

# Sports/recreation

## The best of 1978

**Top newsmaker**  
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**Top team**  
Mississauga Crusaders

**Top club**  
Mississauga Canoe Club

**Top coach**  
Mike Armstrong

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If Tracey Wainman had been born two weeks later she wouldn't have been eligible for the 1978 world junior figure skating championships in Megeve, France.

The first recipient of the Mississauga Sports Newsmaker of the Year award presented by the Mississauga Times squeezed by the junior world's age cut-off date, but at 10 years of age was still the youngest competitor ever to compete in the championships.

What Tracey lacked in age, she made up in discipline and talent. The Canadian Figure Skating Association took one look at Tracey's free skating talents and picked her to the national junior team over older and more experienced skaters.

The result was an unbelievable sixth place finish in the world championships by Tracey topping the performances of some other outstanding Mississauga athletes.

Other awards went to Mike Armstrong as top coach, Mississauga Crusaders as top team and Mississauga Canoe Club as top club of 1978.

All will receive suitably-engraved plaques.

### TOP NEWSMAKER

Tracey Wainman defeated top athletes, including Glenn Michibata, the great Cobblestone Courts junior. He consistently performed well in the world's toughest junior tennis tournaments and is currently ranked as one of the top 20 juniors in the world. The 16-year-old was Canadian junior indoor and outdoor champion, reached the quarter-finals of Junior Wimbledon and was a member of Canada's highly successful Sunshine Cup team.

Hans Fogh, Mississauga's veteran Olympic sailor, finished second in the World Soling championships, and won the European championship, Canadian championship and the prestigious Kiel Regatta.

Joe McClintock shocked the water skiing world by finishing second overall at the 1978 Pan Am championships.

Competing in his second marathon, long-distance ace Paul Bannon won

the bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games.

This was the year that Senior 'A' hockey failed in Mississauga when the luckless and crowdless Golden Arrows folded their tents. It was end of the road for the world's longest football winning streak as Mississauga Raiders were beaten after 61 consecutive victories over six seasons.

### COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Armstrong is The Times coach of the year. Armstrong took over the Erindale Raiders after one of the most disastrous Peel senior football seasons in that school's history and coached the young Raiders to a 9-1 record and the Peel senior football championship.

Armstrong's teams have reached the Peel football finals five out of the last six years including the 1977 junior final — Armstrong's first football championship.

Armstrong also coaches the defending Peel champion wrestling team. Erindale has won the Peel title for the past seven years.

### TEAM OF THE YEAR

Mississauga Crusaders, the first Ontario Rugby Union second division team to reach the finals of the Carling Cup, is The Times team of the year.

Crusaders, who finished the regular season with an 8-2 record, tied Toronto Barbarians for first place in the second division, but failed to advance to the first division for the 1979 season because of a controversial decision.

Reaching the Carling Cup final sweetened some of the bitterness of not advancing to the first division. Toronto Irish, a first-division club, needed a penalty goal on the last play of regulation time to force the final into overtime. Irish took the cup on an overtime penalty goal.

Crusaders defeated two first division clubs to reach the final.

### CLUB OF THE YEAR

Mississauga Canoe Club is our pick for club of the year after recapturing the Canadian Canoe Association championship in Montreal.

With Mississauga's many national team paddlers out of the lineup, Mississauga lost the 1977 CCA championship to Cheema Canoe Club.

Mississauga wasn't out of the limelight for long. MCC crews

qualified in 28 of the 39 1978 finals and won eight national titles.

Following are our selections in other categories.

**DISAPPOINTMENT OF THE YEAR**  
Streetsville Derbys failure to win the Ontario Hockey Association junior R championships was definitely the biggest disappointment of 1978.

Derbys were magnificent, smashing the Central Ontario opposition and losing only four of 50 games to qualify for the all-Ontario playdowns.

Streetsville defeated St. Catharines and Windsor to advance into the 1978 final against defending champs Stratford where they lost for the second year in a row.

### SURPRISE OF THE YEAR

From Streetsville came the disappointment of the year — and the surprise of the year.

In their first year of existence, Streetsville Businessmen finished fourth in the Beaches Major Fastball and reached the league semi-finals before losing to first-place Oshawa Chubb.

Streetsville wasn't expected to do that well. Businessmen couldn't find a sponsor until halfway through the season.

The club's first manager quit the day before the season opener. His replacement walked out a week later. The original manager came back but wasn't available for all league games. General manager Stan Kalapaca was forced to fill in.

The team's leading pitcher was suspended before the playoffs and the Businessmen won their quarter-final series with only one pitcher.

### TOUGH LUCK AWARD

Gymnast Ellen Stewart of Port Credit broke her foot one week before she was to represent Canada at the world gymnastics championship in Strasbourg, France.

### BIGGEST UPSET

For the first time in 13 seasons, Alex Orr watched the Central Ontario Senior Football League finals from the stands after his Mississauga Raiders were upset in the semi-finals.

