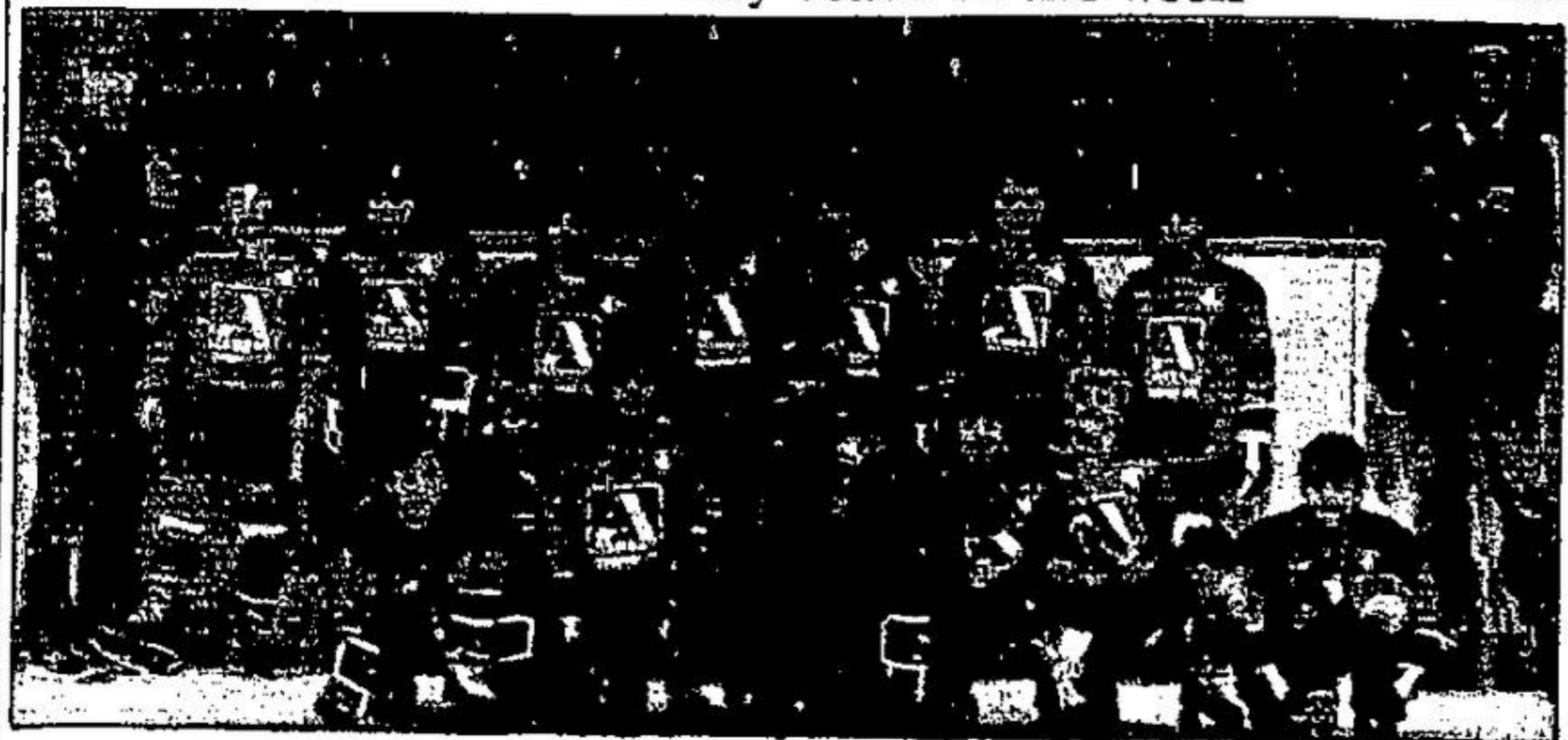


### Herald's hockey team of the week



Herald's hockey team of the week are the Armbr Transport Novices. Although they haven't started their regular season (it starts January), the youngsters have been picking up lots of hints from their coach Kevin Hughes and they are all anxious to show their stuff in league play. Team members are as follows:

Daren Krafcheck, Larry Brunton, Paul House, Allan Fudge, Mike Verette, Chris Sladdelman, Jamie McKie, Chris Thompson, Happy Ezard, Dale McNiven, Richard Herrera, Mike McLean, Johnathon Kerslake, Brad Doby, Brian Montgomery, Kevin Hughes (coach).

