

# Melges captures regatta

Buddy Melges of the United States finished first and fourth in yesterday's races to capture the soling class championship in the Firecracker Regatta at the Rochester Yacht Club.

John McGrath of the Rochester Yacht Club finished sixth in the only dragon race but won the overall championship of the dragon class. Howard Lowe and Orion Schupp of the RYC were second and third.

**MELGES**, THE 1972 gold medalist in the Summer Olympics, finished with 11 points. He finished first and second in Saturday's race.

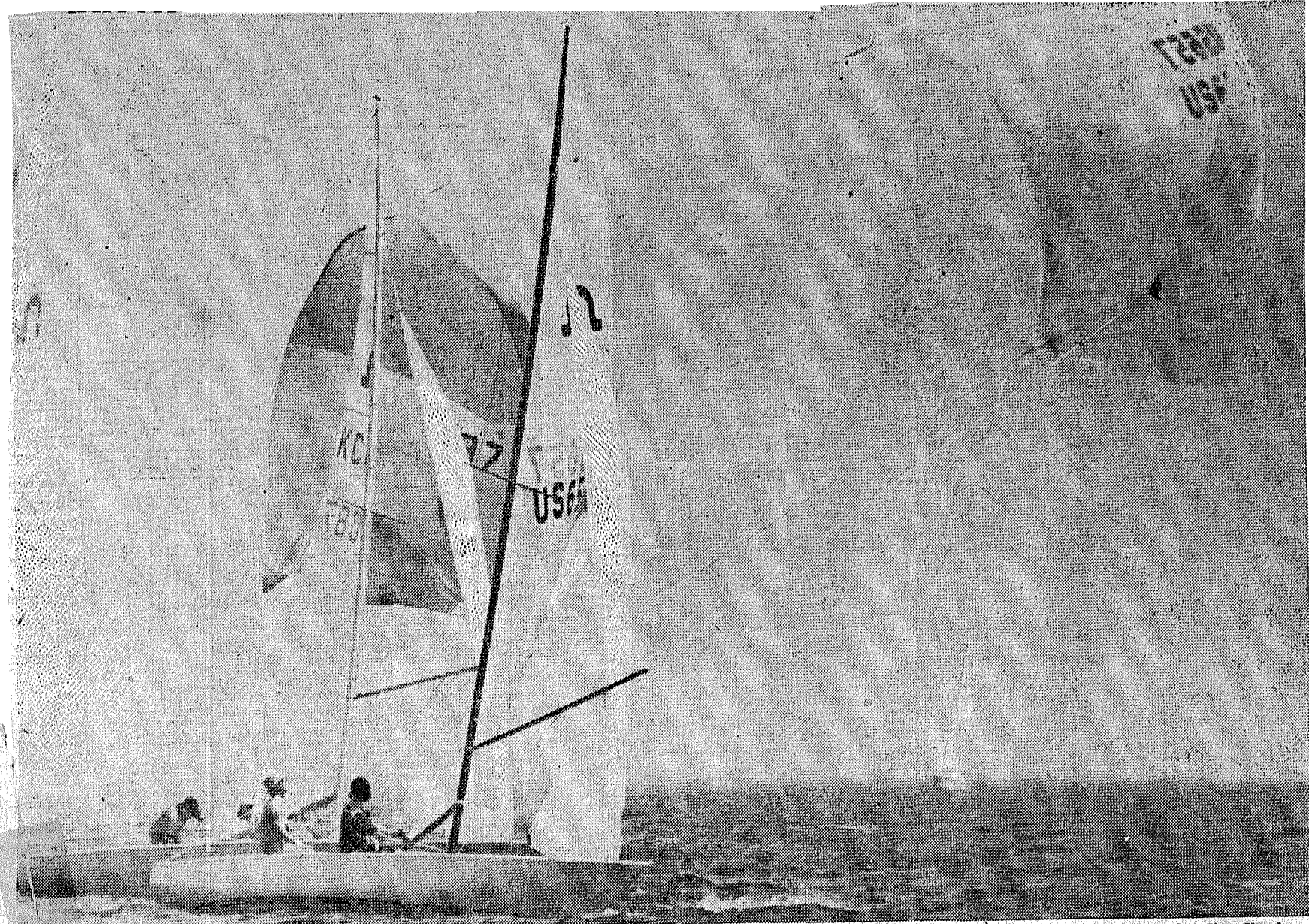
The regatta, originally scheduled for five races during three days, was postponed Sunday because of a calm. The Olympic low-point scoring system was used to compute the final results.

Olaf Jensen of Denmark, competing in the Montreal Olympics, finished second. He scored third and first place finishes in yesterday's races.

**DAVID FORBES** of Australia edged Peter Hall of Montreal for third overall, 42.4-43.4. Gastao Brune and Axel Schmidt of Brazil were fifth and sixth.

John Odenbach of the RYC finished 10th to lead local finishers. Jerry Castle of the RYC was 11th, finishing three-tenths of a point behind Odenbach.

In the dragon race, Lowe was first, followed by Mike Mahare of Cleveland and Tom Lajos of Youngstown, N.Y. Lowe's first place enabled as he and Schupp were tied in the final results with 16 points. The highest single finish was used to break ties.



## Difficult time

Bruce Cameron has trouble getting out his spinnaker after

making a turn in the Firecracker Regatta at the Roches-

ter Yacht Club. Cameron, who finished 21st, 17th, 15th and 15th

in four races, took 18th place in the overall standings. Story, 3D.

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