

Geminis nip the Acton Sabres closer to a playoff berth

The Georgetown Geminis got back on the winning trail by taking a hard-fought 3-2 decision from their cross-town rivals, the Acton Sabres, at Alcott Arena on Saturday night.

It was the first victory for Ron Dixon, who was behind the bench for three straight losses and it was an important one as it kept his team close to the sixth and final playoff berth. The win also enabled the Gems to go eight points up on the Sabres, who are in the league cellar.

The Gems came out fast in the first period and had an edge in play for the first five minutes, but the Sabres took over for the remainder of the frame and only spectacular goaltending by Brad Miller kept them off the scoresheet.

The teams played at a fast pace in the first period and it was not until the 13:25 mark that the first penalties were called. The Gems' Mark Eutenier and the Sabres' Rob Milligan both went off for high sticking.

The Gems ran into penalty problems late in the period, but Chris Milne put on an incredible display of penalty-killing and the Sabres had only one good chance to score while enjoying a two-man advantage. On that occasion Milligan hit the post on a blast from the point.

With top-flight Gems, such as Doug Barnes, Dale Meczaniec and Joe South, out of the lineup for various reasons the pressure was on Milne to lead his teammates.

Milne played an excellent two-way game in the first period and his work, complemented by Miller's goaltending, enabled the Gems to skate off the ice with 0-0 tie after the first period.

John Kraasniky opened the scoring for the Gems with only 1:38 gone in the second period. The play was set up by Frank Pionteck and Marty Power.

Early in the second period the usually mild-mannered Milne lost his cool. He first took two minors and then a five-minute major for an altercation with Milligan.

The Sabres were unable to take advantage of the Gems having four of their best players sidelined for most of the second period because they were too busy taking penalties of their own.

The Sabres took four minors and two major penalties during the period. Milligan alone took a total of 16 minutes.

Acton did manage to tie the score at the 5:17 mark of the period. The goal was scored by Wade Vickery, with assists going to Kelly McArthur and Peter Wicklum.

Milne came back into the game and at the 16:49 mark put the Gems ahead to stay on a goal assisted by Bob Allison.

Paul Ancinelli gave the Gems a two-goal bulge early in the final period. Assists on the play went to Tim Turner and Frank Pionteck.

Acton came back and at the 12:40 mark of the period a goal by Scott Malcolm, from Wade Vickery made the score 3-2. They pressed to score the equalizer, but were unable to get the puck past Miller.

