

Crutches to paddles for Olympic veteran

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Buildings fall on him. His leg has an 8 inch pin in it. His knee doesn't bend properly but Reed Oldershaw has a chance at the Canadian team for the World Paddling Championships in Belgrade Yugoslavia later this summer.

Even if he's still on crutches.

Oldershaw, 27, who combined with Alwyn Morris to finish eighth in the K-2 1,000 metres at the world championships was still on crutches at the 94th Dominion Day regatta — two and a half months after an accident left him with a broken leg, cracked pelvis, a damaged knee and resulted in two operations.

He wasn't at Centre Island's Long Pond to watch brothers Dean and Scott and the rest of the Mississauga Canoe Club compete in the world's largest combined canoeing and rowing regatta.

Mississauga won its sixth consecutive regatta burgee with 183 points. Second-place Rideau had 80 points.

Mississauga Don Rowing Club, with competitors in only six events, finished well back of the powerful St. Catharines rowing club in first place.

Oldershaw discarded his crutches long enough to help Dean and Scott Oldershaw and Paul Holmes to victory in the senior men's kayak fours.

He also paddled with Bob Fairley to fifth place in the two-boat race and ventured out by himself for the first time since the accident to finish fifth in the K-1 race behind two Americans and brothers Dean and Scott.

Oldershaw noticed swelling in his knee at the time of the Canadian team trials in early June. The setback came when he should have been making progress.

"I was almost going to quit," he said. "My knee was swelling up and making it uncomfortable to paddle."

A second operation resulted in a bone chip the size of a dime being removed from Oldershaw's knee.

The Olympic veteran knows his chances of making the Canadian team this weekend at the Montreal Olympic basin are slim.

"If I don't make the world's it won't be the end of the world," he said.

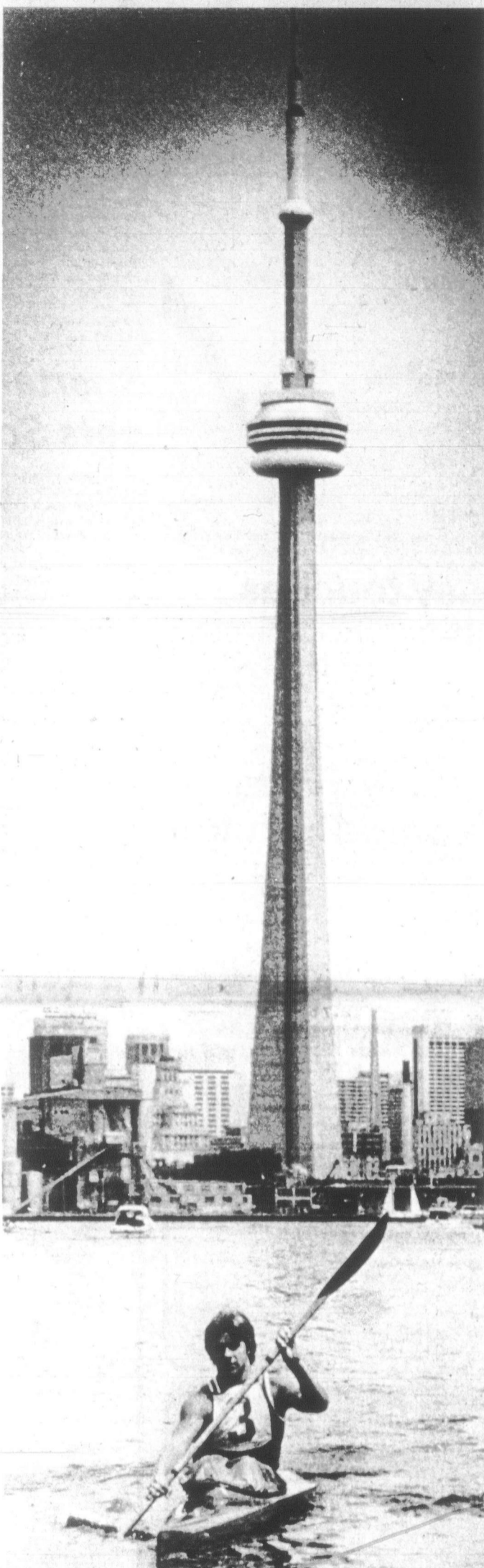
Next year is the Pan Am championships. Oldershaw won three golds at the 1975 Pan Am championships.

