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Below — "Cookie" and its crew return to shore after Sunday's Southern 80. Skiers Phil Robertson (left) and John Ross rest after their effort while Arthur Cook guides the boat in and observer, Barry Anderson, walks ashore with a ski.

INBOARDS HAD THE EDGE

The might of the in-board boats swept all before them in Sunday's Southern 80 ski trial from Torrumberry to Echuca.

In outright times for the Murray River event, inboard powered boats finished one, two and three with the first outboard powered craft finishing fourth.

Last year, 1979, an outboard, "The Tack," finished first overall, but in Sunday's event The Tack managed only fourth.

Up front and setting a winning pace on Sunday was the sixth boat away, "Violator".

Barry Tudor pushed his 454 Chevrolet engine to the extreme and rushed through the 80 kilometres and 120

bends in the record time or 40:33.43.

Second fastest time of the day went to "Chinders" followed by "Harada".

Surprisingly "Cookie" was not among the top place getters in the fastest time category, much to the disappointment of the outboard fans.

Cookie came to the event sporting a new hull and an impressive 300 plus Johnson SSS outboard swinging on the back.

But when results were posted at the end of the

day Cookie was not amongst them — The Tack had proved to be the fastest outboard on the day.

The day carried its share of hard luck stories, one coming from the driver of "Rebel".

Back at Victoria Park after a frustrating day, P. Kendall told how his boat had used an incredible 200 litres of petrol in about 35 kilometres.

Incorrect jettling in the fuel system of the supercharged 454 Chevy was the cause of the problem, which saw the impressive boat cruise to a stop close to the end of the event — out of petrol.

Results from the day are as follows:-

Unlimited expert: Violator (40:33.43 minutes) 1, Harada (42:20.76) 2, The Tack (42:33.18) 3.

Expert, 6 litre: Chinders (42:06.73) 1, Bloody Mary (45:10.36) 2, Ferocious Frog (58:04.9) 3.

Expert, 5 litre: Citation (50:05.6) 1, Think Shrink (53:11.4) 2, Motion (54:24.02) 3.

Expert, under 155 hp outboard: Radar Custom (48:41.56) 1, Aero (52:45.3) 2, Bazza (56:48.8) 3.

Expert, juniors: Crazy Horse (46:46.70) 1, Swinger Two (47:14.25) 2, Rose Two (54:59.96) 3.

Family sub junior: Evil (69:00.43) 1, Black Power (74:10.73) 2, Super Roo (76:41.03) 3.

Family 4-16 years: Vulture 61:26.36) 1, Ripper Jigger (61:44.68) 2, The Chat (64:22.8) 3.

Family under 155 hp outboard: Smokey (60:08.09) 1, OT130 (84:12.20) 2.

Unlimited family: Osprey (55:43.2) 1, Cathimba (55:45.5) 2, Invader (55:55.5) 3.

Family under 5.2 litre V drive, 6 litre centre mount: Bugger It (60:37.6) 1, SL173 (61:50.3) 2, OT165 (63:24.0) 3.

Family under 5.2 litre centre mount: Hang-N-On (59:58.3) 1, Wasp (62:07.9) 2, Ereccion (63:61.4) 3.

Back on flag trail

Big bowls on here

Echuca Bowls Club will host the finals of two important events today and tomorrow.

Bowlers have been on the Ogilvie Ave greens since 10 o'clock this morning playing in the finals of the Group Five championship of champions.

Semi-finals started at 10 a.m. and it is expected that the final will start about 2 p.m.

In today's Group Five finals are Bonny Sweeney of Berrigan, representing the Central Murray Valley Bowling Association, Geoff Sutcliffe, of Numurkah Golf, representing the Northern Goulburn Valley Bowling Association.

Dennis Smith, of Hilltop, playing for the Goulburn Valley Bowling Association, and Tom Barrie, of Golden Square, playing for the Bendigo Association.

Finalists in the covered singles title will play 31 up in both the semi-finals and final.

The winner of the Group Five title will play in a State final to

find Victoria's champion of champions later this month.

The State final will be held on a metropolitan green yet to be named between champions from 16 groups, eight from the country and eight from the city.

The Campaspe Valley Bowling Association's champion, Doug Phillips, was eliminated in a play-off at Elmore on Monday by Bendigo champion, Tom Barrie.

Barrie has stunned bowling commentators with his form in reaching today's Group Five finals and on Monday beat Phillips 31-21.

Tomorrow sees the playing of the Victorian country pairs championship at the Echuca greens.

The Deniliquin pair of Murray Grimshaw and Keith Plattus will play off against Bendigo's Allan Lockett and George Plison.

Both pairs qualified for tomorrow's final during matches played at the recent country week series in Melbourne.

Grimshaw and Plattus were members of the team which won the country fours championship this year and are looking for a double tomorrow.

Play tomorrow starts at 1 p.m. with the play-off over 21 ends.

It is believed this is the first time the country pairs has been played outside the metropolitan area.

Echuca Football Club's 1980 premiership defending side is shaping up well.

Most of the old '79 flag earners are back in training now and the club has recruited well.

Denis Danaher, centre half back, and winger Tony Carr are two who've signed already.

Other hopefuls at training on Monday included —

• Bruce Goldburg, 23, centre half forward with experience at Strathmore and Broadmeadows.

• Ron Murray, 19, stocky rover from Balranald who has performed well in fitness tests so far.

Familiar names on the training list so far are — Pellegrino, Edwards, Henson, Greg Murrane, Brown, Amos, Haws, Allez, Campbell, Bryan Kenneough, Kenna, Gavin Kenneough, Schultz and Duggan.

Darryl Ryan had a look in at training on Monday and is expected back on the track soon. Geoff Smith says his roving clubs are over. VFL clubs are said to be interested in blond Bomber Joe Sidorow, and Mark Hall is seeking a clearance to Geelong.

Rob Walker and Phil Kennenough are expected to start training for '80 soon.

Greg "Mr Magic" Hazleman has changed

his colors to red and white to coach Echuca South this season, in the Echuca League.

Echuca seniors coach Bob Allison and thirds coach Terry Hall attended a Geelong Zone clinic last weekend.

Coaches from all over Geelong Football Club's recruiting area attended to learn the latest rule changes, coaching and playing techniques.

Allison, coach of the Victorian country side to play Canberra later this year, was a lecturer at the clinic.

All intending Echuca players have been urged to start training soon to catch up on the new 1980 trends in football.

Echuca sides play their first practice game against Rochester at the Barnawyn Extension ground on Saturday March 1.

So far only about two thirds of expected players have started training.

First match of the Goulburn Valley League season is against Seymour at Seymour on Saturday, March 29. Echuca Football Club committeemen are reminded of an important meeting tonight at the clubrooms, 8 pm sharp.

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