

Schmidt fastest in auto slalom

The Twin Lakes Motor Club held their fifth event of the year in the Huronia Challenge Auto Slalom for Big Brothers Sunday at Mountainview Mall.

The event was originally scheduled for Orillia but had to be moved to Midland when Orillia became unavailable Thursday night.

The fastest time of the day was recorded by Midland's Gunther Schmidt with a clocking of 44.31 in his Formula Ford 1600 in the Modified class.

However, since the minimum number of three entrants did not exist in this class, the time does not count toward total points.

The fastest lady driver of the day was Nancy Burnham with a time of 52.90 in the B3 class driving a Volkswagen Scirocco.

There are five classes which are determined by type of car engine and past performance.

Martin Vipond captured first place in the A2 Class with his 260Z Datsun in a time of 52.10. James Taylor finished second with 54.41, 2.34 seconds ahead of third place Wade Taylor. All were driving a Datsun 260Z.

In B2 Class, George Burnham's Ford Pinto was the only non Honda Accord entered. His time of 53.77 was good enough for third spot. Cam Kurrle grabbed top spot in 52.86 with Ross Kirkby .24 seconds behind in second place.

In the B3 Class, John Saunders, in his Chrysler Turbo, clocked a time of 50.68. Gun-

ther Schmidt placed second in a Volkswagen Scirocco. Brian Graham (51.13) and George Burnham (51.52) finished third and fourth respectively, both in Scirocco's.

John Brown's 52.22 was the top time in class C2. Brown was piloting a Volvo. Second and third went to Mercury Capri's with John

McGavin clocking 52.39 and Ross Kirkby registering a 53.10.

The final slalom of the year will be held Sunday, October 18 at Georgian Mall in Barrie. A Christams Party Rally is scheduled for November 21 from Barrie to Dwight (north of Huntsville). Tom and Doris Medlock at 326-2107 are the organizers.

Sports Scene

Champs ousted in three games

Vasey Giants should change their name to the Cinderella Giants because Thursday night they completed a three game sweep of the defending league champions Penetang Huronia Chrysler As.

The Giants won the Simcoe Rural Fastball League semi-final series three games to none by defeating Penetang 8-3, 5-1 and 4-1.

The Giants weren't given much of a chance of advancing to the finals, but the steady teamwork play and the resurgence of Steve Tumber as a bonafide chucker earned the Cinderella Giants a well deserved spot in the league championship finals.

At this point in time, the finals loom for a Vasey final. The Seniors lead Hillsdale two games to none with game three scheduled for last night in Vasey.

Giants wasted no time Thursday night in

Penetang as they grabbed three runs in the first frame.

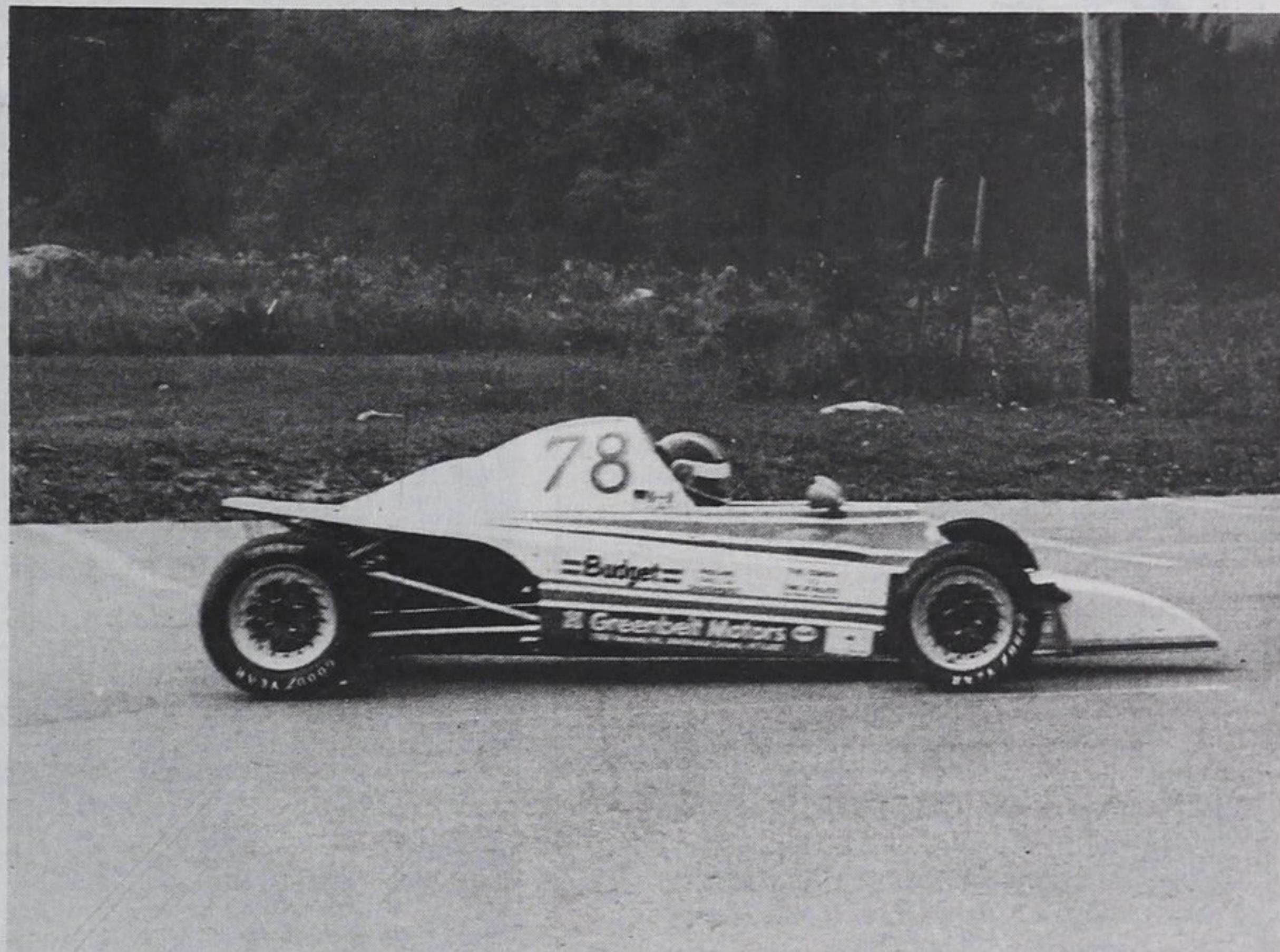
Don Foxall reached first with two out and arrived on third on Steve Tumber's base hit. Kevin Hamilton then stroked a two bagger plating Foxall with Tumber scampering to third. Pete Robinson, dh-ing for Rick Nigro, delivered both runners with a solid single.