Mississauga won 12 of 26 events. Jeremy Abbott won the senior C-1 and combined with Gregg Smith to win the senior C-2. Mike Hurley, Rob, Ron and Jim Sleeth won the senior C-4.

Scott and Dean Oldershaw won the senior K-2. Scott also won the junior K-1. Paul Holmes and Mike Garvey were victors in the midget K-2.

Kevin Stott won the juvenile C-1 and combined with Martin Fraser, Brian Burton, Archie Chase to win the junior C-4.

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Somebody's watching
Times photo by KEN KERR

Scott Oldershaw moves up to the start senior K-4 at 94th Dominion Day Regatta line just before finishing fifth in the on Toronto Islands.

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World record swim

Nemesis beaten

Jackie Mitchell was Margaret Nicholson's nemesis. Nicholson, a 14-year-old Cawthra Park student has won national swimming championships but couldn't beat her older rival from Niagara Falls.

Until this weekend. Spurred on by a desire to finally beat her most dangerous opponent, Nicholson set a world record in the 100-metre fly while winning one of two gold medals at the Ontario Disabled Games last weekend in Windsor.

Nicholson also won gold in the 100-metre run and finished second for a silver medal in the 100-metre freestyle. Her time of 1:21 in the freestyle broke the old record, but Mitchell who was first, set the new record.

Mitchell still managed to beat her younger opponent in three out of four races but the one defeat indicated the balance between the two could change.

"She was surprised I beat her," said Nicholson. "She couldn't believe it. It is getting to be a good rivalry between the two of us."

Nicholson, an above knee amputee credits her improvement in the pool to her training the past winter with TOMAC swim club.

"If it hadn't been for TOMAC my times wouldn't have dropped as quick," she said.

Nicholson won three gold medals and a bronze at the 1977 Canada Games. She hopes to do as well at the 1978 games in St. John's Newfoundland Aug. 20-27.

"It was satisfying beating Jackie but I hope I can do it again at the Canadian's," she said.

In the backstroke, Nicholson finished second to Mitchell but improved her time since last year by 40 seconds. In the butterfly she improved over 41 seconds since last season.

Giselle Cole, a class E-1 athlete won three gold medals. In the 100 metre run Cole set a world record with a time of 15.8. She also won the 200 metre run, a new event and the 400 metre run.

Cole jumped .98 metres in the high jump.



Margaret Nicholson

Fogh beats world's best

Mississauga's Hans Fogh tuned up for the European Sailing Championships with a gold medal at the Kiel Week Regatta in Kiel, West Germany last week.

Fogh came from behind in the final race to take the Soling championship over Boris Bodnikov of the Soviet Union.

Fogh and crew Dennis Tows and John Kerr were standing third heading into the seventh and final race. But Fogh gambled that the winds would be heavier than predicted and finished first.

Bodnikov, who was the leader, placed 22nd in the final race. Peter Hall of Montreal placed third.

Fogh and his crew will complete in the European championships this week in Germany.

The 1978 season has been a good one for Fogh, who is in his second year of Soling competition.

He was third at the world championships in Brazil and fifth in the North American championships in California.

Fogh turned to Soling after placing fourth at the 1976 Olympics Flying Dutchman. He won a silver medal for Denmark at the 1960 Olympics.

Sid Dakin of the Boulevard Club finished fourth in the final standings of the five-race Firecracker soling regatta on Lake Ontario that finished Monday.

7-year-old wins fourth nationals

Mississauga's Melanie McIlwain won the Canadian Primary Ladies roller skating championship last weekend, a title she has grown accustomed to over the years.

The seven-year-old has now won the national title four times in five years.

McIlwain, who practices 18 hours per week, won figures, freestyle, to win the over-all championship.

