



Winning formula

This Formula Ford is owned and driven by Gunther Schmidt. On September 26-27, Schmidt will be racing the Ford at the 4.5 kilometer Mosport track. Qualifying runs will take place on Saturday with Sunday reserved for 2-3 heats per class before the finals. The Formula Ford has a 1600 cc push rod engine with a cortina

block and cylinder head. The car can reach top speeds of 150-160 miles per hour. Schmidt racing is sponsored by Green Belt Motors of Toronto, Budget Rent a Car, Industrial Assistance, Ideal Supply, Leitz Canada, Garms Muffler World and The Coach and The Athlete.

Where did summer go?

by David Gravelle
I can't believe summer's over. Where did it all go? It has been a fantastic summer from any way you look at it. If you're a boater, the winds were favorable.

If you're a swimmer, the lakes and bays were warm enough to attract those who fear that cool, refreshing feeling. If you're a baseball player, you didn't suffer

many rainouts. If you're a golfer, you got out early in the morning then beat the heat at the beach after lunch. All in all this summer was just a blast.

season in place. For me, I'm a beach bum in the summer, and in the winter I'm a curler and throw on the skates once and a while for some hockey. My skiing is improving too.

I'm a guy who likes just two seasons: summer and winter. That in between stuff I don't relish because Mother Nature can't seem to make up her mind what she wants. One day it's grey and drizzly, the next it's cool and windy.

Therefore, I suggest we organize a petition addressed to Mother Nature, c/o The National Weather Centre, Ottawa, Canada. The message, keep the mercury at 26 degrees celcius until November 1st, then give us snow right through until March 31st. Then, overnight go back to those hot humid days of summer we've just experienced.

I figure Big mama nature is a businesswoman. She can be bought. If all those who make money because of the weather share the pot (say 3 per cent) with the big lady, she'll give us what we want. Just think of the possibilities.

Horseshoe Valley and Blue Mountain would just rake in the bucks if they were guaranteed five full months of snow. Although, they didn't do all that bad last winter in the ski trade.

Snowmobilers and boaters would appreciate their crafts a lot more knowing they would be getting their money's worth with a more definite

Maybe I'm a little wishy washy thinking Mother Nature will really listen to my needs and to the needs of countless others. But, I really wouldn't mind some snow, in say 7 weeks. By that time I'll have a few curling games under my belt, have my skis waxed, and my skates sharpened.

I'll have my snowtires purchased and my de-icer for the windshield. Come to think of it, I had better buy a couple of sweaters and a new pair of galoshes.

Boy, just thinking of winter is getting me all excited. Excited enough, I'm going to try on my ski boots right now...

I'm back. Guess what they still fit. But, I'm going to buy a new pair of skis anyway. On the hill, you have to look good. When you're on the lift and somebody asks what you like about your "boards" and all you have on are rentals you want to jump off. Hey! it's only 60 feet to the ground.

I apologize to all you sane people out there who are reading this and are wondering what I'm all about. Sometimes, when I day dream I head off in a weird direction.

But, wouldn't you really appreciate a snowstorm right now just to get the season off on the right foot.

Warriors nipped by Vasey 1-0

Vasey Seniors ended their best of five quarter final Simcoe Rural Fastball series Wednesday night as they nipped Wyebridge Murray Fagan Roofing Warriors 1-0.

Both pitchers, Paul Rowe for Wyebridge and Rob McLean for Vasey were outstanding. Although McLean earned the win, the pitching performance of lefty Rowe is one to remember.

Rowe allowed three base hits, one in the second, one in the third and one in the fifth. The damaging blow came in the third when right fielder Wayne King stroked a double leading off the frame. Brent Gordon laid down a bunt to move King to third and Ken Edgar's ground out to third was enough to plate

King for the game's only tally.

Rowe didn't walk anyone and recorded nine strikeouts. He deserved a better fate.

McLean struck out 10 batters and allowed three base hits, all of which came with two out. Kent Goldsmith and Bob Dutton slapped back to back singles in the fourth, but McLean settled down to whiff Dave Schandlen ending the inning. Mike Gadsby, the hero of game three, recorded the other base hit in the sixth.

Vasey's next series began last night at home against Hillsdale Barrie Auto Glass in a best of five semi final.

The other semi final between Penetanguishene Huronia Chrysler and Vasey Giants also started last night in Penetang.

Fox Run at MSS this Sunday

What are you doing next Sunday? Why not join 300,000 Canadians as they enjoy fun and fitness while raising funds for cancer research?

The Seventh Annual Terry Fox Run takes place across Canada this Sunday.

K-Mart Stores are a major sponsor of this event as are Scotia Bank, Kentucky Fried Chicken Outlets, Canada Post Corporation, Four Seasons Hotels and Shoppers Drug Mart.

On the local scene, you can run, walk, jog or wheel around the track at Midland Secondary School.

Pledge sheets are available at all sponsor locations plus at the Midland Times office at 309 King Street, Midland.

"Last year over \$3.8 million was raised by the 285,000 people of all ages, shapes and sizes who walked, jogged and wheeled through the 0-10 kilometer course," says Paula Clark, National Run Director. "This year we hope to see an even greater number of people out on run day to help reach our goal-to find a cure for cancer," adds Clark. This year organizers are hoping for proceeds in excess of four million dollars.

Autumn sports are coming up

In the next few weeks registrations will be held for fall programs in the area. The Penetanguishene Figure Skating Club will hold their registration at the Penetanguishene Arena tomorrow from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and again Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon. A skate exchange will be held during registration hours.

Penetanguishene Minor Hockey Association will be signing up players at the same time in the same location. PMHA will also set up shop Saturday, September 19 from 9 a.m. to noon. Fees this year will be \$75 for 10 year olds and up, \$65 for 6-9 year olds and \$50 for fives and under. A skate exchange will be held September 19. PMHA will offer a power skating course. Registrations for the course will be held September 12 and 19. Cost of the lessons is \$25.

Penetanguishene Curling club will hold their registration Thursday and Friday, September 10, 11 and Monday, September 14 from 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. each night. New members will receive a free broom and shoes plus free instruction from World Champion curler, Russ Howard. Free ice time will be available from October 5-9 during Open House. The opening bash will be

held Thursday, October 8 beginning at 8 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Midland Figure Skating Club will hold their registration on Saturday, September 12 from 10 a.m. until noon, September 14 and 17 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Civic Center on Yonge Street.

Tomorrow night the Midland Figure Skating Club will be hosting a Brian Orser night to wish him well in his quest for a gold medal at the 1988 Calgary winter Olympics.

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Huronia Slow Pitch League Tonight

TRW vs Chez Henri, 6:30 p.m. at McGuire Park, Penetanguishene TRW leads Chez Henri 2-1 in the best of seven final

Game 4 is tomorrow night, same time and place. Game 5, if necessary, is scheduled for Friday

Olympia Fastball League Tomorrow

Penetang R&R Sports at Coldwater, 6:30 p.m.

Game 2, best of 5

Game 3, Thursday in Penetang, 6:45 p.m.

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Sat. Sept. 12 - 10 a.m. to 12, 1 to 3 p.m.

Mon. Sept. 14 - 7 to 9 p.m.

Thurs. Sept. 17 - 7 to 9 p.m.

