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## Howard takes the match

by Arnold Burgher Sports Editor

The Russ Howard rink of the Penetanguishene Curling Club won the 1989 Ontario Men's Curling Championship in Trenton Sunday.

The week-long affair finished late Sun-Russ will surprise us, we'll surprise Russ." day afternoon with Howard on the upper end of a 9-5 score over former world cham- proached the game in a confident mood, pion Ed Werenich of Toronto's Avonlea enquiring what teams had already Curling Club.

After polishing off Scott McPherson of

The normally aggressive Werenich apqualified for the Brier.

Werenich began defensively while Thornhill, Werenich stated," I don't think Howard went to the offensive. Werenich counted one in the first with Howard scoring in the second end and then stole a single in the third.

> Howard felt the turning point in the game was the fifth end with the score tied at 2-2.

> "I was in a bit of trouble when I tried an angle raise for two," explained Howard. "Instead of being one down, we were two up," he added.

> The teams traded singles in the next two ends before Russ sealed the contest with a three in the eighth.

> A cool straw chewing Werenich came back for a pair in the ninth but Russ counted one more in the tenth.

Howard felt he was fortunate to go undefeated in his first seven games. Losing his next two games didn't concern him as much as the health of his teammates. Both brother Glenn and Kent Carstairs were seriously ailing Friday and Saturday. Glenn complained of dizziness on the ice Friday night. He had Cont'd on pg. 10

#### Court appearance

James Francis Tobin, 18, co-accused in the Krista Sepp murder with a 16-year-old female, was escorted with his head covered into Midland Provincial Courtroom on Monday by Constable Glenn Bannon.

#### Accused killers make appearance

The accused killers of Krista Sepp appeared briefly and separately in Midland Provincial Court on Monday.

Both James Francis Tobin, 18, and a 16-year-old female, were remanded in custody until March 20.

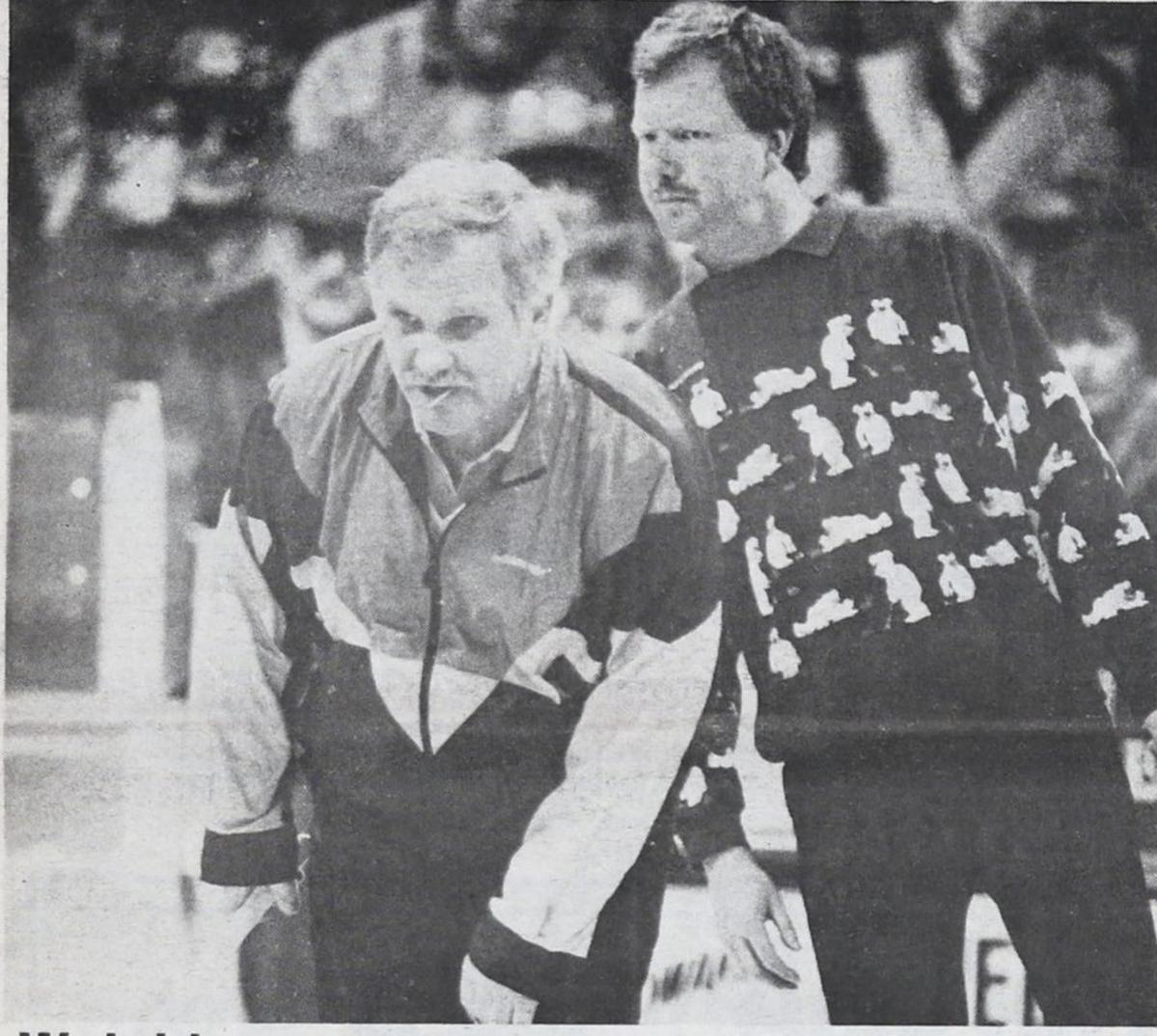
The 16-year-old will be transferred to Sudbury to the Cecil Fraser Youth Centre.

