

With Brian Costello Sports Editor

## Carpets on a roll

If you happen to be driving by Ford Field on a Tuesday night, roll down your window and take a close listen. If the noise sounds like either a cock-fight or a cattle auction, you'll know the first place Garth's Carpets are playing a Swift Current and District Softball League game.

"We're like a group of bantam roosters out there, spotted and peeping all the time," said coach Bob Friesen after his Carpets extended their unbeaten streak to six games with a 2-2 draw with Kyle on the road Thursday night.

"We want to win so badly, I get this feeling the other teams hate us. They say we're too cocky. I warned our players about that at the start of the year, but they wouldn't listen to me," said Friesen.

As long as they're winning, who cares?

The Carpets have a strangle hold on top position after six weeks of play in the Swifts. In nine games, they have a 6-1-2 record with four shutouts. They haven't lost since May 19 when Herbert beat them 5-1.

**CARPETS & KYLE**  
Jeff Gross went three-for-four and pitcher Rod Grose scattered six hits in the 2-2 tie with Kyle Thursday.

Kyle jumped out to a 2-0 lead on a RBI grounded by Greg Smith and a double by newcomer Gary Mitchell. Grose would go on to fan ten batters the rest of the way.

The Carpets put their offence together scoring in the fifth and sixth on RBI groundouts by Greg Friesen and Mike Eas.

Tim McKeig took the Kyle tie allowing just six hits and striking out nine batters. He and Glen Pederson had two hits each.

Pitching has been the strong point for the Carpets this year, now that Grose is back in the league. The rest of the team is virtually the same. League stats show that their offence, by far, is the most erratic in the league. The team batting average is an emaciated .167.

"The pitching has done a lot for us," understated Friesen. "But we're a daring team. Once we do get on base, we take a lot of chances. We know that's the way to win. Move the guy around as quick as possible. But without Grose on our team."

Stats also show Grose is the heaviest hitter on the Swifts with a .308 average.

In the other game Thursday night, no details are available from Herbert's 9-8 win over Rush Lake.

**BURNHAM & RUSH LAKE**  
Burnham scored six runs in the first three innings, then scuffed out a late Rush Lake comeback attempt to secure a 9-8 victory in Burnham Wednesday night.

Reg Wilson blasted two home runs in the first three innings to help his cause on the mound. Rush Lake came back with one in the fourth and seven in the sixth to take a 4-1 lead.

In their last at bats, Murray Ward net off the score with a single followed by Doug Hildebrand's roundtripper tying the game setting the stage for apparent extra-inning. But the very next batter, Mike Hilscheid ended the game with a home run off losing Rush Lake pitcher Steven Wells.

Wilson went three-for-three and gave up eight hits for his second win of the year.

**CARPETS & HERBERT**  
The Carpets earned their second straight shutout against Herbert Tuesday when Grose allowed just three hits and struck out 11 batters in a 9-0 triumph.

Coach Greg Friesen led the Swifts with two hits each. A home run for Eas was his third of the year.

**KYLE vs BURNHAM**  
Burnham scored seven times in their last at bats to earn the 10-10 draw with Kyle Tuesday.

Wes Pederson staked the Merchants to a 10-3 lead with a grand slam home run. West led off the Burnham fifth with a shot of his own sporting a seven run, game-tying rally.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES POUR OUT THEIR DESIRE TO COMPETE

# Athletes capture hearts of city



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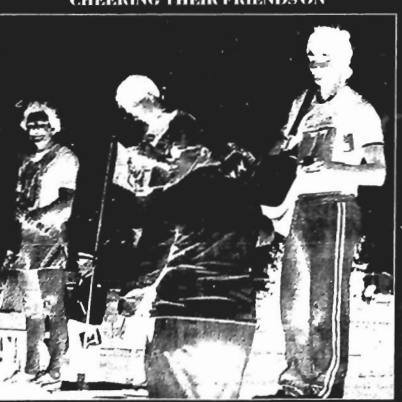
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## Athletes cheered at awards evening

The 200 athletes who competed in the Provincial Special Olympics Saturday were honored at a gala awards banquet in the Camp High School Cafeteria.

A number of awards were presented to athletes by VIPs and Miss Teen Swift Current Sherry Erick.

**GEORGE REED AWARD**  
The George Reed Award for top female track and field athlete was won by Gwen Hochlander, Zone 3. There was a tie for the male George Reed Award given to Jerry Anderson, Zone 8 and Frank Gorrall, Zone 2.

The Knights of Columbus Award for top rookie was won by Clarke Potter of Zone 6 while the Sask. Laverie Trophy for the winners of the superathlete competition went to the 2008 team which included superathletes Curtis Leschlyshyn and Kelly Chase of the Saskatoon Blades, John Enns of the

and special olympic athlete Rick Mahussier.

David Unger of Zone 3 won the Bazaar and Novelty Trophy for Male Horseshoe Pitch Champ while Rhonda Peysachew, of Zone 7 won the Debra Churchill Trophy for best female swimmer.

The Joseph W. Geisinger Memorial Trophy for the top male swimmer was awarded to Terry Dillon of Zone 7 while the Ramona Braun Trophy for best performance by a female in the shot put event went to Linda Emsich of Zone 5.

There was a tie for the two males whose performance accumulated the highest points between Todd Debler, Zone 8 and Mark Pringle, Zone 7. Both men received the Harold Miller Award.

The female winning the same trophy was Courtney (Zone 1). Ed Blaskich of Zone 1 received the

esse Owens Trophy for best performance in the 100 metre dash while Rick Mahussier of Zone 8 won the North Battleford Old Timers Hockey Club Award for the fastest 400 metres.

The McDonald's Restaurants Saskatoon Trophy for the 4 by 100 metres relay champs went to the Zone 2 team of Eunice Head, Debbie Langjohn, Rick Mahussier and Jerry Anderson.

The Regina Policeman's Association Trophy for best female in the horseshoe pitch was won by Valerie Flemming of Zone 4.

Terry Dillon of Zone 2 won the Ward Trophy for the best performance in the 100 metre dash and the North Battleford Old Timers Trophy for the best performance in the 200 metre run.

George Peysachew of Zone 1 won the D and B Trophy Award for the fastest 400 metre walk.

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## SWIFT CURRENT STUDENTS

Six Camp High School students chance to make many new friends and expand their horizons thanks to the Swift Current Rotary Club.

Volunteers who received the award were: Steven M. Michael, Wainick, Coral C. Craig Clark, Ana Altamirano, Tamara Gering, and Rotarians who shared their experiences at a luncheon.

The Rotary funded the trips. Rev. Glenn Noble, a Rotary member, said students fill out applications for each school. Each student is interviewed and many things including their op-



A number of Camp High students are scheduled at the Harshbarger Lodge. The picture includes school winners and students who other Rotary awards from 1980 to June 1987. From left to right: Peter Kwan, winner of scholarship for extra curricular achievement; Wally P. department head of study; Kerry Taylor, Advancement; Michael Wainick, Advancement; and Steven Meufeld, Somerset Young Men's, Lethbridge. Front row are Geri May and scholarship for extra schola-



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