

# Rink pleased with play

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Game three: It was the best played so far but Howard's record of 3-0 became 3-1, with a 7-6 loss to Folk. In a battle of undefeated rinks, Russ Howard only had two misses but they proved costly. In the fifth, B.C. took a pair when Russ missed a hit of a semi-buried rock in the 12-foot circle. Folk drew for two.

In the sixth, Russ was light with a draw for two to the four foot, giving him only one, to tie it 4-4. That was shortlived when Folk tapped out a Howard stone for two in the seventh.

In the late going, the

improving Howard four-some, came back with singles in the eighth and ninth, but lost it in the 10th when Folk followed Howard to the four foot for a 7-6 win, and sole possession of first place.

Even with the loss, the rink seemed pleased with their play. "In all four games, we've gotten five percent sharper," said Russ.

Game five: A spectacular eighth end triple takeout proved to be the straw that broke the camel's for Al Delmage of the Northwest Territories. A Territories rock, frozen on the button, had to be removed by

Howard to get one. He threw an out turn with all his might, and with rocks heading in every direction, took three for a 7-3 lead. It finished up 8-3.

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BRIER BITS: Russ Howard has lost his voice again. The Ontario skip, whose vocal cords became silent three weeks ago in Trenton, is virtually silent right now. Russ says it isn't affecting his game, but may be affecting the sweepers.

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A full complement of Howard supporters have congregated in Saskatoon. Bill and Barb Howard (Russ and

Glenn's parents) are here, along with Tim Belcourt's mother, Annette. Tim's brother Brian is in the rooting section too. Penetanguishene Curling Club President Tim Lindsay is in the crowd, along with Ossie St. Amant and "Pop" Gravelle. Representing Elmvale are Jackie Ritchie, Ev McMann, and Frank Archer.

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The facility in Saskatoon is ideal for curling

Picture it as a mini Maple Leaf Gardens with all seats facing centre ice. Decorated with balloons and banners, which continuously flutter from gusts of cool air, it resembles a Hollywood stage.

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Ice cleaners dressed in top hats and tails meticulously pamper the surface between matches; while a pair of honor guards, with their white gloves guard the \$50,000 Brier Tankard.

## Hearing delayed

# Accused cop-shooter in court

The youth accused of wounding a Midland police officer hasn't had a bail hearing, despite two court appearances.

The 16-year-old Midland resident will appear in Barrie Provincial Court again this Friday.

The youth, who cannot be identified because of

his age, was arrested Feb. 19.

Four charges of attempted murder were laid after the suspect allegedly shot at two Midland police officers, wounding one, and at two residents of an Algonquin Drive house.

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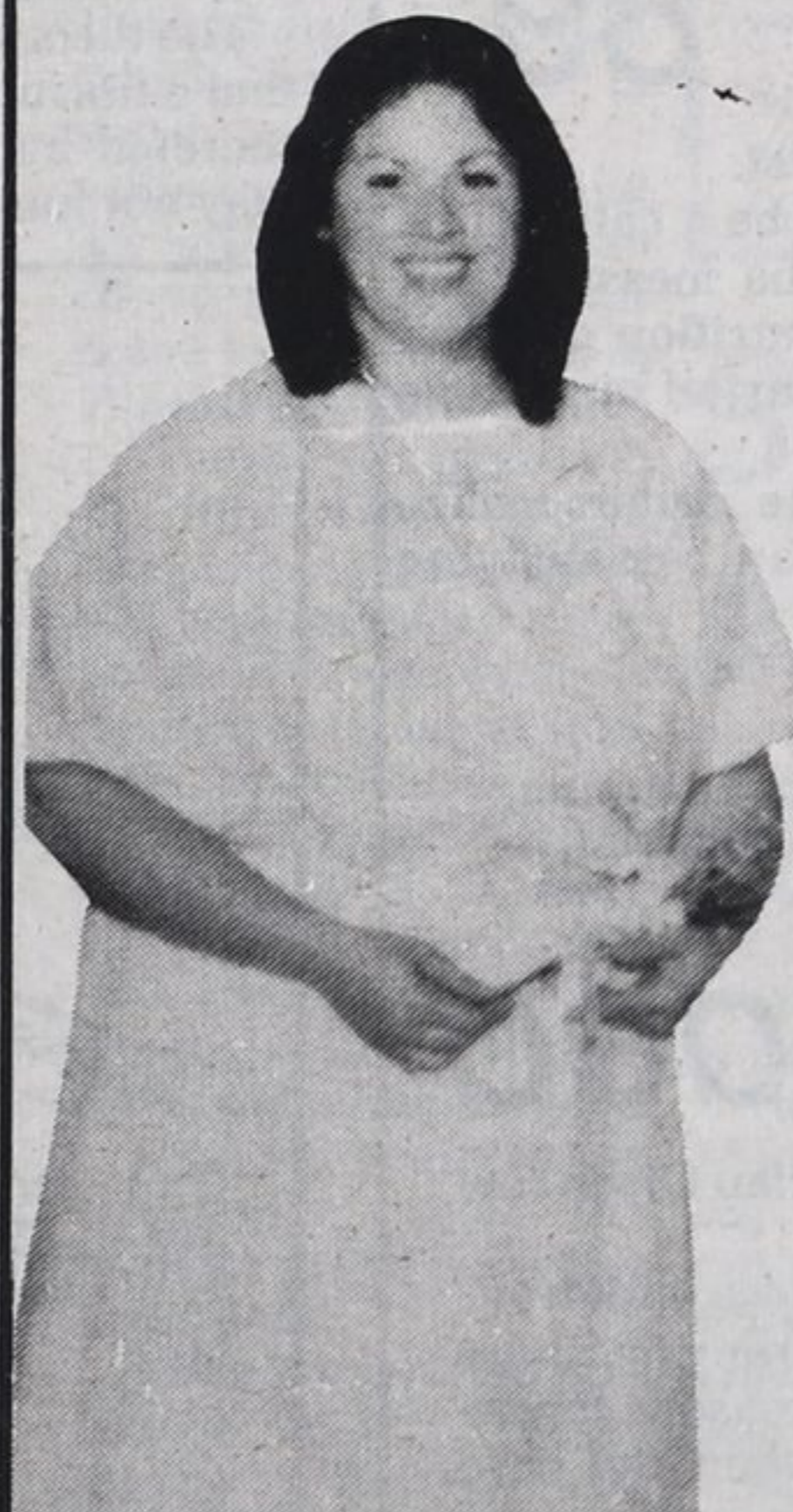
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