

# Debbie Berger mighty fine tyke

By Bob Thompson

Debbie Berger of Thornhill put on an impressive one-girl show Saturday at the Ontario Mite-Tyke-Atom track and field championships at Centennial Stadium in Etobicoke.

Debbie, running in the Tyke eight to nine years division, captured second place in the long jump and 100 metres and third place trophy in the 200 metres.

Berger was competing with the Scarborough Optimist Track Club and still has a year of Tyke competition in 1978.

The competitions attracted over 500 youngsters from across the province. Dryw Thompson gained a fourth place trophy for Atom boys (10 to 11 years) in the discus event as a member of the new Tri-Town Track Club of Richmond Hill.

This atom championship was the last for Dryw who will advance to bantam competition in 1978.

**Tough start 18 (12)**  
Competing in their first full season track meet were Mike Watson, Scott Richardson, and Brian Winch, all of

Oak Ridges, who found the Ontario championship events a tough way to break into track and field competition.

All boys, members of the Richmond Hill Athletic Club, were eliminated in their qualifying heats.

At the other end of the age scale, sub-master Joe Watson competed in the Masters Ontario championships which were held in Hamilton Saturday and Sunday.

## **Finishes 15th 18 (12)**

Joe joined a large field of 30 to 40 year old runners in the 5,000 metre event and registered a satisfying 15th placing.

This was his first appearance in competition for the Tri-Town Track Club where he will be heading the Masters program for 1977.

## **Meets**

The Ontario All-Comers and qualifying track meets commence this week with competitions Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday. All junior athletes will be attempting to register times and distances that will qualify them for the Canada Summer Games trials June 2 in Brantford.

