

Through the lens

Howard rink should go see Jays again

by David Gravelle
The Russ Howard rink should attend more Blue Jays games, especially as the season winds down and the pennant race becomes tighter.

If last Saturday's blowout at the Ex was any indication, the World Champions should be put on contract by Pat Gillick as the team's lucky charm.

Walt Lemmon from Labatt's invited the Howard rink to attend the New York Yankee-Toronto Blue Jay game Saturday and to sit in the Brewery's private box up behind home plate.

Unfortunately, (not for me) second Tim Belcourt had a couple of distractions Saturday and couldn't make it to the game. I was the lucky stand-in. Tim had to work, and the Belcourts are also waiting their first child which is due any day now.

If you've never had the opportunity to sit in one of those private boxes at Exhibition Stadium you don't know what you're missing.

You head upstairs on a private elevator along with members of the media and other important people. As

a matter of fact, we got a glimpse of Yankee boss George Steinbrenner prior to the match. And, guess what...he wasn't chewing out Lou Piniella.

Once you arrive at the V.I.P. box you're greeted by an attractive young lady who makes sure your glass is always full and the bowl of popcorn in front of you has enough salt on it.

If you get really hungry, she can order you anything from hot dogs to hamburgers, to cold deli plates, to hot finger foods.

Hanging on the back of the door of this plush suite are ball gloves. Glenn Howard spent most of the day itching for a foul ball to come our way but it never transpired.

The balls were too busy heading out of the park as the Jays creamed the Yanks 13-1 with Russ Howard's look-alike Ernie Whitt cashing in a pair of homers and six runs.

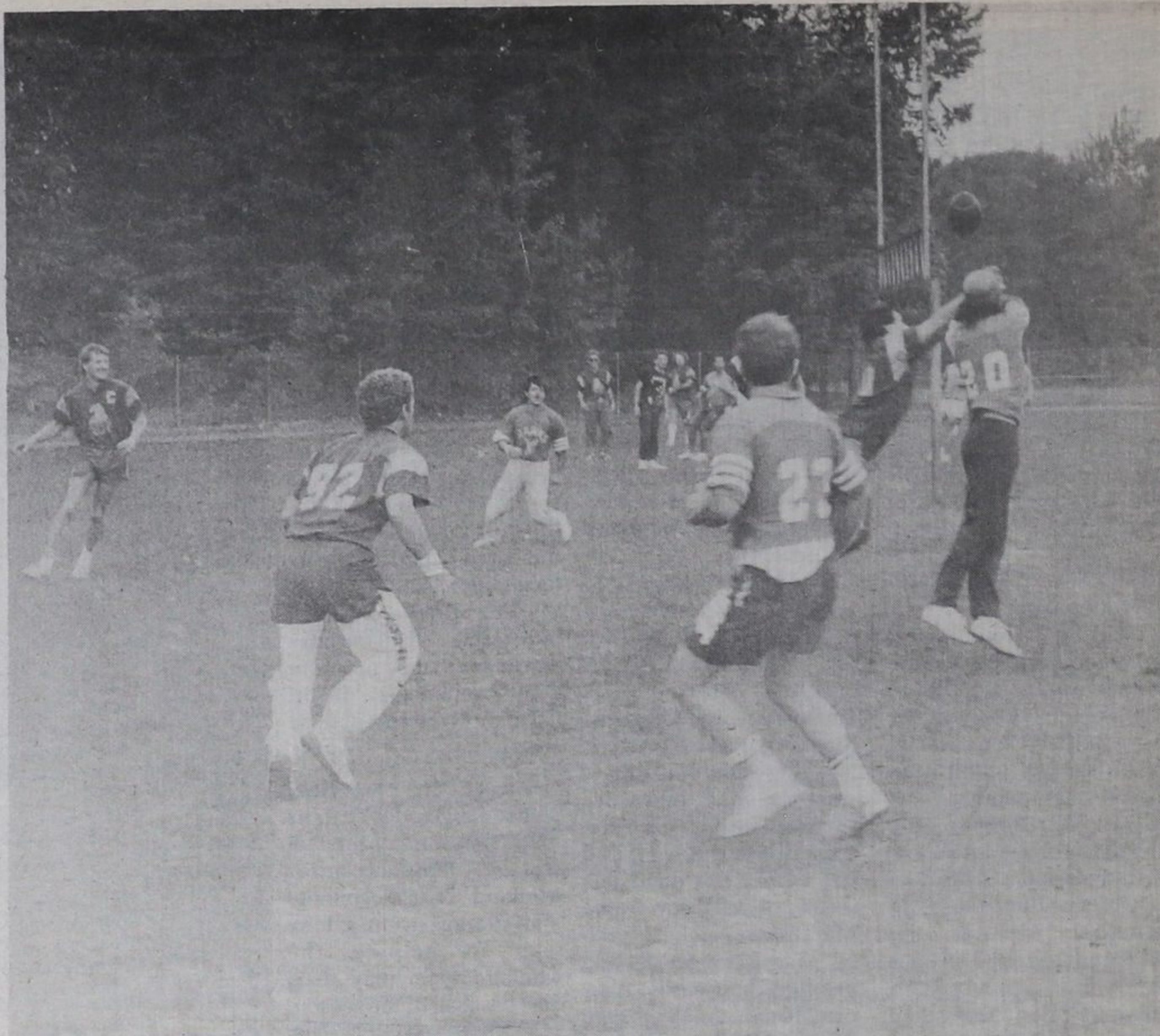
Prior to the match Russ was interviewed on T.S.N. Maybe, some of you caught it. Well, the interviewer Fergie Olver, the guy we love to hate knows "diddly squat" about the game of curling. But, as a true pro

