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DEFEATING STREETSVILLE in four straight games, the rampaging Rams meet Bradford in the Ontario intermediate lacrosse finals, first game of which is slated for Saturday night in Bradford. The second game will be in Acton next Tuesday. The Rams have won eight of their last nine play-off contests, losing only one to the Six Nations in the quarter finals. Shown in the front row from the left are Chuck Murr, Revis Bennett, Cliff Bennett, Norm Young goal, George Bealy, Ken Watkins, Jack Mann and Lloyd Smith. Back row, Ken Woods, Bill Bennett, Larry Taillefer, Marc Laferriere, secretary, Mike Bennett, treasurer, Sid Eisen, president, Ollie Burton, manager, Ron Papillon, equipment manager, Doug Smith, Joe Gerrie, coach, John Krapek, captain. Gordie Burton and Harold Avery are not shown.

Rams Make OLA Finals Ousting Streetsville 4-0

Acton's swashbuckling lacrosse team stands on the threshold of a lacrosse championship this week after eliminating Streetsville in four straight games in the best-of-seven semi-finals. The Rams got the clincher on Tuesday night when they edged Harvey Mudgett's hard trying Thistles 16-14 in the Rice Bowl at Streetsville. They had to come from behind to wrap the game up and a last period drive by the Thistles had a partisan home crowd on its feet with excitement. However, the Acton team withstood the last minute Streetsville bid and capped a berth in the Ontario intermediate finals.

The Rams meet Bradford next in the finals. Bradford eliminated Alliston in the semi-finals four games to two and reports indicate they have a powerful team composed of a mixture of veterans and first year men, many of them with senior experience. First game of the series will be played in Bradford on Saturday. The series returns here on Tuesday night for the second game.

Thistles Played Well
The Thistles didn't concede defeat on Tuesday until the final siren wailed. They started in where they left off in the third game, playing a hard checking brand of lacrosse and covering the high scoring Acton forwards like a blanket. It paid off in six goals for Streetsville in the first quarter while the Rams notched only two.

In the second quarter, however, the Acton club put their offensive into high gear, rapping in six goals to Streetsville's one and taking an 8-7 lead into the second half. Four more goals in the third quarter while the Thistles grabbed two with Lloyd Smith in the sin bin, put Acton ahead 12-9 going into the final chapter.

Streetsville came out strong in the final chapter. Led by the always dangerous Harvey Mudgett they rallied for three goals in the early minutes to tie it up at 12-12. Mudgett sank a tying goal himself on a solo effort through the left side. The tie was shortlived, however. Acton

regained the lead when Ken Watkins accepted a pass from Doug Smith and made no mistake with his shot.

Rev Bennett and Harper picked this point in the proceedings to pair off in a rousing slugfest that resulted in five minute penalties being levied against them both. With both teams shorthanded, the Rams caught fire again and first Lloyd Smith from Mann, then Jack Mann from Doug Smith, and finally Doug Smith from Lloyd Smith rapped in goals to give Acton a comfortable four goal lead which under the circumstances should have been ample.

But the Thistles were not through. Helmeted little Frank Clark went through the Acton defense to register his third goal of the night and repeated his feat a few seconds later to put Streetsville right back in the game. Streetsville put on the pressure but the Acton club held up until the final buzzer.

Congrats
The first to congratulate Acton were the Streetsville players themselves. Although they lost the series in straight games, it was a tribute to their spirit and sportsmanship that they never gave up trying until the curtain was down on them for good.

The gun for Acton was Lloyd Smith with five goals and an assist while Doug Smith, another sparkler, twinkled with two goals and four assists. Jack Mann got a pair and three brackets, Ken Watkins got two and an assist, Gordie Burton two and an assist, Rev Bennett a single and two assists, Joe Gerrie a goal and an assist and Harold Avery a goal while Bill Bennett racked up one assist.



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Thistles Bow 14-9 For Third Defeat

Streetsville came back with an unexpected surge of strength in the third game of the lacrosse semi-finals here last Thursday night but they didn't catch the Rams off balance. Acton came through with a withering last quarter drive to ring up their third straight victory in the best-of-seven series by a 14-9 score. Trailing all through the game, the Rams broke an 8-8 tie, a hang-over from the third quarter, by rapping in six goals while the hapless Thistles could light the lamp only once.

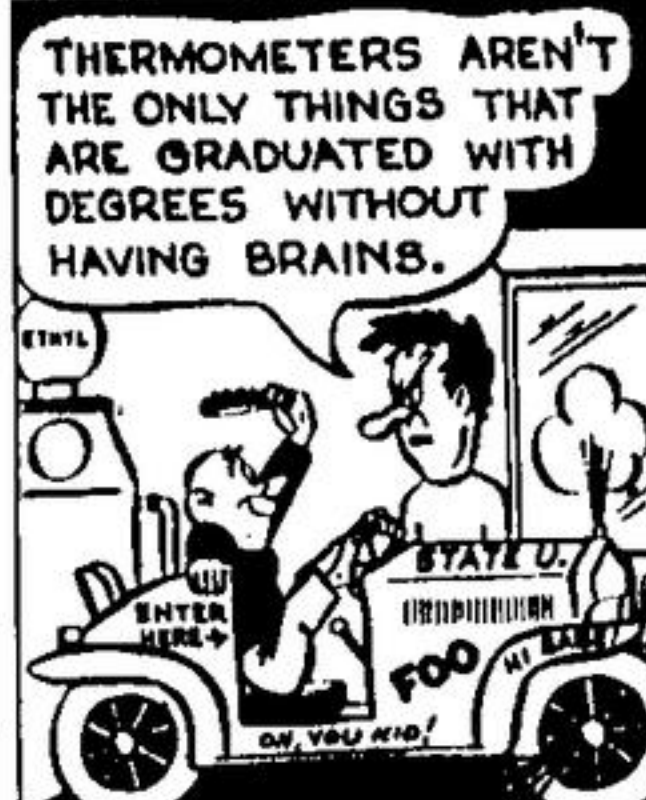
Streetsville took advantage of Acton penalties in the first half to run up a lead but even short-handed in the last half the Rams notched goals. Ken Watkins' two goals in the final minutes were scored while Jack Mann sat out a sentence.