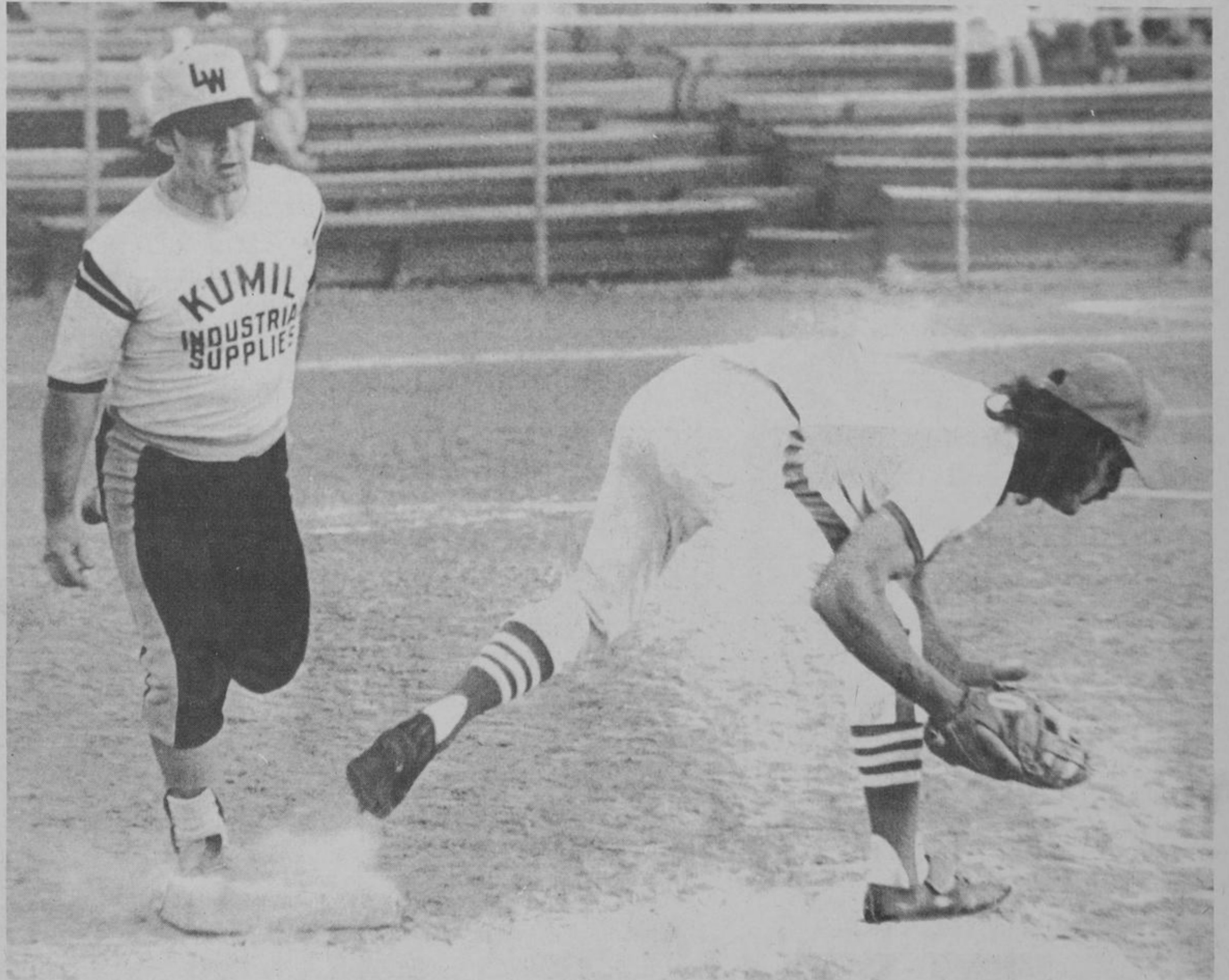
Already achieving the published

standards for their events are Dennis Limoges, Maple, in the shot put, Jane Toporowski in the discus, shot put, and high jump, and John Armstrong in the 800 metres.

Hoping to record good times this week during one of the three meets planned are Bill and Sue French in the 1500 metres and Heinz Losberg in the long jump.

The District E Track and Field Meet in Gravenhurst July 9 will be open to all schools, track clubs, and individual athletes in the Bantam-Midget Age categories (12-15 years).

Entry forms have been supplied to all schools in the Richmond Hill area and interested athletes should make enquiries from their respective school representatives.



(Photo by HOE)

## **Is he, isn't he?**

It's hard to tell here but runner Rick Collins of Lake Wilcox was called out as Mills Roses Dave Roberts takes the throw at first

base during Richmond Hill Men's Fastball League game encounter. All was well for the Lakers who won out by 5-3. But first

base man Roberts did all right for himself as he whaled a homerun with one man on base.

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## *Hockey time!*

I suppose if the Argos can get away with playing football in June there's nothing wrong with me gossiping a bit about hockey. Now, is there?

Especially after chewing over some rather juicy tidbits about the local scene thanks to the visit of Thornhill Thunderbirds' assistant coach Stan Hotchkiss.

Stan was fresh from attending the annual minor hockey draft when he dropped by the other week.

Listen for awhile. He says right here that this year's draft saw no less than 44 youngsters recruited from the recent Richmond Hill Inter-national Midget hockey tournament. That's right.

The happy news is that one of the draft choices was Phil Wood of the Richmond Hill Legion Midgets who caught the eye of the Major A Ottawa 67's.

Highlight of the action (as far as Richmond Hill is concerned) was the hardly surprising picking of the Richmond Hill Rams' flashy forward Frank Nigro.

Nigro was no less than London Knights' first round draft choice and was the 12th player picked over-all. Quite an honor. Nigro, of course, is a Richmond Hill boy.

Two other boys, both imports, were selected by Major A teams. They were Dave Robson and Greg Hampton who were third round draft choices of the Niagara Fall Flyers.

Harold DeGeer  
And we're just bursting with good news this week. Another area hockey stalwart, goalie Harold DeGeer of Oak Ridges, was a sixth round choice of the Oshawa Generals.

Harold, of course, joined with the Junior B Markham squad this past season along with cousin Chris DeGeer of Richmond Hill.

Bad news  
Now for the bad news. Hotchkiss reports that four players were drafted out of the Mid-Ontario Junior B League but none from either the Thornhill Thunderbirds or Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers.