he made it look like he was a short version of Ray Turnbull.

If you really want to know, Russ carried the interview. He wasn't even phased when the skips favourite player, Tony Fernandez, ran through the picture as the interview was being taped.

Meanwhile, the rest of us were hanging out in the dugout with the guys... George, Willie, Jess, and Lloyd.

By the way, if any of you out there have sons or daughters who attend York University in Toronto and were wondering about their whereabouts Saturday, they were at the game. They did send a message but it wasn't to mom and dad. A plane with a banner on the back, told the University of Toronto, "York rules Metro" which to decipher the meaning is "we can drink more than you guys and stay up later." Ha Ha Ha!!! All in all, Russ, Glenn, Kent, Larry, and myself would like to thank Labatt's and more specifically Walt Lemmon and John Ball for arranging the trip to the ball park. Let's do it again sometime.



Good defence

No touchdown on this play as the Redskin defender was successful in knocking the ball away from the Redskin receiver. Action was caught (but not the ball) at Midland Secondary School athletic field Sunday

morning in Midland Penetang Touch Football League play. Sunday was the inaugural start of the 1987 season.

First annual Tyke tournament

On behalf of the people involved in the first Annual Tyke Tournament held in Victoria Harbour on Saturday, August 29, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our following sponsors: Tom Savage Custom Awards, Bob Moreau Construction, Mike's Mart, Tom Smith

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Winners from the tournaments four divisions are as follows: A - Bob Moreau

The winner of our 50/50 Harbour; B - Vasey; C - draw was: Elsa Gibson of Hillsdale; D - Elmvalle. Penetanguishene.

Clear win with 68%

Labour Day bridge

As usual the afternoon session at the Coldwater Bridge Club was cancelled because of the Labour Day holiday, but the evening open pairs game resulted in a clear win by John Dowling and Jim Hughes of Midland with 68 per cent.

Dot and Dac Harris were second with 58, and the re-

mainder of the field was closely bunched with Brad Osborne, Dorothy Pheasant tied with Friedel Shaw, Marie Kinnear for third place with 47.

Players just below receiving ACBL points were Rae and George Kingsborough with 46; Sheila and Ross Hawkins 43; Geraldine

Simpson, Mabel Dolan 42 per cent.

The Coldwater Club plays at 1 p.m. every Monday afternoon, with the exception of legal holidays, at the Royal Canadian Legion, and again every Monday evening at 7:30 p.m.

A qualifying round for the the North American Rookie Pairs will be held in the YMCA in Midland at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept 14.

All bridge players with not more than 20 Master Points are eligible. Players need not be members of the ACBL in order to play. The game scheduled for Sept. 9 was cancelled due to other commitments at the YMCA.

Basketball tryouts

Simcoe County Men's Basketball League tryouts will be held at the Midland Secondary School triple gym Thursday, September 17 at 8 p.m. The only criteria to play, other than to possess a little talent, is to be over 18 years of age and be finished school.

For further information, contact Bill Hartman at 526-8338 or Jeff Atwood at 526-7496.

A minimum of two area teams will be competing in the league this year. More can be added if the turnout is heavy enough.

Ladies' Field Day

Sept. 1 was Ladies' Field Day at the Midland Golf and Country Club with 39 ladies taking part. It was a fun day for all. Teams were composed of hidden partners and no one knew who their particular partners were until prizes were given out.

Everyone won a prize and sincere thanks goes to Nancy Mackie and Mary Richards for having such a super prize table.

Sept. 1 was also ladies' day - supposed to be Flag competition but, due to temporary greens on the back nine, this event was post-poned until Sept. 15.

Prize winners were: Low Net - First flight, Maddy

English; Second flight, Eileen Denny; Third flight, Kay Lapere; Fourth flight, Dorothy Spicer; and Fifth flight, Aldene MacInnis.

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