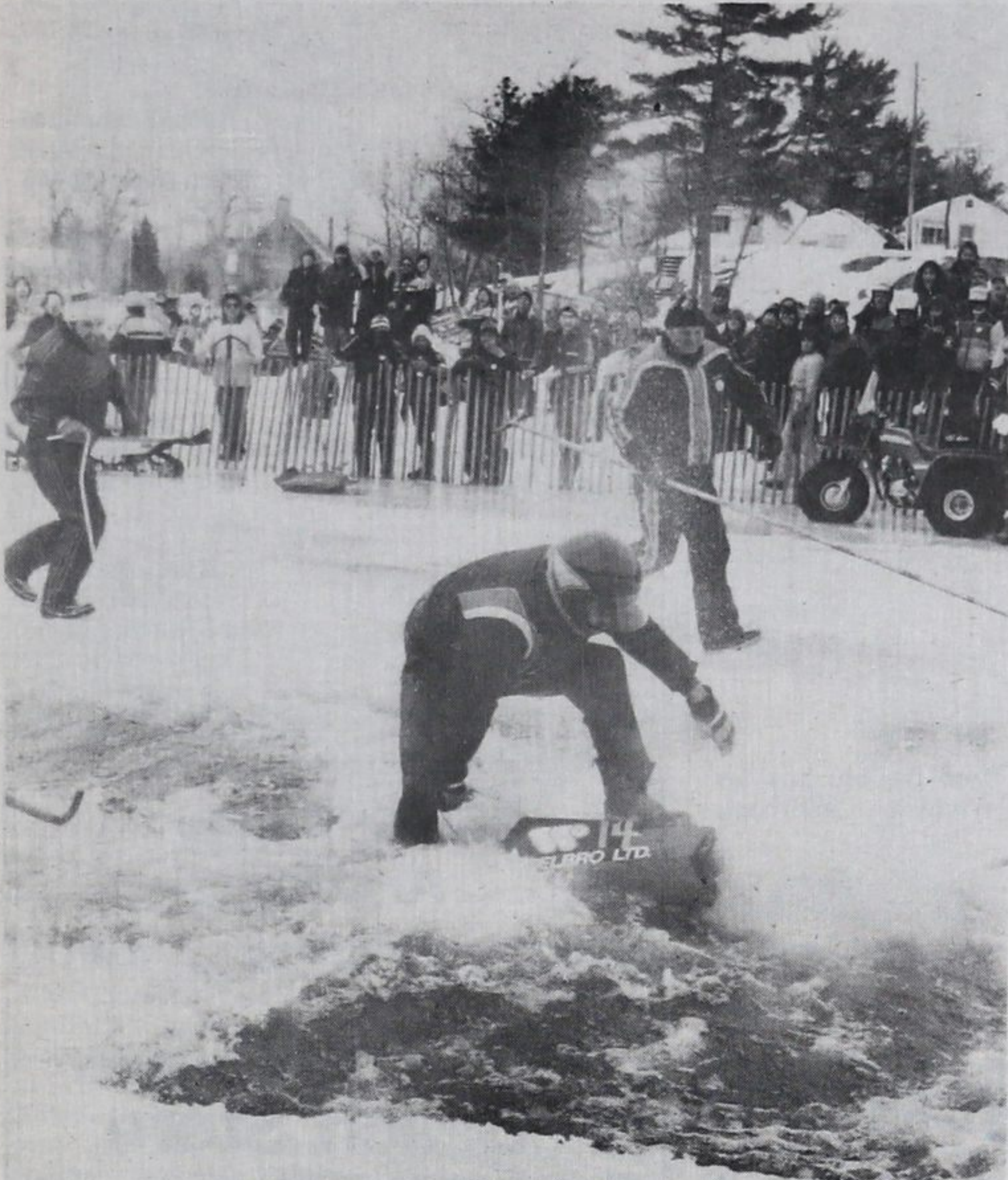


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Riding the waves at Honey Harbour

It was smooth sailing for Penetang's Steve Lalonde as he glided across the 220 foot stretch of open water on Saturday afternoon during the Honey Harbour Puddlejump. Stewart took the top

spot for machines 499 c.c. and under after he successfully completed the crossing with only a 20 foot take off at the start.

He's in for an icy swim

Driver Fred Bartman of Oakville made a fast exit from his sinking machine in an attempt to avoid the icy cold waters of Georgian Bay on Saturday during the Honey Harbour Puddlejump when his snowmobile fell

a few feet short of making it across the 220 foot stretch of open water after making the run from only 20 feet. Bartman placed second in the competition for machines 499 c.c. and under.