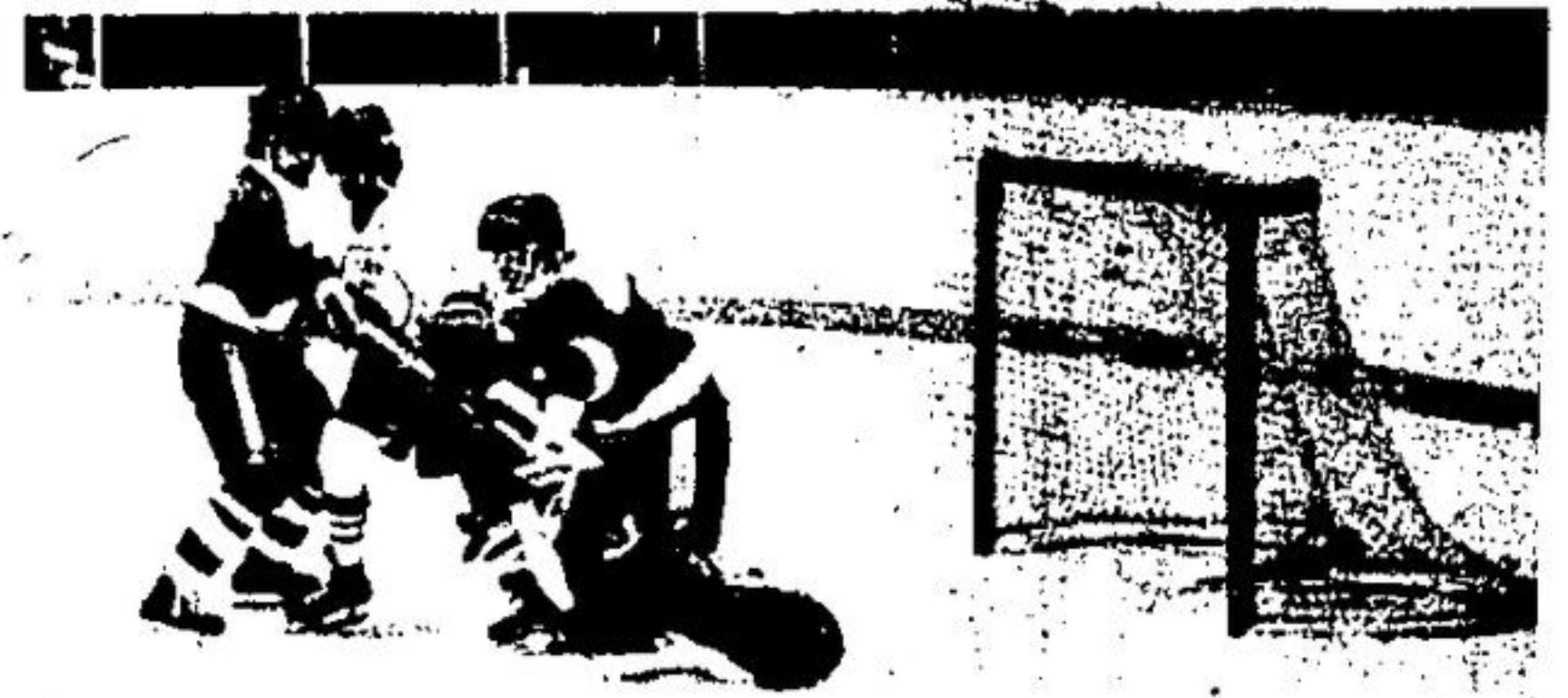
Both Miller and his counterpart in the Sabres' net, Kent Moffat, played stalwart games. Miller faced a total of 38 shots, one less than Moffat.

This week will be a vital one for the Gems as they chase Milton, Oakville, Burlington and Brampton for the playoff spots which are open. They played first place Streetsville last night, faceoff against Milton on Friday and then do battle with Oakville on Saturday.

As for the Sabres, they may have to content themselves with playing the role of spoilers for the remainder of this season. Three chances of making the playoffs, after the loss on Saturday night, are dim at best.

Gemini management had to be very disappointed with the crowd on Saturday. Although the Gems were playing their

cross-town rivals and for the first time this season were not playing opposite the Toronto Maple Leafs, who were in Los Angeles, the gate showing was small. It also appeared that at least half of the fans at the game were from Acton.



Sabre Captain Dave Chapman got a rough ride in front of the Gemini net on this play from goalie Brad Miller and defenseman Tony Giannini. The Gems won the game 3-2 at Alcott Arena on Saturday.

Major Atoms explode win two game big

The Georgetown Firefighters and McNally Construction Major Atoms went on a scoring binge last week as they bombed Ancaster 10-1 on Wednesday and then gave Streetsville a 6-2 shellacking the next night.

Wayne Morrow was the big gun in the Ancaster game as he fired three goals and assisted on two others. Georgetown completely dominated play throughout the game.

Lanny King scored two goals and singles went to Stephen Turner, Mike O'Brien, John Barclay, Mike Mount and Brent Smith.

Todd Cull and Mout also picked up two assists apiece in the game. Stephen Boys' shutout bid was ruined with only a few minutes left in the game as Ancaster managed to penetrate the Georgetown defense

for one of the few times in the game. Smith and Shawn Coffey provided the offensive power in the win over Streetsville. Smith scored on three occasions and also set up another goal. Coffey scored twice and a single was added by Morrow. O'Brien had another good night as he was a playmaker for two of the goals.

