

Ah, the gentlemanly world of cricket... Hamilton Fairfields' Mahindra Joshi is bowling and Mississauga Ramblers' Ernie Rodrigues is just about ready to send the ball flying during a league encounter at Jack Darling Memorial Park, where Ramblers A's downed the Hamilton visitors by 80 runs last Saturday afternoon.

Water skiers frolic

MORRISBURG — Dean Pickell of Mississauga earned himself a place on the Canadian national water ski team's roster by winning the national boys overall title here Sunday.

The 17-year-old Erindale Secondary School student, last year's national junior boys champion, accumulated his winning total by finishing runner-up in the jump, taking a third in slalom and adding further points on a fourth place finish in tricks.

Dean's 15-year-old sister Cara won a pair of gold medals in jumps and tricks skiing, but took a tumble, cutting short on the first buoy of the slalom race while sliding along at 30 mph. She was thus disqualified from the overall competition, even though her total was superior to the junior girls' eventual titlist.

Dean jumped 111 feet off a five-foot ramp while finishing runner-up to Greg Athans, 17, of Kelowna, B.C. Greg's leap of 113 feet bettered the national boys jump record established four years ago by his brother George Athans, the reigning world champion.

While finishing third in slalom, Dean bettered his own Ontario record with six bays at 36 mph and 28 feet off the line.

This performance was considered promising enough to earn Pickell a place on the roster of Canadian skiers groomed for the 1976 Olympics in Montreal.

Peterborough won the first game 12-6.

Meanwhile at Clarkson Arena, the host Clarkson Sheridans took advantage of Whitby's penalties (18 compared to 10 against the hosts) to outscore the visitors 15-7.

Mike McMillan, Stu Aird and Rick Halliday scored four goals each, while Ronnie Smith added two and Steve Cook a solo to account for Clarkson's scoring.

The semi-final series is also a best-of-three affair.

Peterborough — the side that sidelined Dixie.

A total of 30 penalties were called against Dixie including misconducts to right winger Robbie May (twice), centre Barrie Cobby, left-winger Wayne Hebert and Dave Djordjevic (a misconduct and a match misconduct penalty for going

after the referee).

Peterborough was penalized 13 times including two misconducts.

Robbie Gemmel and Dixie's scoring with a hat trick and another point from an assist. Other goals came from Fred Moore, Rob May, Keith Wilson and Bob Jackson.

Dixie Redmen midgets lose cool and game, Clarkson keeps composure to advance in playoffs

Dixie Herron, Redmen midgets have bowed out of the Ontario Minor Lacrosse Association playoff series.

In a game where hot heads, rough play and an abundance of penalties overshadowed sportsmanship, the Dixie squad's dreams of OMLA championship crown came to an

abrupt end Tuesday night at Cawthra Arena. Visiting Peterborough handed Redmen a 15-7 defeat to take the best-of-three first round playoff series in two straight games.

While Dixie had its share of problems, Clarkson Sheridan Mall midgets breezed into the second

round with a 15-7 conquest of Whitby at Clarkson Arena.

Having won the first game on the Brooklin floor by a narrow, but well-deserved 9-7 score earlier, the Clarkson team advanced into the semi-final stage of its playoff series.

Next on the agenda for Sheridan midgets is

Dream double goes down the drain in junior tennis finals

BY MIKE TOTH

Brad Wowchuk jammed it all into one curt and all-expressive sentence, leaving no doubt whatsoever about the icy feeling of disappointment no amount of blazing August sunshine could melt away.

"I just blew it." The 12-year-old A.A. Martin Senior Public School student was referring to the match he lost to Barry Judge in the boys 12-years-and-under final of this year's Mississauga Gulf junior tennis championships at Westacres Park.

The event, culminating three separate eight-week tennis clinics, was jointly sponsored by the Town of Mississauga Recreation and Parks Department and Gulf Oil.

"It was a successful tournament," said Peter Nichols, an instructor at the clinics and co-ordinator of the tournament with Jackie Potter and John Rajcic. "We had 125 entries."

The finalist of various boys and girls age categories earned the right to play for championship trophies at Westacres Friday.

The 12-and-under boys final produced one of the best and hardest fought matches of the day.

Judge controlled play in the opening set and scored a

convincing 6-1 victory, only to bend and break under young Wowchuk's relentless attack in the second set of the best-of-three affair. The score read 6-4, setting the stage for the rubber set, which Judge took by a 6-3 count.

The outcome ruined a Cinderella dream of a unique double for the Wowchuk family.

Brad's father, Bill, is the reigning Mississauga senior tennis champion, having won the crown at the Sherway Club earlier this summer.