"I was quite frankly shocked that no player from either team caught the eye of the scouts," said Hotchkiss. "Especially when you consider both teams finished one-two in the league."

Hotchkiss thought at least two or three should have received the nod from the Jewellers and "possibly

two from the Thunderbirds."

Those selected, incidentally, were Paul Robillard, Midland Flyers (Hamilton Fin-Cups); John Garner, Barrie Colts (Niagara Falls); Ted Boynton, Orillia Travelways (Niagara Falls); goalie Stu Parrham, (Oshawa Generals).

## **General comment:**

### **Exciting**

Hotchkiss, who really is neutral, gets excited talking about the coming-of-age of the Richmond Hill International tournament.

"It's got to be about the greatest drawing card around for hockey scouts," he said. "Having 44 players drafted is quite a plus for the tournament. It's got to be the best tournament of its kind around."

### **Nigro impressed**

He's equally impressed with Nigro who he feels "should make the London club. He's got all the credentials. He's a good size, good skater good shooter, and he always seems to be in the right place at the right time."

Of course, getting drafted is just the start of a long and winding road which maybe, just maybe, might land you in the NHL or that other league. But it's a good start.

And what if you were one of those youngsters out there who didn't get drafted? Don't worry about it. "The scouts have their eyes on these chaps too," states Hotchkiss. "If they're impressed they might still invite you to camp."

"The best thing is to get out there and keep on giving it your best. If you've got it, you'll get the recognition."

### **Remember Clark**

And don't forget about a pretty good hockey player with the Philadelphia Flyers of the NHL, Bobby Clark. He was never drafted either.

### **Just notes**

Lots of ball coming up and we'll be talking about that later.

### **No hitter**

And how about that no-hitter by Dynes Jewellers' Doug Webster the other night against Beaches AC? Third of his career, I believe. Congrats, Doug.

Finally, don't forget to drop around to watch the Richmond Hill Carpenter Bantam boys softball tournament this weekend at the Town Park and Crosby. The action starts at 9 a.m. Saturday.

See you at the arena, uh, ball park.

## **Joe's lose**

# Battle of the garages

Town Auto Body maintained its grip on first place in the Richmond Hill Mens' Fastball League by up-ending previously unbeaten Joe's Garage Juniors by 6-4 late Friday night at Crosby Park.

Phil Wood put Joe's two up in the first with a two-run homer but Gary Oliver eked things in the third with a two-run homer of his own.

A two-run hit by Terry Haveland plus two errors gave Town a four run cushion in the fourth. Joe's got two back in the fifth on a double by Glen Moreland and a wild pitch.

Moreland took the loss and Oliver the win with relief from Rob Clephan.

### **2-run homer**

Town had earlier whipped Video Real Estate 8-5 powered by Jim Henderson's two-run homer and three hits by John Rumble. Bobby Howard had a homer and two hits in a losing cause.

Gary Oliver took the win and Bill Fox, with relief from Dave Webster, the loss.

The same Town Auto team was hammered 7-2 by Ronald's Federated for its only loss of the season.

Chuck Nelson and Mike Daggett homered in the first for the winners and Dave Nelson in the third. Ronald's got three more runs in the fifth.

Town got both of its runs in the fifth on Steve Black's homer.

Dave Webster was the winning pitcher and Rob Clephan, with relief from Oliver, the loser.

### **Pitching duel**

Joe's Garage Juniors won a 1-0 pitcher's duel over Ronald's Federated with Moreland the winning pitcher while Tom Dreann hurled for Ronald's giving up two hits, one a homer to Moreland.

Ronald's Federated picked up a win from a game they lost last week to Jack Blyth Real Estate. League president Paul Ortiz declared pitcher Don Walker as ineligible.

### **Homer's do it**

Jenkin's Garden Supply downed Lake Wilcox 5-1 with homers accounting for

all their runs courtesy of Nelson Lund, a three run blast, and winning pitcher Brian Madely with two more runs on a blast in the fifth. Jim Bartlett doubled in Neil Roberts for the Lake in the fourth.