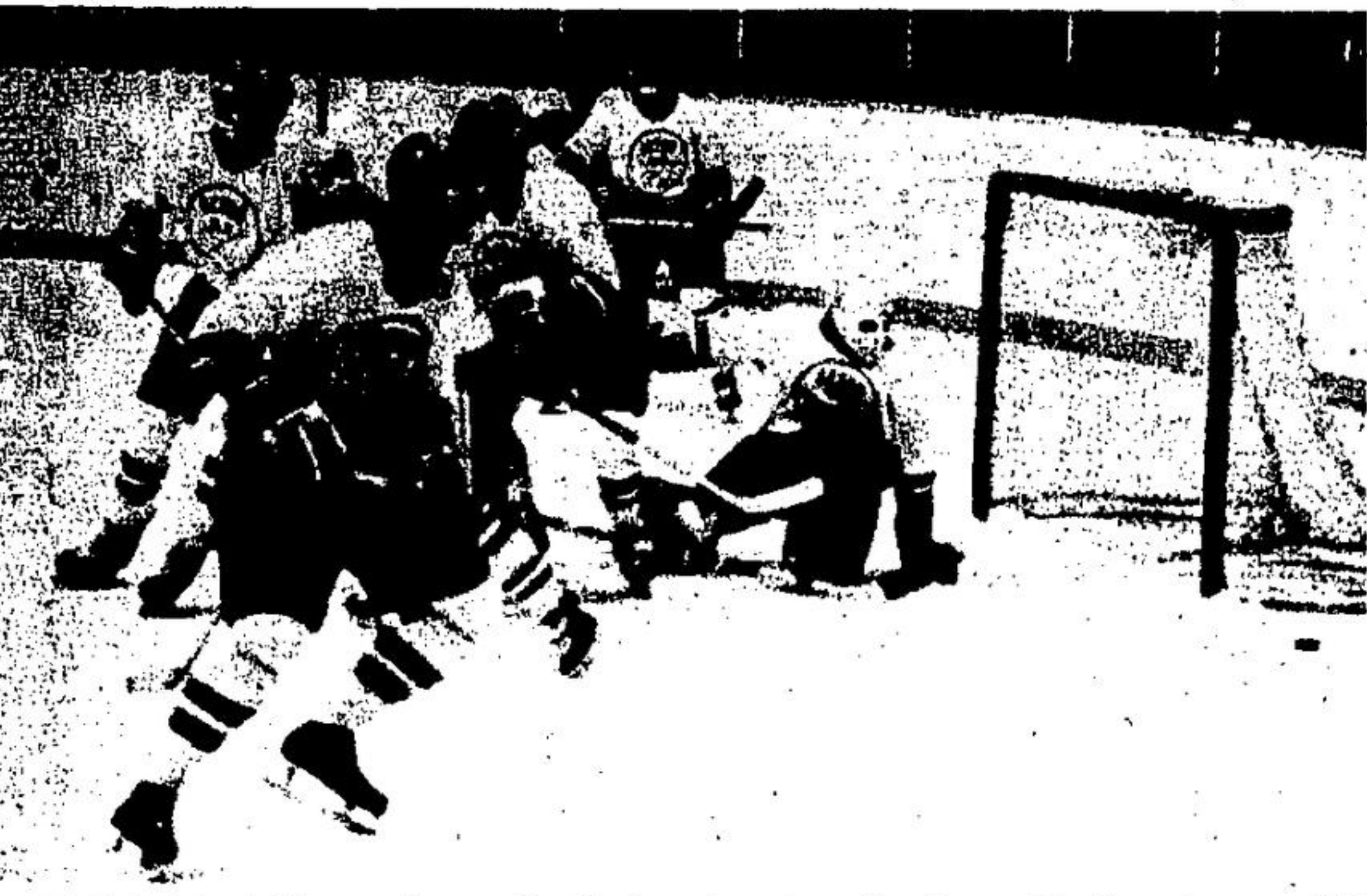
Grand Valley nips Georgetown

Grand Valley Swingers were the visitors last Saturday in the Senior Gals League and they caught the Georgetown seniors skating in second gear to take home a 2-1 win.

K. Solomon put the Swingers on the scoresheet early in the first period and T. Boswell scored the winning goal in the middle frame. The Senior Gals finally got untracked and scored their long goal. Clare Carter

from Elaine Taylor with one second left on the time clock. Kelly Moores made three fine stops on breakaways in the nets. Beth Kewley was the best defenceman in the game.

The Seniors, sponsored by the Georgetown Industrial League, host the Caledon Queens from Inglewood this coming Saturday, 4:15 at Gordon Alcott Arena.