Argument will be heard over whether she should be tried in adult court. Hearing of that argument will take an estimated three days. Three days will be picked on March 20 for hearing of that argument.

Since the female and Tobin were charged Feb. 3, the female has been held in the Vanier Centre for Women in Brampton. Tobin is in custody in the Barrie Jail.

Tobin is from Midland. The federal Young Offenders Act does not permit identification of a 16-year-old.

Sepp, 21, died of multiple stab wounds in the early hours of Feb. 3 inside a group home at 527 William Street, Midland. She was a new child care worker.



#### Watching

Avonlea skip, Ed Werenich and Penetanguishene skip Russ Howard intently eye the rock as it approaches the house. Action was in the final game of the Ontario Men's curling championship in Trenton Sunday afternoon. Howard defeated Werenich 9-5 to advance to the Brier in Sakatoon in March. Photo by Carlo Allegri.

# Winterama set

by Robert Risk Staff Writer

Winterama, Ontario's longest running winter carnival, is celebrating its 41st anniversary this weekend.

Steve Robillard, Winterama committee chairman, said the festivities will start Thursday with the Winterama queen contest at the Pen theatres at 7:30 p.m.

So far, eight contestants (all high school students) have entered.

Other first day events include an arm wrestling competition at the French centre on Main Street and the snow sculpture contest for elementary schools at the town dock.

The snow sculpture competition for others begins Friday and ends Saturday at noon. Another event running throughout the carnival is the minor hockey tournament at the arena.

The third annual Penetang Winterama Broom Ball Tournament will begin at 10 a.m. and end around 4 p.m. The games will be played near the curling club at Water Street and Owen.

Later that day, the Lion's teen dance begins at ESPSS and the Legion bean supper and dance kick off at 5 p.m.

On Saturday there are at least four dances. A live band will be playing at Brian Orser Hall in the arena beginning at 8 p.m. At the same time, live music and jigging contests for kids will be happening at

the French centre. The Legion and Bay Moorings each are holding a dance beginning at 8 p.m.

The Winterama parade will make its way down Main Street at 12:30 p.m. Shortly before this, the CKMP bedraces will take place on Poyntz Street at 11 a.m.

From 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., a curling bonspiel will be held in the curling club.

The North Simcoe Anglers and Hunters fly casting and fishing derby will be held. It's open to children 12 and under and runs from 2-4 p.m.

A variety of other items are planned, including a group of skydivers, wood carving demonstration, log sawing, and the mountain bike race.

While there are sky divers, who will attempt to make a five-man stack - sitting on the other person's chute on the way down - helicopter rides are also available.

The big event Sunday will be the Lion's Demolition Derby at Waterfront Park, beginning at 1 p.m.

The sky divers will be coming down at the town dock again from 1-5 p.m. A number of crafts shows will be on display, including one at Inn at Bay Moorings and another at Dion flowers.

Other events include sleigh rides, woodcarving and helicopter rides. Also at the town dock will be a flycasting competition from 12:30 to 2 p.m. that's open to kids 12 and under.

Copies of the Winterama program can be found at almost any variety store.

### Former employee criticizes Kinark

by Murray Moore Senior Writer

group home is told only the name and age of the children in the house, a recent Kinark child care worker insists.

The ex-employee's advice to anyone thinking of applying for a job with Kinark is, "Don't ask too many questions."

A Kinark employee of less than three months is not allowed to read a child's file, the Midland Times was told.

The explanation, according to the exemployee, was that the child care worker should get to know the progress the child is making "and then find out about his sh--ty past.'

The interview was conducted on the condition that the ex-employee not be identified.

The ex-employee's statement contradicts the statement of Kinark corporate assistant

director of program services Dr. Rick Morris.

Morris told The Times that before a child A new child care worker in a Kinark is accepted into a Kinark group home, management and staff jointly assess whether Kinark can help.

Management and staff are given information about the child so that a decision can be reached, Morris said.

Morris specifically said that Krista Sepp knew the background of the teenagers for whom she was responsible the night she was murdered.

Sepp started with Kinark a week before her violent death.

A 16-year-old girl living in the group home, and an 18-year-old Midland resident, who was not a Kinark client, are jointly charged with the first degree murder of Sepp.

Sepp was stabbed numerous times with a knife.

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#### Hot time

A chimney fire at a Fox Street house on Friday caused \$20,000 worth of damage to the attic and roof area. The fire got into the walls, which had to be taken care of by the Penetang Fire Department.