Snowmobilers battle weather in area derby

If you've got the snow-mobile bug, challenging the weather on race day would be the least of

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That was the case last weekend in Toy as more than 150 thermal-clad snowmobilers braved four-degree temperatures (wind chill near minus-20) in the 12th annual Southeastern Michigan Snitwmobile Derby held at Boulan Park.

Perly netu at boulan Park. So of the racers were dressed warm crough for a North Pole expedition. The only skin exposed to the artic-like weather were excited eyeballs a d an occasional mouth for liquid consumption.

Despite the bitting weather, racers were content to spend time talking about their machines. Typical of the sleeders were Rochester brothers Dan and Wayne whrown.

urday drag race for hit-

TROY'S MIKE Sack-ner, also in his first year of racing, was also entered in class B. The 1975 Troy High School graduate raced a 440 TX, and began racing after watching the Troy Snow-mobile Derby.

mobile Derby.

"I go up north once in a while, but I've been watching this race for the past couple sears and decided to enter this year," said Sackner, who works at Michigan Crane.

"I've had this sled for the way morths and for the Wayne wbrown.
"We use to race iars
up until three years
ago," said Dan, who was
disqualified from a Sat-

mobiles now. You just get the bug to go fast, and you go out and do it.
"I had a first this year in one race, and a third in another at Owosso. The had a Mercury snow twister for five years, and it's a decent sled for competition. I've raced with it dine times and got to the top three three times." might as well get some use of out it. This seems to be a good sled, but I'll just have to wait to see what I can do with it.

what I can do with the what I can do with the what I can do with the wind in the water of the speed. Hacht enjoys the sports omuch that he decided to join the Michigan International Snowmobile Association (MISA) which host several derbies across the state.

"It's a test of reflexes. to see who can get off the line first," said Hacht, who graduated from Berkley High School in 1973. "If you're machine is running good it's a good feeling. . . . a feeling of power underneath you.

to the top three three times."

Wayne Lockard, a friend of the Browns, raced a '78 Skidoo. Lockard, who was in his first race of the season, was entered in class B, while the Browns were in class A.

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"I like the competition.
I want to see what this machine (TXL 340) can do. It's fun to go fast and feel safe at the same time. It's great for a good time.

"I placed litth once.

"I placed fifth once, but this is the first test I've had close to home," he said.

works at Michigan
Crane.
"The had this sled for two months, and for the money I paid for it I engine performance

level. Included among the categories were: field, Al Lawolle (Southstock racers A.J. superstock I-II-III. family modified II. eld) in modified II. eld) in condified III. in condition in condition. In condition in condition in condition in condition in family modified II. eld) in condition in condition in condition in family modified II. eld) in family modifi Debbie Brown (Rochester) in powerp puff I, and Don Walsh (Bloomfield Hills) in kitty kat.

In the Sunday ovals, Rochester's Ron Rudnicki won the class F stock competition, and Rochester's Ron Rudnicki won the class F stock competition, and Rochester of Richard Rochester of Richard Hollson (Rochester), Denise Wilson (Rochester), Denise Wilson (Rochester), Cindy Paulsell (Troy), Denis Wilson (Rochester), and James Blevins (Troy).

The Oakland County Crippled Children's Association was the main beneficiary of the weekend profits. The event was held in cooperation with the City of Troy Department.

towards Crooks Roady, reaching a maximum speed of 70 miles per hour. The final day of competition was around an oval course on Sunday. Twenty-one winners were awarded trophies on Saturday, and 16 more of Sunday. Wayne Brown from Cochester was a third-place winner in class a stock on Saturday, and Rochester's Mary Brown won two Saturday and Rochester's Mary Brown won two Saturday and Rochester's Mary Brown won two Saturday and rochester's Mary Brown to Saturday and Foreign and Forei

Parks and Recreation Department. Following is a com-plete list of results (top three places) in each cat-egory: \$NOWMOBILE RESULTS put III in a Mercury.

Other Saturday placings from the area included Ron Paulsell (Troy) and Jim Campbell (Troy) in class D stock, Nick Kayfez (Rochester) in class G, SATURDAY DRAGS Stock A Bob Richardson, Trenton (Mercury); 2 Judy Tyrer, Bontise (Arctic Cat); J. Wayne Brown, Rochester (Arctic Cat). Stock B

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Mike Bilyeu, Drayton Plain:
(Rupp); 2. Dan Prall, Lake Orior
(Arctic Cat); 3. Kenneth Griem
Union Lake (Arctic Cat). Stock D

Mike Bunner, Sterling Heights (Arctic Cat): 2. Ron Paul-sell, Troy (Rupp): 3. Jim Camp-bell, Troy (Arctic Cat), Stock E

Jerry Kesserling, Milford (Arctic Cati; 2 Jim Pierce, Union Lake (Arctic Cati; 3. Steve Lamouria, Lake Orton (Polaris). Stock F

Jerry Kesserling, Milford (Arctic Cat); 2. Elleen Erickson, Lake Orion (Yamaha); 3. Gary Lapeer, Sterling Heights (Rupp). Stock G

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 Nick Kayfez, Rochester (Ruppi 3. Don Keelean, Ulica (Rupp). Stock H

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Mike Lethagna, Lake Orion (Mercury); 2. Bill Evilsizer, Clarkston (Mercury); 3. Al Lul-love, Southfield (Mercury). Modi-fied III

Lloyd Kage, Lake Orion (Mercury); 2. Dick Wadsworth, Milford (Polariss); 3. Howard Crampton, Lake Orion (Mercury).

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Lloyd Kage, Lake Orion (Mercury); 2. Mike Giannini, Drayton Plains (Mercury); 3. Ron McBurney, Union Lake (Mer-cury), Open

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Stock A

 Mary Brown, Rochester Mercury); 2. Judy Taylor, Pon-ac (Polaris). c (Polaris)
L —— 2. Jeff Leonard, Riv-view (Kitty Kat); J. Don Walsh, comfield Hills (Kitty Kat).

Mike Szabo, Mount Clemens
(Mania), 2. James Blevins, Troy
(Aractic Cati), 2. Guy McNesky, Armada
(Oak (Kawasaki))

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