Central Atoms outscore Borden

by BURT MASON
Penetanguishene Central Marine Major Atoms continued their winning ways this past weekend by blanking Borden Atoms 8-0 in OMHA playdowns and now take a commanding two game lead into the three game series.

The game, which was played Sunday at Penetanguishene Community Centre, saw Mariners score early and while short-handed.

It was Adrian Maurice who slapped in a rebound after Shawn McConkey's shot from the point was stopped by the Borden goal-tender.

McConkey drew one of the two assists on this goal as Tim Mason was also given credit. Less than one minute later, Raymond Dupuis made it 2-0 when he and Tim Mason combined on a pretty play from the Borden corner. Central Marine increased its lead when Dwayne Johnson scored from line-mates Adrian Maurice and Marcel Monague who executed

an excellent three on two play. That was all the scoring in the first period as the second period went scoreless as the play became a bit scrumbly.

Both Mariners goalies, Scott Galt and Mike Marchildon were not overworked in the contest, but when they were called upon to make a big save they did it in fine style to record their third consecutive shut-out in as many games.

The third period began where the first period ended... with more offense. Scott Cummings staked his team to a 4-0 lead with only 2:11 having been ticked off the clock and both Adrian Maurice and Peter Couling were given assists on the goal. At this point in the game, it was time for Shawn McConkey to show his offensive power as his scored the next two goals to raise the score to 6-0. McConkey's first goal was an unassisted effort while his second one was set up by some nifty

passing between Peter Couling and Chris Brooks who were given assists.

Tim Mason replied with two back-to-back goals to finish the scoring drive and end the game at 8-0. Raymond Dupuis earned an assist on Mason's first goal while the second one was an unassisted effort.

Central Marine's next play-off game has yet to be scheduled and we will try to keep you posted whenever the times become available.

The team would like to give special thanks to both Gary Ronald and Wayne Desjardins who were pressed into unexpected duty for Sunday's game when it was learned that the OMHA had not arranged for referees.

Within 15 minutes of being notified that we needed officials both gentlemen were suited up and ready to officiate.

Central Marine Major Atoms thank you guys!

Howard out in front at Brier

by ARNOLD BURGHER
Russ Howard, curling out of the Penetanguishene Curling Club, currently finds himself all alone at the top of the pile at the Brier in Kitchener - Waterloo.

After Manitoba took one in the first end, the Howard rink took control for the rest of the matching winning 5-4. Howard counted one in the second, third, and fourth ends, and picked up a pair in the eighth, while giving the Riley foursome two in the seventh and one in the ninth end.

Howard met British Columbia in his second Sunday match-up, and enjoyed a much easier time, winning handily 10-2 after eight ends in the scheduled 10 ender.

Yesterday morning Howard's foursome met Quebec and counted a single stone in the 10th end to emerge victorious 5-4, his third straight win. Howard's fourth match was after press time last night.

In his only other trip to the Brier, Howard led the pack with a 4-1 record before losing a close one to Al Hackner and winding up with a losing record. According to Howard, during a radio interview, the going "gets tougher, it's a real grind".

Howard is used to tough going, as he took on all comers this year in capturing the Labatt Tankard in Richmond Hill last month.

Puddlejump packs 'em in Saturday

by MICHELE GOUETT
Weather conditions could not have been more ideal for the annual Honey Harbour Puddlejump last Saturday afternoon.

Over 4,000 spectators lined the fence of the jumping area as snowmobilers from as far away as Ottawa vied for the top cash prizes.

Twelve entrants took to the ice and water in the two heats which saw Steve Lalonde of Penetanguishene taking the top spot on a 499 c.c. and under snowmobile.

Lalonde came out on top of his category, after making it across the 220 feet of open water from only a 20 foot start up beating out Fred Bartman of Oakville, who was the first machine to go down in the competition, when he failed in his bid to make the whole length of the puddle from the same distance.

In the larger machine category, the prize money for the top two spots was split between Glen Balzell of Brampton and Greg Balchen of Ottawa who both glided their

machines across the open water from a five foot long run.

In an effort to break the stalemate, both racers attempted the 220 foot crossing from only three feet of runway but had to be pulled from the water when both machines sank to the bottom, leaving the competition in a tie situation.

As in years gone by the annual event was capped off with a few brave souls mounting water skis and clad only in bathing suits starting the summer season off a little too early.

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