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Carlson keeps cool in blazing heat for win

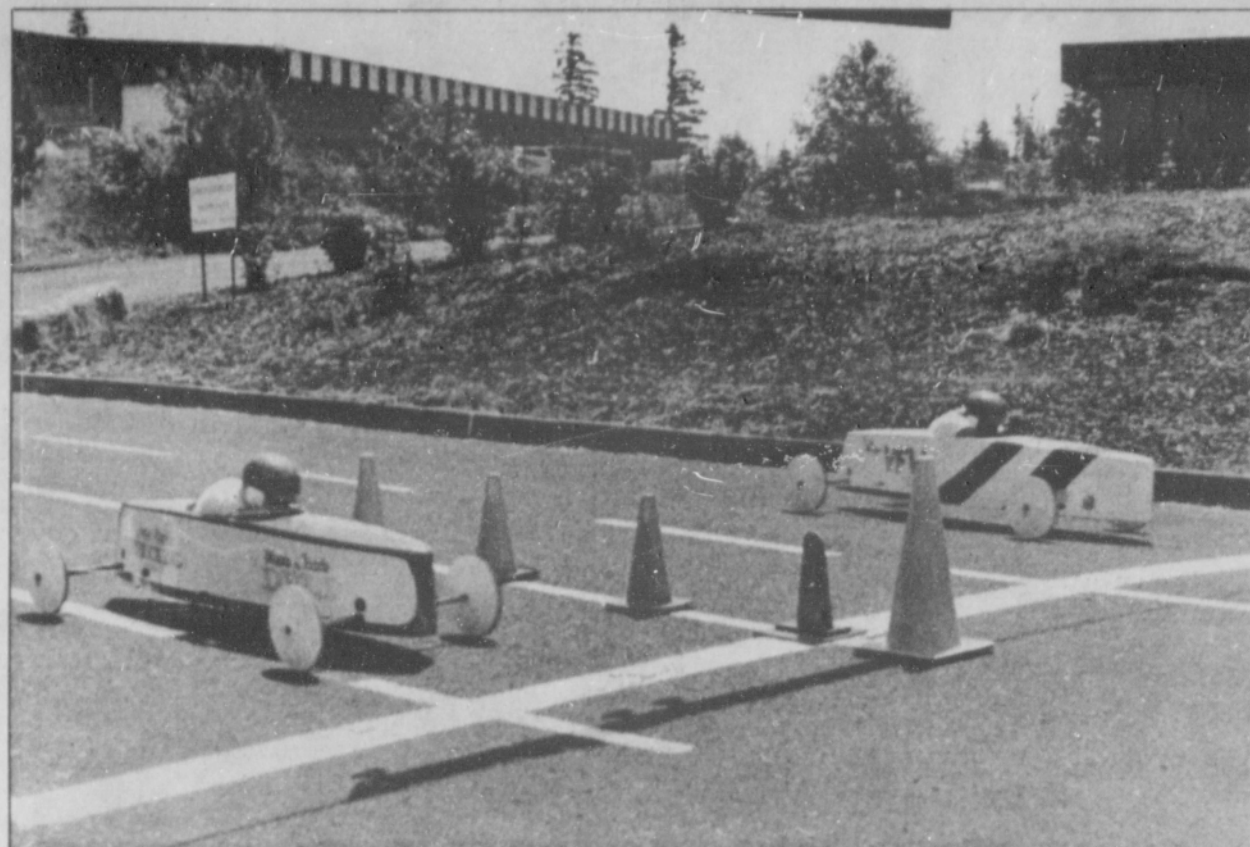
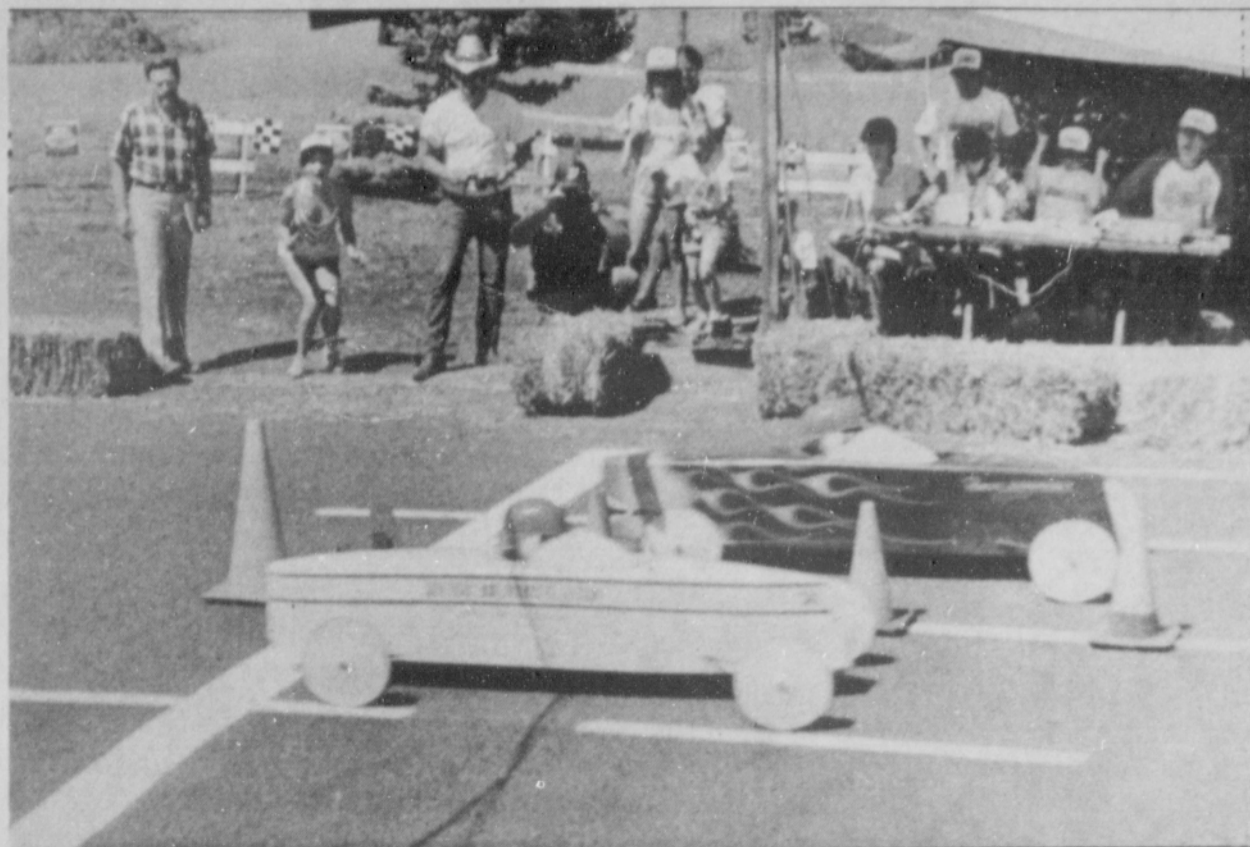
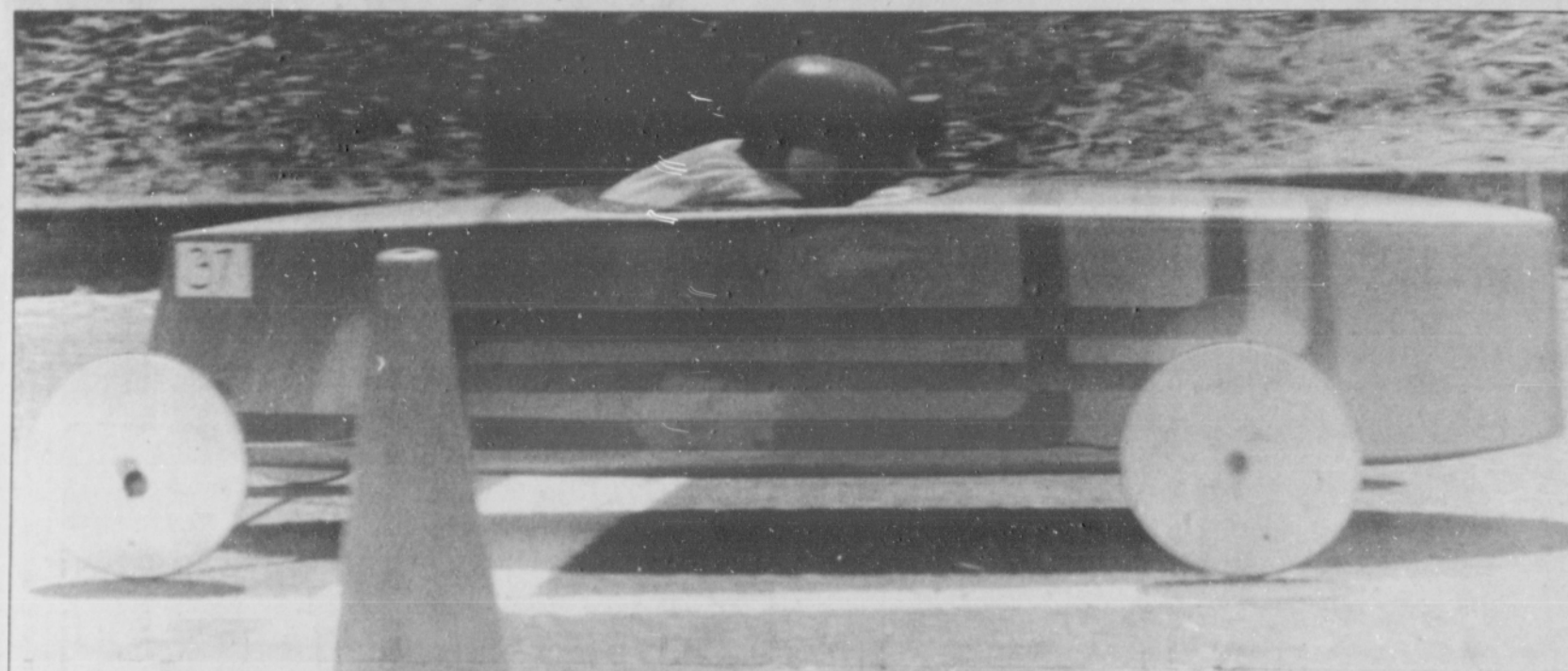


