

# Clean sweep for Howard's rink

'He was meant to win', was the quote from Bernie Sparkes, the skip of the B.C. rink. The rink that Russ Howard's team defeated in the 10th end of the final game in the Labatt's Brier, and winning the Canadian Championship.

Russ defeated Bernie Sparkes by taking five in the final end. Russ defeated Schmidt in a similar manner on Sunday afternoon to take the Men's World Curling Championship and the President's trophy.

Local fans glued to their TV sets at home, in local curling clubs, and bars, agonized through end after end, waiting for the Howard rink to break the game open so they all could finally take a breath.

From the first end when Germany took a pair many fans became concerned about the outcome. Then, Germany had a 3-1 lead and the concern turned to fear.

But Howard remained calm, even though most fans weren't, and threw the shot he knew he had to make to bring the World Championship back to Penetanguishene.

A new world sprint record was set when

Larry Merkley came flying out of nowhere to join the team in their exhilaration on the ice as soon as the game was over.

According to Howard, Merkley broke the Canadian sprint record at the World's. Perhaps Larry should drop curling and challenge Ben Johnson.

A busload of fans met Howard and the boys at Pearson International Airport last night around 11 p.m. They escorted the area's second World Champion of 1987 back to Huronia.

At least one celebration has been planned to celebrate their victory.

The Howard rink and Brian Orser are to be honored at the Brian Orser Hall in the Penetanguishene Arena on April 29, by the Town of Penetanguishene.



## They're the tops

The Canadian team of Russ Howard, Glenn Howard, Tim Belcourt, Kent Carstairs stand on the top podium preparing to receive their Gold medals after winning the 1987 World

Men's Curling Championship. After a 7-2 round robin record the Penetang team scored a semi-final win over Denmark, then defeated West Germany in the final 9-5.

## Councillor's condition serious

A multi-vehicle collision last Friday evening on Highway 27 resulted in Penetanguishene Councillor Ken Tannahill, 69, and his wife Rosemary, 67, being taken to the Royal Victoria Hospital (RVH) in Barrie. The couple who were listed in critical condition Friday night are still in hospital today.

Barrie OPP report the accident occurred at 5:40 p.m. on Highway 27 about one kilometre north of Vespra Township Conc. 5-6.

Michael Keith Duff, 33, of Wasaga Beach was driving northbound on Highway 27 when he entered the southbound lane to pass a 1983 Chevrolet driven by 17 year-old Martha Shanahan of Phelpston.

According to a police official, Duff's 1974 Cadillac struck the Shanahan vehicle causing it to spin out of control and strike the Tannahills' northbound vehicle.

Mrs. Tannahill remains in the Critical Care Unit of RVH. Councillor Tannahill's condition has been upgraded to serious.

Barrie OPP have charged the Wasaga Beach man with impaired driving and failure to provide a sample of his breath.

## Union against contract

TRW employees last night rejected a tentative contract by a ratio of about two to one.

Members of Local 1698 of the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union voted through the day until 6 p.m. yesterday, on the tentative contract presented to them on Sunday afternoon.

The union local members agreed to return to work last Friday morning. The 600 to 650 members staged a wildcat walkout that began just past midnight on Apr. 1.

Local 1698 legally can strike on Apr. 13.

Local 1698 President Ken Gendron said after the vote only that the union members want more money.

Contract negotiation, which began in February, was suspended during the walkout. TRW refused to negotiate while Local 1698's members were walking an unofficial, because illegal, picket line outside TRW's seatbelt assembly plant, in Penetanguishene's industrial park.

The local's members present for the announcement of the result of the vote last night were urged to stay on the job until April 13.

When the local membership voted last Friday to return to work, it asked also for a meeting with its contract negotiation committee on the following Sunday afternoon.

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## Rehearsal

Blake Smith, band-master with the Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School Concert Band, takes the musicians

through their paces in a final rehearsal before the band's trip to Harrogate, England. The 50 piece concert band leaves for Europe this

Friday to compete in the International Youth Music Festival and a 14 day engagement in England.

## ESPSS Concert Band is ready

The Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School (ESPSS) Concert Band is in the final stage of preparation for its trip to the Harrogate International Youth Music Festival in England.

The band's trip has been planned for over two years and at a cost of nearly \$100,000.

On Sunday, during one of the last rehearsals before the trip, the band was working to trim minutes off its set-up time.

"We have to get our set-up down to 20 minutes," said Band Master and instructor, Blake Smith.

Smith's wife, Marilyn said planning the trip has been a community event, adding the band

was invited to play at the competition after an audition tape was sent to the organizers in England.

The Band Parents' Association helped raise \$8,000 to outfit the 50 piece band with new uniforms.

As well, community events and service clubs helped raise money to provide the musicians with new cases for their instruments.

During its rehearsal Sunday afternoon, the Concert Band gave fine renditions from their repertoire of classical and 30s to modern music, which it will perform during the 14-day tour.

Mrs. Smith added that Boosey and Hawkes,

a British musical instrument manufacturer, is supplying drums for the band.

"It makes it easier when we're travelling not to have to take the large drums," she said.

The ESPSS Concert Band is scheduled to leave the high school at 2:00 p.m. on Friday.

Its first performance is in London on Monday afternoon for Boosey and Hawkes employees.

The first performance at the festival, in Harrogate, is on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. during the 'Opening Gala Concert'.

The musicians are staying with 27 host families in the West Yorkshire city.

*Curling souvenir inside*