Wendy Prosser also won both divisions to earn the Freshman Ladies' Canadian championship. The 13-year-old Prosser did not fare well after becoming ill before last year's championships in Calgary. Oshawa hosted this year's version.

Both Mississauga skaters are coached by Beverly Preston, a former world silver medalist and Canada's most accomplished roller skater.

Glenn hot for Wimbledon

Glenn Michibata tuned up for junior Wimbledon this week by winning two English tournaments.

The Cobblestone Courts 16-year-old who is considered the best junior tennis player in Canada won the Northumberland mens singles and the Liverpool under 18 singles. He also teamed with Martin Wolstenholme to reach the Liverpool mens doubles quarter-finals.

Michibata the sole Canadian in the tournament was scheduled to play N.R. Daud of Malaysia in the first round of junior Wimbledon.



Times photo by KEN KERR

Who's arguing?

The coach explains a few things to a Stoney Creek minor leaguer at Erin-dale minor little league tournament last weekend. B5 for tournament story.

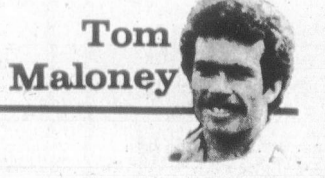
Just follow the bouncing lacrosse team

What would the history of sports be without tales of its perennial bridesmaids? Teams such as the Toronto Argonauts; without a Grey Cup since 1952, give sports a little color and provide grounds for humor.

But the life of a bridesmaid in organized sport is not an easy one. The successful bridesmaid team is an expert at being good enough to lose at just the right time, after allowing supporters to nurture just the right amount of false enthusiasm to renew season tickets.

The Mississauga Builders, the local junior A lacrosse representatives, are veritable experts in the role. But don't think that the achievement is an easy one.

Of-told man-hours on the part of management have been dedicated towards planning perfectly-timed inaptitude.



This season, however, Milt Borden and Builders management have outdone themselves.

For instance, Builders could not find a coach before the annual pre-season midget draft. So, naturally, Builders didn't draft anybody. That is, until they traded for a draft choice that wouldn't play for them. It was logic that only Joseph Heller could fully appreciate.

Borden, who got the job as president of the Mississauga Junior Lacrosse Association by forfeit, got together with general manager Jim Halliday and recently departed coach Ray Shipway to make a deal for Rob Gemmill. The five-year veteran wanted to play with a winning team in his last season — an insane desire that had no place in the philosophy of Builders' management. Gemmill was traded to Whitby for Peter Mutch, a

16-year-old first round draft choice who has had too much to do in Ottawa during the summer to play for either Whitby or Mississauga.

That deal is part of the new Game Plan that has taken shape during the Borden regime. Borden got together with Halliday before the season and reasoned the Builders could be bridesmaids without having to go through the time consuming ritual of playoffs. Interest from the fans could be maintained by a continual stream of ludicrous events that would make headlines in the local papers.

Following the game plan, Shipway predicted in May that Builders could conceivably challenge for the Minto Cup if the players subscribed to his

teachings. When hope for that development faded like disappearing ink, Shipway said that Rexdale and Oshawa would be the teams to beat in the league this year.

Since Rexdale is the only team that Mississauga could hope to overtake for the final playoff spot, the dream of winning the Minto Cup took a dive straight down. Since statements don't necessarily guarantee a bridesmaid's role, other developments had to take place.

George Chandler, the club's highest all-time goal scorer, retired because he didn't have the desire to play any more. Perfect start.

Shipway offered his resignation but nobody wanted to fill his position. A meeting was held between coaches and managers on the three junior levels but nothing was resolved.

Shipway and veteran goaltender Bob Neeb had an argument similar to the confrontation with Gemmill and Chandler at the beginning of the season. Neeb quit, minutes before Shipway delivered his second and final resignation. Neeb then returned.

Neeb doesn't think that the Builders can win a playoff spot this season. Nobody is sure what else Borden and Halliday have up their short sleeves.

One thing is certain. The Game Plan is moving along smoothly.