The Acton Sabres had the net well protected on this play, but the Georgetown Geminis penetrated enough times to take a 3-2 decision at Alcott Arena on Saturday night. Kent Moffat, shown after making this save, played a good game as did his counterpart, Brad Miller, in the Gem net.

HERALD sports

Plans well under way for Yugoslav match

Although it will not be for approximately another two months before the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders face off against the Yugoslavian National team, plans are already well under way for the big event.

Dave Kentner said that the Raiders will be printing 3,000 tickets for the game. Five hundred of the tickets will be for children. They will be priced at \$1.50 apiece. The remaining tickets will be for adults and Mr. Kentner said they will be priced at \$3.00.

"We are printing that many tickets, but we have not decided how many we will sell," Mr. Kentner said. "We are not certain what the maximum capacity at Alcott Arena is."

Mr. Kentner said the Raiders may add extra bleachers at the arena for the Yugoslavian game.

Tickets for the game may be bought at Creative Camera or at the Alcott Arena ticket box during Raider games. People who want group tickets should contact Mr. Kentner at 877-1113.

All events which were previously scheduled to be held at Alcott Arena the night of the game (February 15) will be transferred to Memorial Arena.

Mr. Kentner also said that the Raiders have not decided yet whether children will be able to buy their tickets with Canadian Tire money, which they can do for regular season games.

"We will review the situation and then decide if arrange-

ments can be made to have children buy their tickets with Canadian Tire money," Mr. Kentner said.

The game has tentatively been scheduled to begin at 8:00 p.m. There will of course be ceremonies preceding the game.

The Raiders are also hoping to have the prizes given to the three stars of the game upgraded. There will be a star chosen from each team and one more from the winning team.

Members of the Yugoslavian team play in London, Ontario against the University of Western Ontario on February 13 and will stay in Oakville the next night before coming to Georgetown for the game.

Raider management is also hoping to have a luncheon for the Yugoslavian team the day of the game. Georgetown may dress rein-

forcements from other teams in the Intermediate "A" loop. Whether the team will take one player from each of the four

teams or pick who they think are the best players in the league has not been decided yet.

Members of the Yugoslavian National Hockey Team are going to be busy fellows during their tour of North America.

Actually the team only leaves Canada once to play in New York State.

The Yugoslavians will play their first match on February 2. It is against a Junior "A" team in Quebec and they will play one other Junior "A" team in that province before they head for Ontario.

The team's first date in Ontario will be against Pembroke, which is a tier two Junior "A" team. The Yugoslavians then leave Canada to play one game in New York state against the hockey team of St. Lawrence University.

They then play Rockland, the 1976 Centennial Cup champions. This team is composed of all-stars who are at present playing either Junior "A" or University hockey.

The Europeans then play their second game against a university team when they meet the University of Western Ontario in London. That game will be played on February 13.

February 15, the team is here to play the Raiders. They then play the All-Atlantic Major Junior "A" all-stars and finish off the tour by playing Embrun Panthers, the Intermediate "A" Ottawa Valley champions.

Jean-Marc Lalonde, who is the co-ordinator of the tour, said scheduling the team's dates was no easy job. He had to schedule the Yugoslavians playing dates so that they could bus from town to town.

Mr. Lalonde said he was approached in June concerning the tour. He said the Yugoslavians were interested in touring through Canada in 1978 because they will be hosting the World Cup championships in the same year.

Mr. Lalonde said the team originally wanted to tour at the end of February. At that time most league teams are in the process of playing playoff games so Mr. Lalonde had the tour changed to the beginning of February.

When Mr. Lalonde was asked why and how the Georgetown Raiders got on the Yugoslavian schedule, he said they were recommended by the O.H.A.

The Raiders initially applied to the O.H.A. to play an international game two years ago. General manager Jack Handy contacted the O.H.A. when he heard the Yugoslavians were coming to North America.

O.H.A. CENTRAL JUNIOR "B" STANDINGS
The Streetsville Derbys have opened up a four-point lead on the Dixie Beelives. The two teams have been neck and neck all season. Dixie has a game on hand so they may make up some of the ground this week.

The Georgetown Geminis are not out of the playoff picture by any means. They trail Brampton Logan Chevys, who hold the sixth and final playoff spot, by four points, but the Gems have played two less games.