Rick Collins was the losing pitcher.

### **Edge Mill's**

The Gardeners' team edged Mill's Roses 4-3 with Jeff Snook knocking in two runs and winning pitcher Brian Madely and Al McWilliams knocking home the tying and winning runs in the third. Terry Legge, with relief from Bill Jackson, was the losing pitcher.

McKinlay Drywall also recorded two wins downing Video Real Estate 2-1 and Jack Blyth Real Estate 3-1.

### **Barrow's win 2**

Barrow's Insurance won both their games last week by 11-4 over York Regional Police and 3-1 against Richmond Hill Auto Body.

The Police game saw Carl Young socking a homer while Paul Hunter and winning pitcher Al Underhill each had

doubles and Grant Rose tripled. Ted Longhurst hurled for the police.

Billy Hamilton was the winner against Richmond Hill Auto and Jim Clement the loser.

### **Auto belts police**

Richmond Hill Auto belted York Regional Police 10-1 as Rob Forget homered and drove in three runs. Glen Polham also homered. Bob Andrews doubled in John Hitch for the police.

Val Steffan had a perfect game going until the sixth when the police lifted pitcher Bruce Thompson for Bruce Stevens who beat out a single for the first hit. Stevens, who was formerly with Jenkin's, cooled out the Hiller's bats well.

Lake Wilcox dumped Mill's Roses 5-3 exploding for five runs in the second on five hits and three walks. Gary McTaggart and Marcel Forget were the prominent hitters.

Dave Roberts homered for Mills with Gerry Caume on base. Jom Cooke was the winner, Terry Legge the loser.

# Webster spins no-hitter

It looks like Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers' pitcher Doug Webster intends doing it until he gets it right. Right being a perfect game.

He came close to it again last Friday night when he tossed a no-hitter as the Jewellers blanked Beaches A.C. in a

Beaches Major Fastball League game at Kew Beach.

It was still better than Webster's effort of a week ago which saw him toss a one-hitter against Toronto Hustlers.

Friday night's conquest followed on the heels of last Thursday night's 2-1

win over John Oliver at the Town Park which saw Bob Domik spinning a six-hitter and striking out 12.

### **Spectacular**

The latest Webster spectacular saw him adding two walks for his only misdemeanors against A.C. while

striking out nine batters for his fourth straight win in the league without a defeat. He extended his scoreless innings to 41 this season. He hasn't been scored on in league play.

Except for the no-hitter, it was a pretty ordinary game with all the scoring confined to the fourth and ninth innings.

The fourth inning saw Dynes' newcomer Brian Campbell walking, being sacrificed to second and then scoring as a fly ball by George Dickey was dropped.

The final run came in the ninth as Duane Reid singled, was sacrificed to second and scored on a sacrifice by Terry McCool.

### **Extra innings**

Thursday night's game saw the Jewellers overcoming a 1-0 third inning deficit to score singletons in the sixth and the winning run in the 10th inning. John Oliver's Bruce Poulton started it with a single in the third inning, went to second on a passed ball, and scored on Brian Lancelot's single.

Dynes tied the game in the sixth on a single by Mike Crouse. He went to second on a sacrifice and to third on an infield out. Dickey drove him in with a single.

The score remained that way until the bottom of the 10th inning when three straight singles off Andy Gionette won it all. Singling were Crouse, Campbell and Reid.

Richmond Hill is at home tomorrow night (Thursday) to the Oshawa Merchants in an 8:30 game at the Town Park. They participate in the Owen Sound tournament next week.

# Dynes lose tourney

The Richmond Hill Dynes Jewellers played a "season" on the weekend as they staggered through no less than seven games in the Waterloo fastball tournament.

They played three on Saturday and four on Sunday managing to win five of them but still had to settle for third spot.

The final big loss was to the Guelph Ingrams 5-3 Sunday and it was game over.

Dynes opened the tournament with a crucial 1-0 loss to the Grimsby Peach Kings but went on to blitz Village Caterers 13-6, St. Thomas 6-4, Stratford 3-0, Waterdown 5-1, and Stratford Mufflerman 3-0 before losing to Guelph.