### Gordon Alcott skating hours

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Sat. 1:00-2:50 p.m.  
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**NOON HOUR SKATING**  
Mon. 12:00-1:00 p.m.  
Wed. 12:00-1:00 p.m.  
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Wed. 7:00-8:50 p.m.  
Sat. 7:30-9:20 p.m.  
Sun. 2:30-4:20 p.m.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
Hockey Heritage Raider Old-timer Game - Feb. 11, 1981  
Figure Skating Carnival - Feb. 13, 14, 15  
Lion's Bantam Tournament -

Mar. 21 to 28

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**  
**PUBLIC SKATING**  
Wed. Dec. 24 1:00-2:50 p.m. (Free)  
Dec. 31 1:00-2:50 p.m.

**SHINNY HOCKEY**  
Mon. Dec. 22 8:30-10:20 a.m.  
Wed. Dec. 24 8:30-10:20 a.m.  
Mon. Dec. 29 8:30-10:20 a.m.  
Wed. Dec. 31 8:30-10:20 a.m.  
Admission \$1.00 per person (Hockey Helmet Must Be Worn)

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Sat. Dec. 20	8:00-9:50 p.m.	Sun. Dec. 28	2:00-3:50 p.m.
Sun. Dec. 21	2:00-3:50 p.m.	Mon. Dec. 29	2:00-3:50 p.m.
Mon. Dec. 22	2:00-3:50 p.m.	Tues. Dec. 30	2:00-3:50 p.m.
Tues. Dec. 23	2:00-3:50 p.m.	Wed. Dec. 31	2:00-3:50 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 24	2:00-3:50 p.m.	Fri. Jan. 2	2:00-3:50 p.m.
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## Gym team doubles popularity

Stretching, swinging, jumping and tumbling on the mats are some of the physical exertions the gymnastics team participate in each week at their practice. The GDHS team has about 30 members, but this has been the first year the team has boasted such a large turnout.

Coach Fred Kotani who handles the team with Jack Brown, says the interest in gymnastics has grown at the school and he says it might have something to do with the winning season last year. The gymnastics team last year was composed of 18 dedicated members - now that figure has almost doubled this year. Kotani thinks another reason why the team is more popular this year has to do with size. "With this school being so good at sports, a student may feel left out if he is too small to play some type of sport. But a student has a choice of swimming, wrestling or gymnastics where size doesn't seem to be a factor in competition."

Gymnastics is a sport where Kotani says, "you just can't develop techniques in one year. It takes a while to get the feel of it and gain the strength for the movements," he says.

Kotani is expecting another strong team this year after last season when the team came 6th in Ontario at the Ontario Federal of Schools Association championships. The Georgetown high school team was first in the Peel-halton championships last year. The team is only missing grade thirteen graduate Dave Deere who is now practicing with the Queen's University team.

Kotani says that with a number of five year veterans on the team, he is expecting they will all do well. Veterans since grade nine at the school are: Dave Bootle, Brad Ferguson, John Thorpe.

Kotani thinks that three year veterans, George Farrow and Peter Morris should also be able to help the team this year.

Duane Wilson is a first year senior (grade eleven student who was the fourth all round best junior last year so he will also be a name to watch in competition this year. Mike Pearce is another first year senior. Kotani says they have various rookies on the team and that although he says they are at an advantage by starting late, they are all very enthusiastic.

The team practices for one hour and a half usually five times a week, but if the gym is available longer, they will stay sometimes as long as three hours. The coach says the team practices hard and there is little clowning around - the students don't seem to need a lot of teacher supervision, he says.

The gymnastics team, although they have been practising since early October, do not have their first meet until the middle of February when they will go up against a high school team from Grimsby. They also play Highlands high school in Dundas which should be a big meet for the students, the coach says.



One of the senior members of the Georgetown High school shows good form on the high bar. (Herald photo)

## Face mask rule unpopular with Junior B team

Not too many Junior B hockey players are happy with the new ruling this year that makes it mandatory to wear a protective covering over the face, attached to the player's helmet. The reasons for the dislike of the new rule are as varied as the arguments for why they should be worn.

Nevertheless, these caged masks have created some problems for the players and headaches for the coaches in the Central league of Junior B hockey.

Coach of the Georgetown Geminis, Tom Daley, says the masks are "terrible." He says the masks "take alot away from the hockey games. The masks make heroes out of kids that aren't heroes," Daley says. By this he means that



Four year veteran of the Geminis, captain Bob McCandless is seen without a face mask, talking to one of his team mates from last year, Marty Power.

often players can nigh suck an opponent in the face area without fear of retaliation as long as he keeps his own mask over his face - there are no longer any vulnerable areas on a hockey player's body.

#### CAN RUIN JAW

Bob McCandless, captain of the Gems and four year veteran of the league, says he doesn't like the new caged masks. He says that the masks can ruin a jaw when the bottom part is hit with a stiff blow. McCandless says it should be better for the younger players coming up into the organization to wear the masks because they already require them to play. However, he says for the older players, it is harder to get used to.