The Acton Sabres, who won two games in a row a few weeks ago, will have to make a big turnaround if they want to threaten for a playoff spot. They trail the Gems by eight points, but have played one less game.

Here are the standings:

Team	W	L	T	P
Streetsville	20	2	2	42
Dixie	18	3	2	38
Oakville	10	12	1	21
Burlington	9	11	2	20
Milton	8	11	4	20
Brampton	9	14	1	19
Georgetown	6	13	3	15
Acton	3	17	1	7

O.H.A. CENTRAL JUNIOR "B" SCORING
If Streetsville's Jim Baker doesn't run into injuries or hit a horrendous slump he has the scoring championship in the bag. With only about half the schedule completed Baker has 68 points and a 19 point bulge over Milton's Rod Gooding. Last year's scoring leader, Dave Chapman of Acton had a total of 60 points.

Chapman is among the top scorers this year, but his chances at repeating as scoring champion are minimal. He is in seventh spot and trails Baker by 26 points.

Following are the scoring leaders:

Player	T	G	A	P
Jim Baker	S	26	42	68
Rod Gooding	M	21	28	49
Mike Prossidge	S	18	33	49
George Clunder	S	35	13	48
Brian Gordon	M	18	30	48
Steve Cruikshank	D	20	25	45
Dave Chapman	A	20	22	42



FREE-THROW COMPETITION

Marcel Schwarz was one of the competitors in the free-throw basketball competition at Holy Cross School last Saturday. The competition is an annual one, with council, district, regional and provincial levels. Each contestant has 15 throws.



Sports beat By Tony Panucci

Centennial goes to semi-final

The Centennial School junior boys' volleyball team travelled to Scarborough to play in a tournament last Saturday and made it to the quarter-finals before being eliminated.

There were 20 teams competing in the tournament and they were broken into four divisions composed of five teams. Centennial finished in first place in division play and went into the quarter-finals.

The team won its first game in the quarter-finals but lost a heartbreaker and were eliminated in their second game. They lost 18-15 to Highbrook Senior Public School, the team that eventually won the tournament.

Members of the team were Jamie South, Scott Murray, Dave LeBlanc, Paul Burroughs, Dave Doucette, Russ Goullie, Blake Harrison, Sandy Watson, Donnie Gilbert and Mike Darke. The team was coached by Jim Atkinson and Jim Hall.

Insulators defeat Machine

Patterson Insulation were 4-2 winners in their first league game against cross-town rivals the Halton Hills Clean Machine.

The WDH non-contact hockey league game was a hard fought game featuring close checking and excellent goaltending on both sides.

For the Insulators, whose record now goes to 9 and 1, Merve Klein led the scorers with two goals. Peter Thompson and Ken Worman scored, with Thompson also adding an assist. Ernie Bodnar and Bill Lightowers added assists to the Insulators effort.

Scoring for the Clean Machine was handed by one line, with Brian James and Ed Scheider getting a goal and an assist each while linemate Stan Lorusso assisted both goals.