Lloyd Smith led the Rams in the scoring department with five and two assists and along with Ken Watkins with his three goals and four assists was top hand. Joe Gerrie another stand-out rapped in two goals and an assist while singles went to Jack Mann, Ken Woods, John Krapek and Cliff Bennett. Krapek and Woods also picked up an assist.

Doug Smith and Harold Avery also contributed two assists while Larry Taillefer got one.

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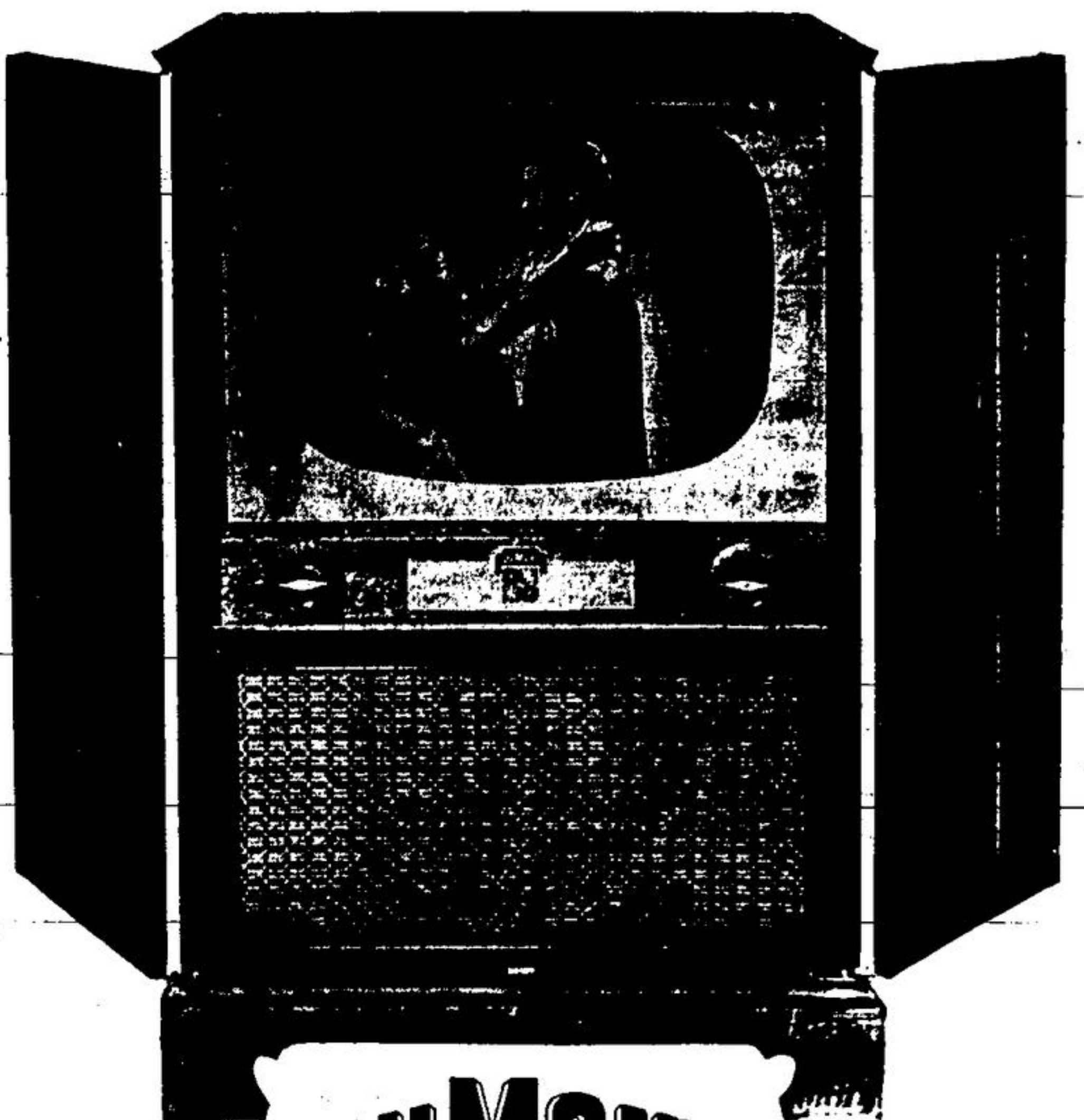
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