Raiders, five-time league champs, were defeated by Scarborough Vikings 20-16. Vikings were the same team that stopped the Raiders consecutive win streak at 61.

## The Swedes are here

The splendid Swede, Borje Salming, will be on hand as two Lidings, Sweden hockey teams begin their visit to Malton tomorrow.

Salming, the outstanding Toronto Maple Leaf defenceman, heads the list of honorary guests who will handle the opening ceremonies at Malton Arena beginning at 7 p.m.

The Swedish B team will play Malton Autosav Insurance minor midgets at 7:30 p.m. The A team

will play Malton Crowle Fittings midgets at 8:40 p.m.

The teams will meet again on New Year's Eve starting at 11:30 a.m. with opening ceremonies involving various hockey dignitaries at 11.

Malton's minor midget red and midget red teams will play the Swedes starting at 8 p.m. on Jan. 2. The AAA teams get back into action on Jan. 4 at 6:45 p.m. and Jan. 5 at 7:30 p.m.

The Malton teams will make a return trip to Sweden Feb. 1.

## Quote and unquote: They said it in '78

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One of the more pleasurable aspects of searching through back files of a newspaper is finding quotes. They include those statements made in innocence that can so often embarrass the person quoted. They also include statements that will forever be remembered for their uniqueness, irony or frankness.

Following are some of the top quotes of 1978, chosen at random for their various qualities.

### So that's why runners are so thin

Runner Paul Bannon on why he finished second at the National Capital Marathon last spring. "I lost four or five seconds because I had to stop twice to be sick. I even considered putting my finger down my throat to get it over with."

### Excuses, excuses

Soccer player Les Anning of Clarkson on why he failed his tryout with the Chicago Sting. "On the way to Chicago my car was rear-ended in Detroit. I had surgery the next day to get six stitches in my tongue and my

right knee was banged up. I couldn't eat, so I had to drink milkshakes and I put on six pounds I didn't need."

### You could hire Marvin Buns

Sheridan Bruins assistant coach Ambrose Campana on an OCAA basketball defeat. "If we'd had any more turnovers we could have opened a bakery."

### He certainly picked the right time

Mississauga mechanic Camil Cossette on becoming the first person to water ski across Lake Ontario and back. "That was the first time I ever went skiing that I didn't fall down."

### So's your old man

Dixie Beehives coach Scotty Watson on the conditioning of his players. "They look like fat sausages. I've seen fire hydrants move faster."

### From the other side

Former Mississauga Builder Rob Gemmill in his first junior A lacrosse game after being traded to Whitby. "I've always heard that if you stop a few of the Mississauga players, you

stop Mississauga. Now I know it's true."

### They certainly considered it

Barrie Flyer Rob Ralph on what should be done with Mississauga Golden Arrows owner Les Gall, who folded the team an hour before a scheduled game with Barrie. "They should put him on the chain gang."

### Eat your heart out, Harold Ballard

A Streetsville Derbys fan on why he follows the Derbys so closely. "Sure we'd rather watch the Derbys instead of an NHL game. Especially if it's the Leafs that are playing."

### Get this man a season's ticket

Dwight Edwards on dropping a touchdown pass in his first CFL game with the Argos. "The fans didn't boo, they just moaned. But that was alright, because I felt the same way. I just moaned, too."

### That's telling them

Brampton junior baseball manager Ron Keates on why he pulled his team

off the field during a game against Mississauga Sabres at Huron Park. "I wasn't worried about a forfeit. I knew the umps didn't have the guts to make a call like that."

### How about Mississauga Apathetics?

Team owner Aldo Lista explaining that he was running a name-the-team contest for his National Soccer League team. "We'd like a name that captures the spirit of soccer in Mississauga. One person entered the contest and no name was ever chosen."

### I also missed the chlorine stains

Swimmer Lori Cobham on why she returned to competitive swimming after a brief retirement. "It seemed weird not getting up at 5 a.m. every day to practise."

### Would you believe . . .

Soviet interpreter Nikoloy Lents during last year's game between Traktor Cheljabinsk and the Mississauga Golden Arrows. "All of our players are free to say anything they want. Everybody is free to say anything they want in Russia."

### Mean Joe Greene he wasn't

Rookie defensive back Steve Ackroyd on playing as a linebacker with the Toronto Argonauts. "I was a linesman's dream. I can imagine they felt pretty good when they saw they had to block a 175-pound linebacker."

### Calling Dr. Barnard

Dixie Beehives coach Larry Stern on the goal that knocked Dixie out of their Provincial Junior A semi-final series with Royal York. "I felt like half my heart was torn out with that goal."

### God wanted him in Texas

Rookie defenceman Randy Johnston on whether or not he could make the New York Islanders team. "God has a place for me. If it is in New York, I will make the Islanders." Johnston is playing in Fort Worth, Texas.

### And he didn't even say boo

Former Toronto Toro goaltender Dave Tataryn explaining why he only stayed for one day in the Mississauga Golden Arrows training camp. "They treated me like I was Casper the Ghost."