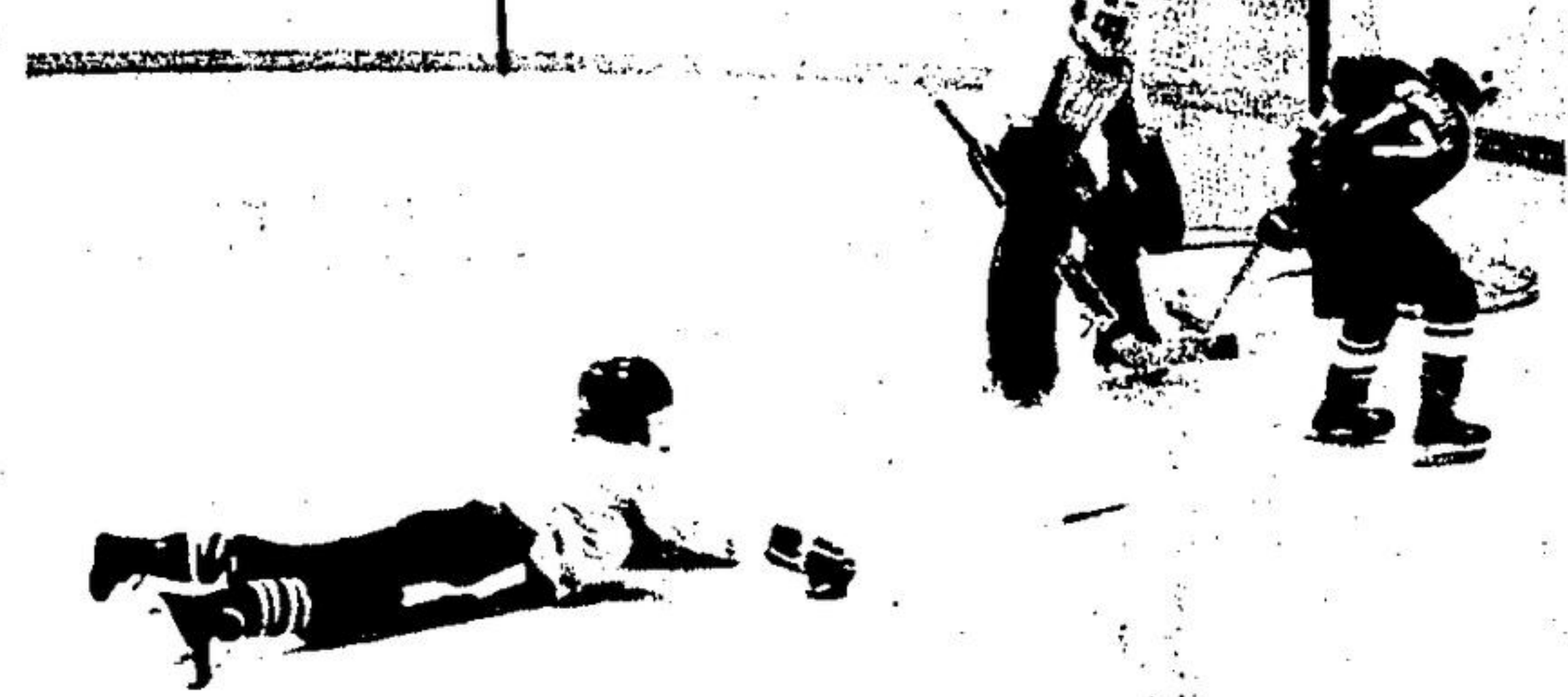
Boxing Day skate is on

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders have announced that they will again run their "Boxing Day Skate with the Raiders" this year.

Trevor Moores, publicity director of the Raiders, said the event was so successful last year that it will be expanded to run for two hours this year. Last year it was for only one hour.

Raider players will be on hand to conduct casual clinics. The price for the event, which was sold out last year, will be \$1.00.

People interested in buying tickets for the event can contact either Dave Kentner at 877-1113 or Mr. Moores at 877-7370.



The Grand Valley Swingers did not score on this attempt, but they still tallied enough times to take a 2-1 decision from Georgetown in girls' senior action at Alcott Arena on Saturday afternoon.

Holy Cross volleyball team brings home the Halton title

The girls' volleyball team of Holy Cross has won the Halton Separate Schools championship.

Holy Cross won the championship last Saturday over 11 other teams at a tournament held at E.C. Drury School in Milton last Saturday.

The championship culminated a fantastic season for the girls from Holy Cross. The team played a total of 71 games, including preseason, regular season and post season and won 66 of them.

In winning the championship Holy Cross won all five games they played in the tournament. Standouts in the tournament were Kim Thompson, Valerie

Longo, Roberta Burke and Michelle Miehm.

Coach Cynthia Tobin said the school is very excited over the girls' accomplishment as it is the first time Holy Cross has taken home a Halton volleyball championship.

Other members of the team are Mary Hartley, Tracey Corbett, Carol Beattie, Jackie Chapman, Angela deHaas, Hope Hulme, Sheila Cannon and Jettill Wittjes.

The Holy Cross boys' team also participated in the championship but were knocked out early. They were the North Halton Separate School's champions.



The Holy Cross girls' volleyball team won the Halton Separate Schools Championship at a tournament in Milton Saturday. They were led by the above four girls and Kim Thompson. From left to right are Valerie Longo, Rose Hartley, Bert Burke and Michelle Miehm.