### **Blow lead**

That final game saw the Jewellers blow a 3-0 lead in the fifth inning on a combination of errors.

Loser Bob Domik was sailing along fairly steadily at this point when things started to happen with one out.

Domik walked none and struck out 16 batters over the 10 innings. He allowed three hits. Winner Edd Unrau struck out 20 Dynesmen allowing two hits.

### **Mental error**

A mental error in the sixth inning cost the Jeweller's two more runs. There was a player on third when a bunt was fielded by third baseman Colin Wood who looked the runner back to third but failed to throw to first.

Domik struck out the next batter but a passed ball allowed the tying run to come home.

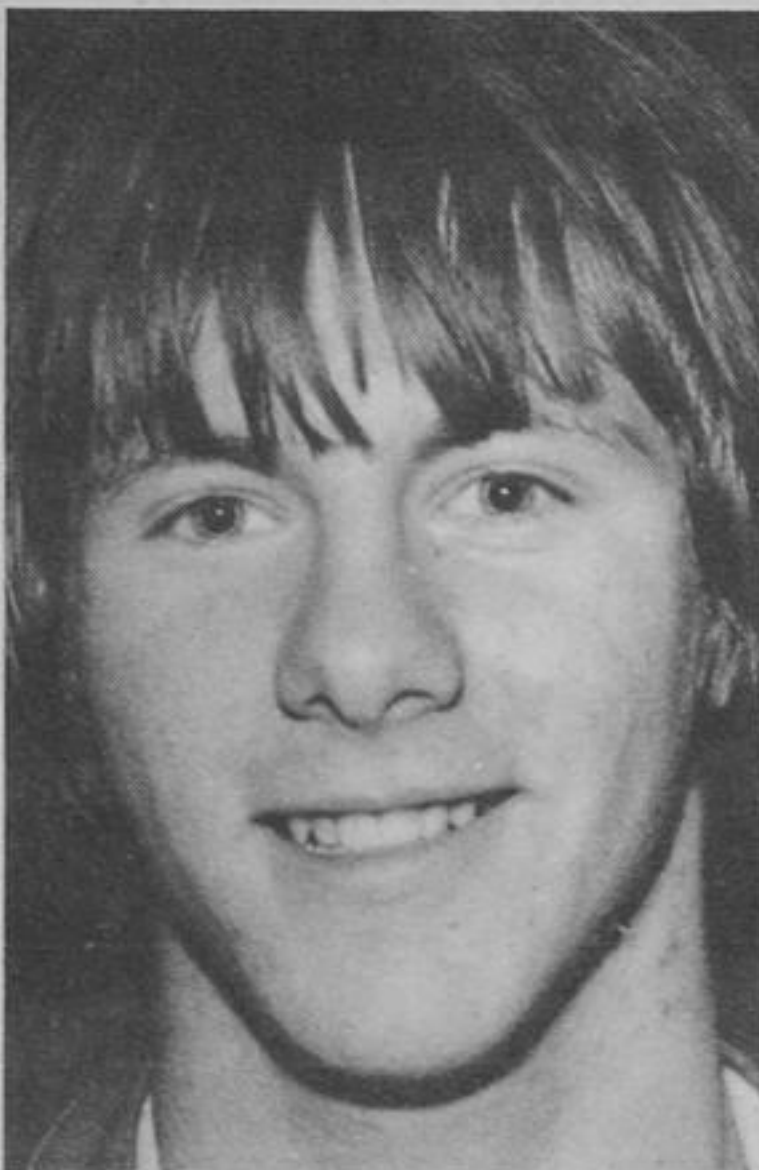
Domik was then replaced by Doug Webster who served the game-winning two-run homer to Rick Rogers.

Almost perfect  
Grimsby 1, Dynes 0. Domik had a perfect game going for himself into the 10th inning when with one out he allowed three straight Grimsby singles to lose the game.

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Webster wins



**Frank Nigro**  
... first round



**Harold DeGeer**  
... sixth round