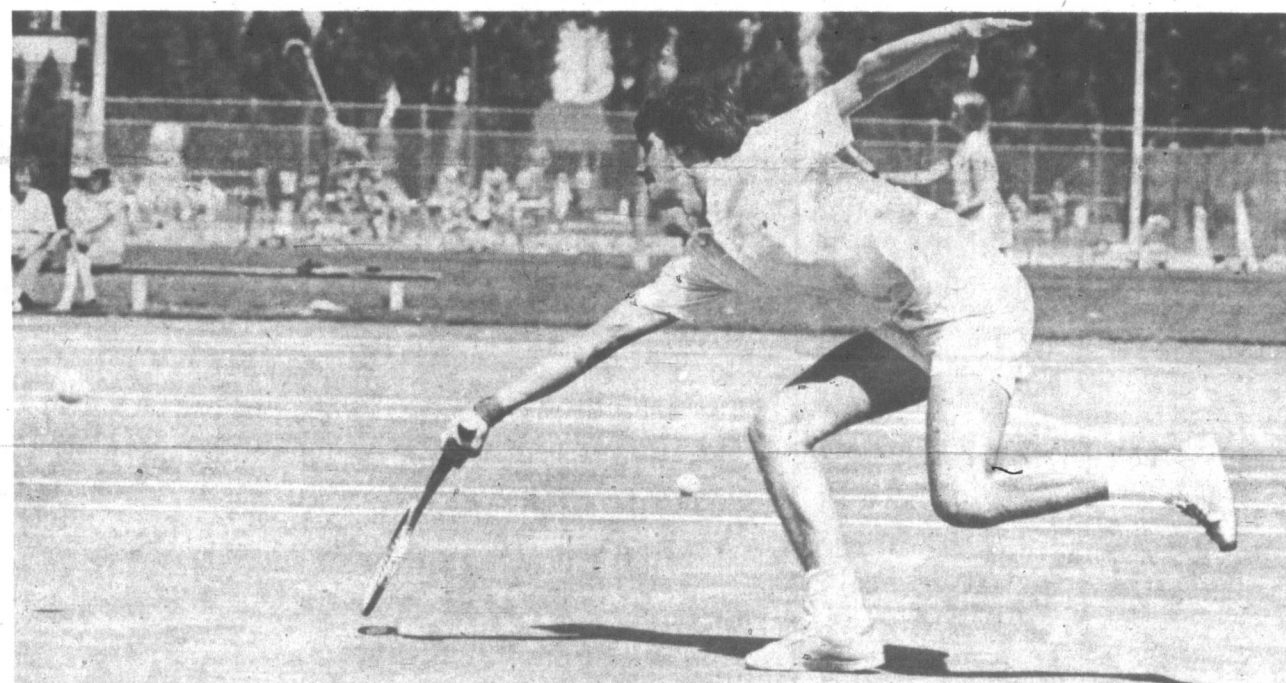
Todd Fidler and Paul Morris of Malton, who first started playing tennis together only three months ago (May 13, to be precise), clashed in the Under-10 boys final.

Todd took the silverware via a 10-3 score.

"It was a good game," said Paul, then adding as an afterthought. "Maybe not too much good for me, but better for Todd, because he won."

The two boys are friends, neighbours, schoolmates at Ridgewood Public School (Grade 5) — and constant tennis partners. At the moment their biggest love is tennis, even surpassing the built-in tenderness Canadian kids seem to inherit for skates and hockey pucks.

"Yah, we want to play



Mississauga junior boys Under-18 champion Mike Mathe makes a return to the Gulf Oil tennis finals at Westacres Park. Mathe defeated Tim Poulin in the final. (Times photo by Ray Saltz).

tennis all our lives," said Paul, who stands 4 feet 3½ inches (he seems particularly anxious to have that precious half inch included in his height) above the ground. "We want to be pro tennis players and

partners.

"I also want to beat him," he added, nodding in Todd's direction.

Tim Poulin, a loser in the 1971 finals, earned himself another chance for the Under-18 boys crown, but

went down to Mike Mathe in two straight sets, 6-2, 6-4.

Wendy Pinos, last year's Under-14 girls champion, competed in the higher Under-18 category this time around and reached the final again, where her dream of a

victory in the first attempt was quickly spoiled by Allison Taylor.

BOYS
Under 18 years
Allison Taylor def. Windy Pinos 6-2, 6-1
Under 12 years
Todd Fidler def. Paul Morris 10-3
Under 10 years
Barry Judge def. Brad Wowchuk 6-1, 4-6, 6-3
Under 14 years
Gerard Gill def. Dave Smith 6-4, 6-5
Under 12 years
Susan Carey def. Marina Kropp 6-3, 3-6, 6-0
Under 10 years
Laurie Roberts def. Kevin Ann Kay 10-4

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Ontario finals at Credit Valley

Credit Valley Tennis Club is all set to host its first-ever major event, the Ontario Closed Championships.

The tennis extravaganza, which is expected to attract an array of Ontario's top senior players, will get underway at the Huron Park venue this Saturday morning and conclude with the finals on Sunday, Sept. 3.

"We have some 80 entries," said Dick Hutchinson, tournament publicity chairman.

Competition will be held in mens and ladies singles, doubles and mixed doubles.