Back to back triples off the bats of Foxall and Tumber with one out in the third cashed the final Vasey tally.

Curt Glover scored the lone Penetang run in the fifth on a pair of passed balls and a sacrifice fly.

Steve Tumber again picked up the win on the hill for the Giants allowing four base hits, walking two and fanning one.

The Giants now await the winners of the Vasey Seniors/Hillsdale Barrie Auto Glass series.



Hot Wheels

Midland's Gunther Schmidt set the fastest time of the day during this run in the Huronia Auto Slalom for Big Brothers at Mountainview Mall on Sunday. Schmidt drove his Formula Ford 1600 around and through the

pilons in a time of slightly over 51 seconds. He later demolished the time with a recording of 44.31 seconds which stood as the best of the day.

Pee Wees lose, but they make their mark

What an exciting weekend of baseball! The Midland Legion Branch 80 Pee Wees came within one base hit of advancing to the final championship game in the Ontario Baseball Association's "D" classification playdowns in Woodlee, Ontario over the Labour Day weekend. In a classic struggle from start to finish, Midland lost in extra innings in the semi-finals and thus were eliminated from further play.

In the tournament, Midland's first round opponents hailed from Valley East who proved to be no match for the local team as they trounced the northerners 12-2 after only six innings before the "mercy rule" was invoked by tournament officials. Leading the offense for Midland was Laval Dubeau whose homer in the sixth capped off a five run rally which virtually salted the victory for starting pitcher Troy Caley.