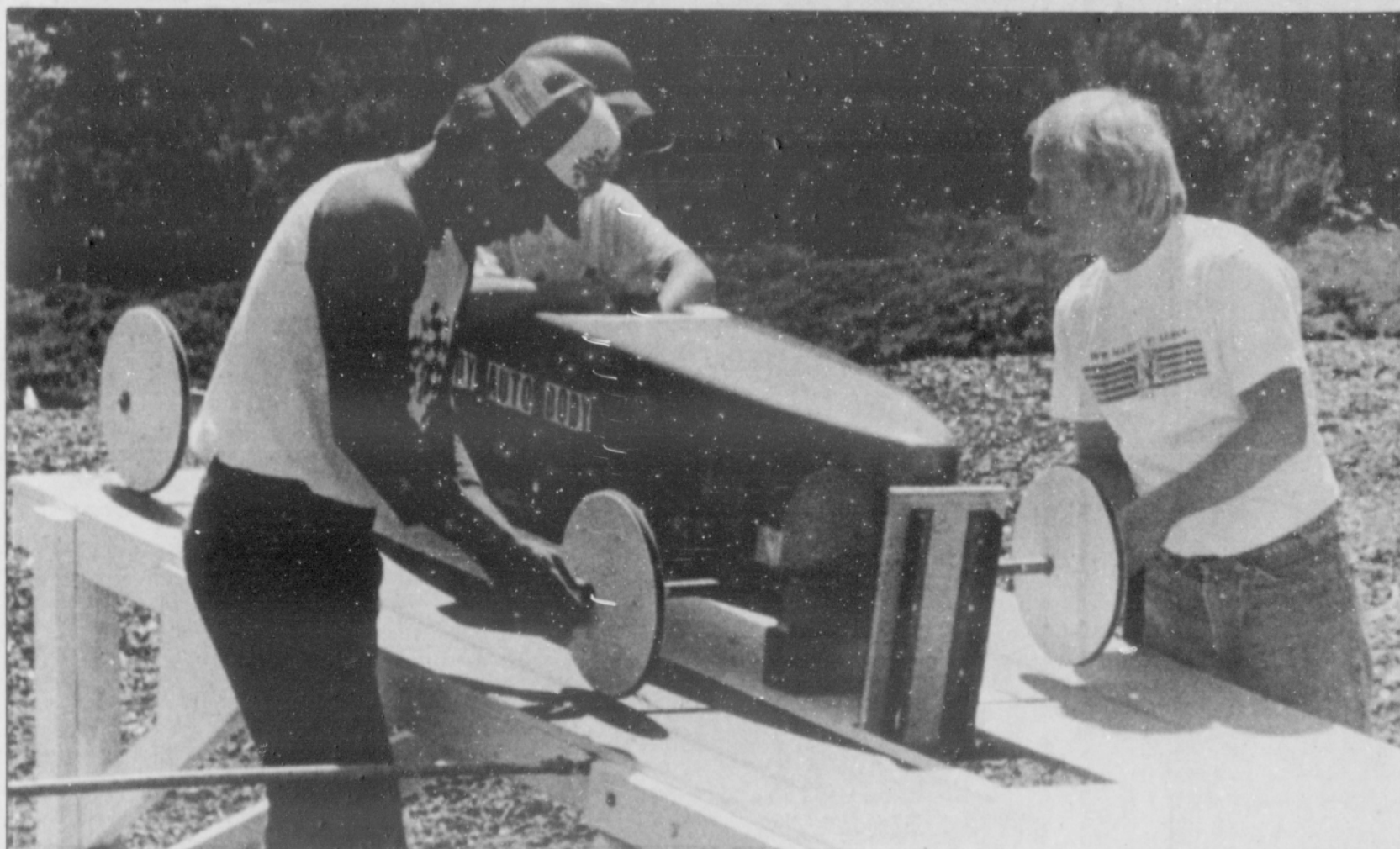
PHOTO FINISH — Steve Hoard (left car) and Jackie Fretz hit the finish line simultaneously for the only tie race in the third annual Sandy Soap Box Derby Sunday.