McCandless would rather see the referees in the league clamp down more on the type of infractions that led to the mandatory use of the face mask and let the players decide for themselves whether or not it should be worn.

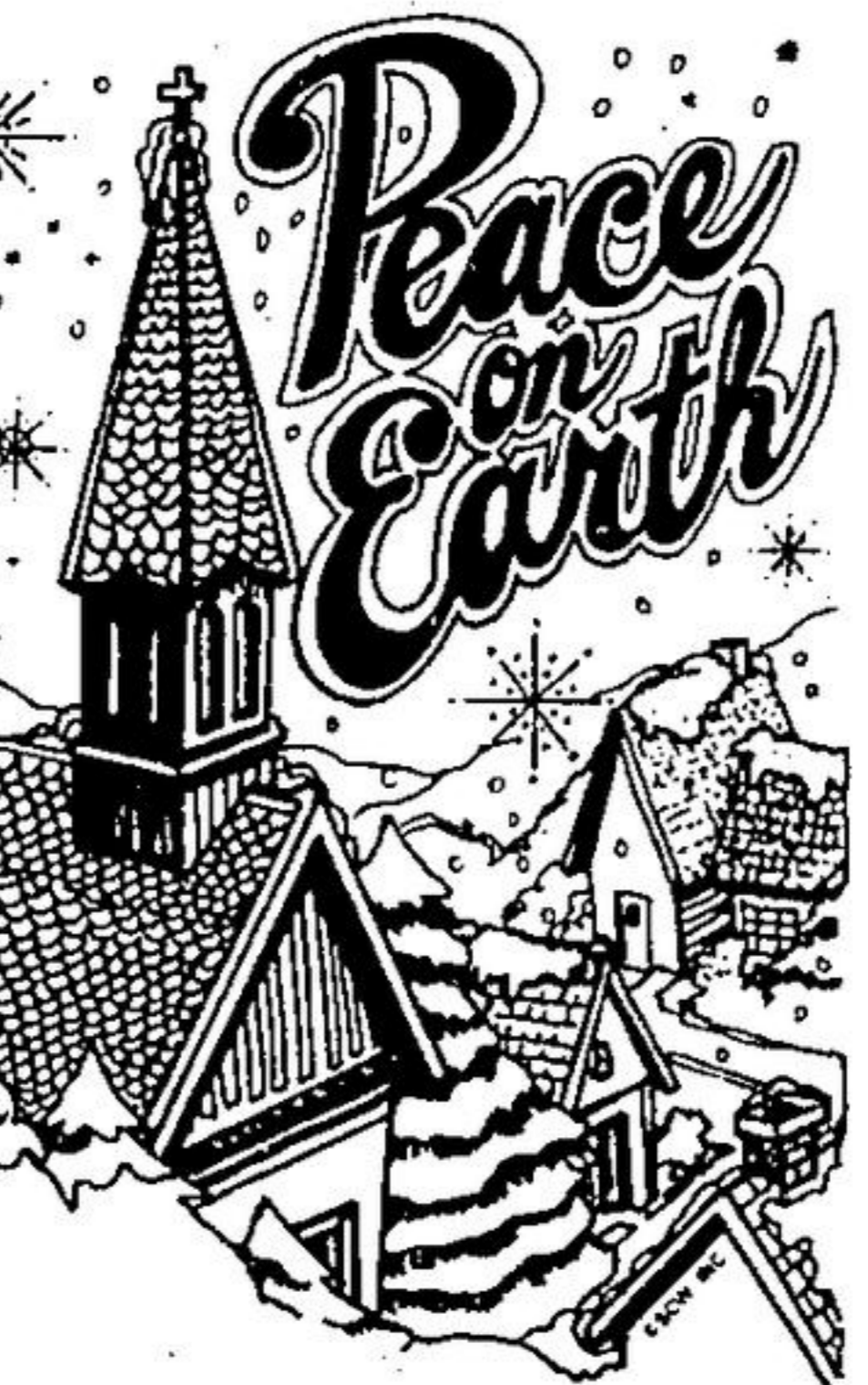
#### PLAYER INJURED

The new league ruling on face masks came when one player in the league injured himself seriously. There were also a few close calls for some players, one being a player who temporarily lost his eyesight, but he regained his sight after a period of time.

Twelve year veteran of the NHL as a referee, John McCauley, says he wouldn't let his son play without a caged face mask. "I have a strong belief about protection," McCauley says, "anything that protects the player is good." McCauley says he realizes there may be more cheap shots now, but he says there will always be that type of promotion of the game at the Junior B level: "self-discipline disappears and no one turns the other cheek," he says.



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