Among the competitors will be Louis Brown of Port Credit, Canada's defending senior champion and pretty Barb Brankowski of Toronto, the "cream and peaches" girl of Canadian tennis.

Former Davis Cup star Keith Carpenter is the top attraction among the men.



Cindy Markley (14) of Erindale senior girls checks Rexdale opponent during the CNE girls lacrosse tournament, where Erindale teams won two championship and one consolation titles.

Erindale dominates CNE girls lacrosse

Erindale teams dominated the Canadian National Exhibition girls' invitational lacrosse tournament, winning championship medals in two divisions and emerging with the consolation trophy in the third.

The Erindale sides, who play in the Golden Horseshoe League, took first place in the junior and intermediate classes. The consolation victory came in the senior series.

Victories against Beaches 9-8, and Malton 6-0, enabled Erindale to win the junior group.

Charlene McArthur was Erindale's big shooter with seven goals and two assists. Linda Watson also hit the target seven times, while Vicky Says contributed a

solo goal. Assists came from Kelly Herron, Carol Moore, Sandra Whitehead, Debbie McCarroll and Karen Davey.

Erindale intermediates won three games on their way to ultimate victory. Their measures of success came against Rexdale 3-2, Beaches, 5-4 and Long Branch, 6-2.

Sandra Rockett paced Erindale with four goals in three games. Susan Davey had five points on two goals and three assists; Shelley Hawrychuk scored twice and assisted on two others; Susan Carey potted a pair; Irene Walley hit the target once and set up another; and Carrie Hund, Darlene Fitzgerald and Susan Hill got on the board with key assists.

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SPORTS

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That familiar double-blue smoke and choking smell (not unlike the odor of burning rubber) which seems to be at its worst whenever a Canadian Football League game on the mod sod of CNE Stadium coincides with eastern winds, is not industrial pollution.

It's Argos' aspirations being singed.

Here you are! Still a long, long way to the final and well-televised episode of the annual Canadian summer and fall pig skin extravaganza and the Boatmen couldn't have a tougher time on the Volga river.

Of course, predicting the Grey Cup for the Argos in July and burying the hopes before the curtain falls on the season is the sort of tradition that gives the rest of Canada hope that pick pockets, politicians and inflation (and cops with their darn radar screens) may come and go, but Argos carry on stumbling — mud or mod-sod — forever.

Upholding a tradition (flattering or otherwise) is something that Raiders, Mississauga's embryo team on the footballing scene, don't have to worry about.

Not yet, anyway.

Raiders are the answer to the dreams of "little guys" who wanted to bruise their ribs and egos in crunching tackles on the grid, but never had a prayer because of their size, or rather the lack of it.

Metro Toronto Football Union, where the new Mississauga squad plays its games against six other similarly small-on-size but high-on-ambition sides, is an intermediate weight-limit league open to players over 18 and under 175 pounds.

The Raiders franchise is headed by Alex Orr, a "little guy" with a lasting love for football and 18 years of experience as a player and lately coach of the three-time MTFU champion Northwestern Ghosts. Orr and his associates have been wearing the soles of their shoes thin trying to raise about \$3,000 needed to finance the Raiders' initial league season against Etobicoke Roughriders, East York Lions, Northwestern Ghosts, Scarborough Vikings, East Enders and Toronto Jets.

After five weeks preparation, Raiders are ready to put their cause to test in the curtain raiser against Ghosts, the team which has lost only one game in two years.

As it happens, the Mississaugans face Etobicoke Roughriders in their second start — and that's the team which handed Ghosts their only setback.

Orr figures his charges are as ready for their test of strength and footballing ability as can be hoped for a first-year team.

Raiders already have an impeccable won-lost record, thanks to a 14-7 pre-season exhibition win against Vikings Saturday.

"I'm pretty happy with the outcome," enthused Orr, "even though our offence was non-existent."

What Raiders had in their armory of secret weapons was Ray Sabadin, a field goal specialist who sent three-pointers from 27, 35 and 28 yards sailing through the uprights to account for the majority of points.

"He should be playing in the CFL," said Orr of his place kicker. He explained that Sabadin, indeed, had a tempting offer waved before his eyes by a Western Conference team some time ago, but turned it down because he doesn't want to "just kick." With the Raiders, he gets his wish. In addition to taking care of kicking chores, the University of Guelph student also plays in the defensive backfield and in his spare time, coaches the unit.

Several Mississaugans loom large in Raiders alignment — quarterback John Horyn, running back Jim Lively and one-time Gordon Graydon player Trevor Geddis.

"We'll be in good shape," promised Orr, viewing the prospects for the league kickoff against Ghosts at Applewood Heights Secondary School this Saturday at 2 p.m.

TOTH-SOME MORSELS — Canada's Olympic paddlers, including Mississauga and Port Credit competitors MARGIE HOMER-DIXON, JOHN WOOD, SCOTT LEE, JIM REARDON, AND DEAN AND REED OLDSHAW, are off to Munich for the big test.