BY A NOSE — Matthew Carlson (foreground) edges Chris Reynolds to win the first half of their two-race championship set. Carlson swept the second race to garner the Soap Box victory.



LAYING LOW — Eric Rawson keeps his wind resistance — and his time — down by keeping low all the way to the finish line.



LOADING UP — Shawn Kitto and his derby racer are loaded up for a run down the hill.



VICTORY LEAP — Matthew Carlson leaps into his father Kenneth's arms after clinching first place in the Sandy derby. Carlson and his parents now go to Akron, Ohio, for the national derby in August.

Photos by Pat O'Halloran

'Courting of Dupree' not just about running back

by PAT O'HALLORAN

A word of warning to those who may want to pick up that thick paperback that just hit the stands, "The Courting of Marcus Dupree": a conservative estimate would be that only 65 percent of the book is really relevant to Dupree, the oft-injured running back for the Portland Breakers.

With 506 pages, it almost becomes a biography of racism in Dupree's hometown of Philadelphia, Miss., where three civil-rights workers were killed a month after Dupree was born.

Author Willie Morris often sidetracks to tell us of his white boyhood in Mississippi a generation earlier. But when he writes of Dupree it becomes poetic at times.

"He was not merely a joy to watch — the unearthly speed in a human being so large, the felicitous deceptions and pirouettes, the horrendous authority when trapped or outnumbered, the spirit to rise time and again when crushed at once by three or five or seven opponents. There was something more dramatic and imperishable, and that was the recognition he evoked that at any given instant anything could happen — the highest note ever struck, the finest painting of a generation, the instantaneous seventy-yard run whose very effortlessness

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would disguise its virtuosity."

Morris' virtuosity at intertwining the story of the greatest high school football player ever born with the sickening depths of evil a small Southern town can sink to make for an engrossing and sometimes shocking tale.

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Here's a great way for Portland Trail Blazer junkies to spend a mid-week evening. Coming up Wednesday is the Blazer rookie game and the Blazer slam-dunk contest.

The annual rookie game features draftees and free agents vying for spots on the Blazers' summer league team. If you're tired of watching games where players don't seem to be giving

their all, this is where the hard-nosed players come. Every one of these players will be giving it their all in hopes of making it in the National Basketball Association.

The slam-dunk contest, a first-time event, will feature current Trail Blazers Clyde Drexler and Jerome Kersey and former Blazers Michael Harper and, if pre-contest publicity is to be believed, Billy Ray Bates. To see whether he shows up or not is worth the price of the ticket alone.

Tickets are on sale now at G.I. Joe's and the Memorial Coliseum and cost \$5; \$3 for students. Proceeds will go to the Rotarians. Game time is 7 p.m., and with no reserved seating, plan to be there early to get good seats.

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More on former Mt. Hood Community College pitcher Timber Mead. . . Due to space limitations last week, his opening day performance wasn't mentioned. He pitched an 8-0 shutout over Bellingham. As of last week, he boasted an undefeated record with three victories for San Francisco Giants affiliate Everett in the Class A Northwest League. The Sporting News said Mead had "a perfect name for a Northwest League player."