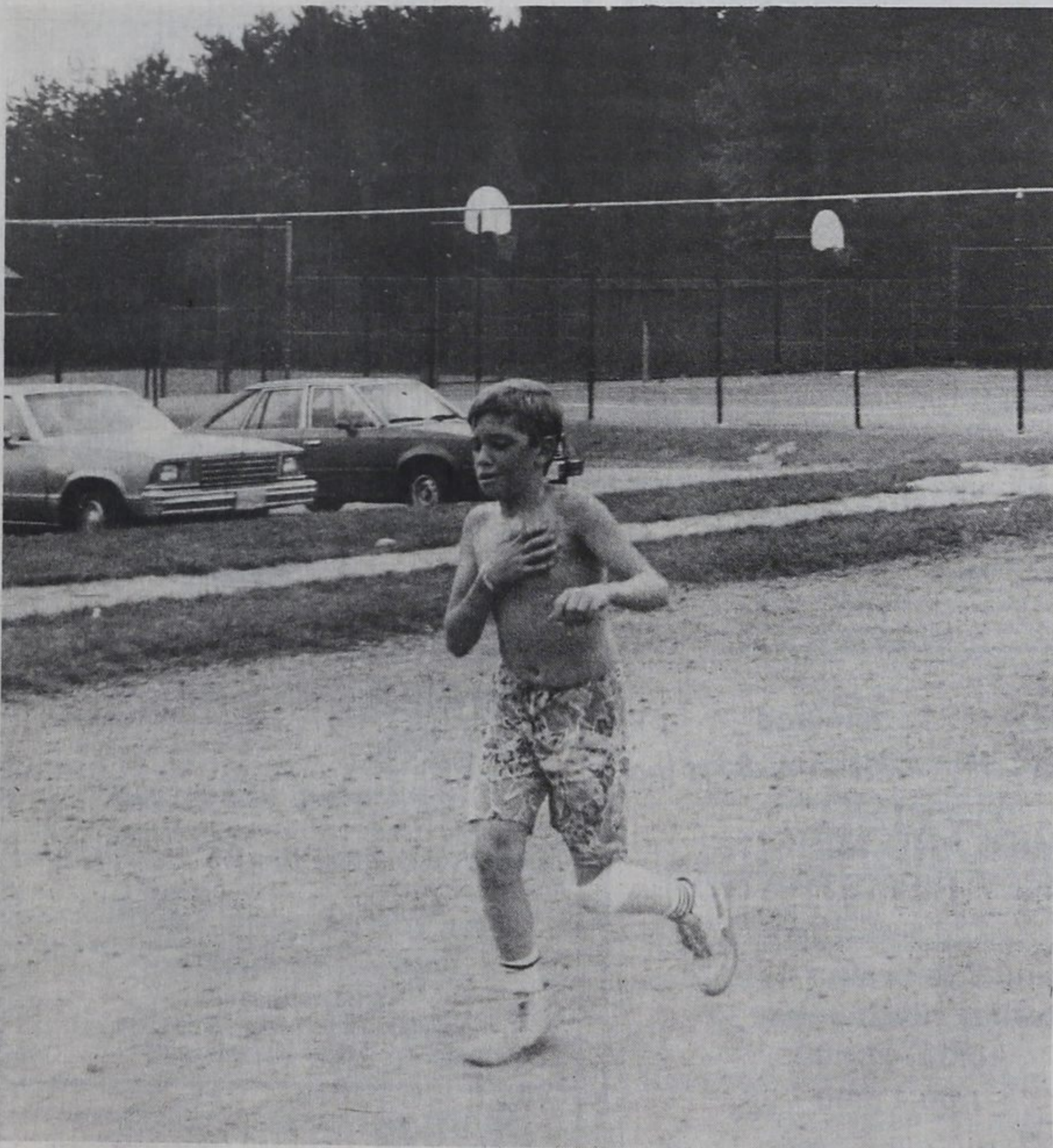
Less than two hours later, Midland went up against an old foe when they were matched with the Walkerton Pee Wees who also sported a 1 and 0 record in the tournament after they defeated the MacGregor entry by a close 7-5 score. This contest proved to be much closer as Midland's opponents were a superior ball team than the one they met in the first round. Walkerton struck first for a run before Midland replied with a couple of their own. The game saw Midland pull ahead in the third inning and they maintained their lead throughout winning the game by an 8-3 score. A strong pitching performance by start

Tim Mason proved to be the difference as he and his team-mates managed to keep Walkerton base-runners off the paths.

Sporting an impressive 2 and 0 record after two rounds, Midland went up against the only other 2 and 0 team in the tournament, the home-town Woodlee Pee Wees who were viewed as the pre-tournament favorites. The game began at 9 a.m. on Sunday Sept. 6, but the Midland team really did not arrive for this game as they were "merced" in five-innings by a 16-2 score. Unfortunately for Midland, this was the worst game of the tournament for them as they just were unable to recover from a devastating six run barrage in the bottom of the first. Starter Troy Caley was tagged for the loss.

To the team's credit, they did bounce back, later in the same morning when they went up against the Oakwood Pee Wees in the third round. Oakwood played at 9 a.m. as well and were able to eliminate Walkerton from further play by downing them 10-9 in extra innings.

As in their previous game, this contest proved to be a "nail-biter" as the pesty Oakwood team were close in every game they played, but finally were eliminated from further play as Midland took the game by an 8-6 score in seven innings. Starter Tim Mason got the win, but only after some fine defensive and offensive help from all his team-mates.



Stretch Drive

This young lad is not checking his heart beat, he is merely wiping the sweat from his body as he completed several laps at Midland Secondary School Athletic Field Sunday in the Seventh Annual Terry Fox Run. No local figures of money raised were available at

press time, but nationally, organizers expect the event to total five million dollars, far above expectations. Last year, the campaign collected \$3.8 million and four million was expected this year.

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