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Sweden, West Germany coming here Jan. 2

Georgetown hosting world hockey game

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A good track record in hosting international hockey events has paid off in a big way for Georgetown.

Friday it was formally announced Georgetown would host one game in this year's World Junior Hockey Championships. A major reason for the announcement was the success Georgetown had in the past in hosting teams from Sweden, Yugoslavia and Austria, said Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) president Brent Ladds.

"Georgetown has a good organization and everything it has done in the past it has done well," he said.

Burlington was originally the site for the Jan. 2 game between West Germany and Sweden, but backed out when they felt they didn't have sufficient manpower resources. The OHA was notified Oct. 25, and the following Monday (Oct. 28) Ladds contacted Georgetown Chrysler Raiders' president about possibly having the game held here.

Poulstrup said he first wanted to know the cost of the event (\$3,000 guaranteed up front) and whether the Raiders' executive could handle the project alone. He felt a second group needed to be brought in to safeguard against a manpower shortage to do a good job.

Poulstrup said he then thought of the Georgetown Minor Hockey Association, and contacted executive member Keith Bennett. Bennett in turn brought the situation to president Wayne Pries' attention last Monday.

Both presidents discussed the proposal with their respective executives, and it was decided they would work jointly in hosting the game. The \$3,000 is being provided by Raiders' sponsor Barry Whitworth.

"I immediately thought of minor hockey because they have experience in international events (hosting minor teams from Sweden the past three years) and we were looking for credibility in the community which minor hockey has," Poulstrup said.

So Poulstrup then contacted Ladds Wednesday and said Georgetown would host the game. Friday before the start of the Raiders' Senior "A" game with Petrolia, Ladds, Poulstrup, Pries and Whitworth all met and discussed the inner details of the project, and a contract was presented. It will be signed once

all parties have copies and study it in greater detail. All three local hockey dignitaries expressed excitement at the prospect of hosting such an international event.

"We think this will be a municipal event and will bring notoriety to the Town of Halton Hills," Poulstrup said Friday. "I'm really excited because this



FINE TUNING—With world junior hockey coming to town this winter, a lot of details had to first be worked out. Here Georgetown Chrysler Raiders' sponsor and vice-president of hockey operations Barry Whitworth (left), Raiders' president Finn Poulstrup, Ontario Hockey Association president Brent Ladds and Georgetown Minor Hockey Association president Wayne Pries go over the contract. (Herald photo)

will be the most exciting event ever put on by the Town. You can't beat world class hockey in Georgetown."

"I talked it over with our executive and there wasn't a negative response," Pries said. "We've got the people who are concerned with hockey and they will give it their total effort."

There is somewhat of an ironic twist as Pries won't be present for the Jan. 2 game. He will be in Sweden with the minor bantam team that will be over there on a hockey exchange.

Event sponsor Barry Whitworth too said hosting such an event will be exciting.

"I think it's dynamite and I had no reservations at all," he said. "I'd like to see the cooperation of the Town because this will be super hockey. It all boils down to one thing: this is world class hockey."

TOURNEY NOTES—If such an event ever makes it way back to Georgetown, it won't be for at least another 24 years. Canada is granted the tournament once every eight years, and this year two other provinces bid on it. Ticket prices haven't been formally decided as a budget has to first be drawn up. However Ladds said under no circumstance will the prices exceed \$8 a ticket. "This comes once every 24 years and we (OHA) don't want a family not coming because it can't afford it," he said. A likely price will be \$5. As well as Georgetown, tournament games will be played in Hamilton, Guelph, London, Kitchener, Toronto and Ottawa. Had Georgetown not been able to host the event, the OHA could have approached Richmond Hill, who was interested. Ladds said another option was to have the OHA run the game and hold it in Burlington. The tournament itself will consist of 26 games and will begin Dec. 28. The game will start at 7:30 p.m. and at 6 p.m. both teams will be available to the media and fans for a half hour so that local Scandinavian and German clubs could make presentations if they so desire. Souvenir programs will be sold for \$3.50 as well as other memorabilia. The Georgetown contingent will have to provide a block of tickets for both the International Ice Federation and Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, who will likely be in attendance for the game. The OHA will notify Georgetown 48 hours in advance, and the ticket numbers will be a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 20. The CBC has broadcasting rights to all the games, but the Georgetown committee will look into the possibility of a Burlington radio station broadcasting the game.

GDHS cross country team takes home OFSAA medal

The Georgetown District High School junior boys cross country team finished the season off this weekend with a silver medal at the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) competition in Brockville.

Runners Dave Paul, Jim Clark, Jeff Amato, Greg McKenzie and Brendan Cleary combined for 150 points, just four behind gold medal winner Tillsonburg. Paul was the top finisher at 34th while Clark was 36th, Amato 39th, McKenzie 41st and Cleary was 66th.

The Rebels had a total of five teams qualify for the event as the junior girls were third, the senior boys and midget girls both were fifth while the midget boys team had a competitors scratch just before their race and didn't enter a team in team competition.

The junior girls race was the highlight of the day as Amy Powers finished a strong sixth individually. This performance led the Rebels to their third place finish in the team competition. Traci McFarlane and Kim Hale also had good races, finishing 71st and 73rd respectively. Janelle Lewis and Shannon Snyder also ran for the team.

In the midget girls race, Tara Bouskill once again provided the leadership with an 18th place finish to pace her team to the fifth place finish. Other runners included Toni McClements (53rd), Sheila Huffman (91st), Sonie Letarac (108th) and Kara-Lynn Palmer (146th).

The lone Georgetown senior girls runner was Shawn Langdon, who crossed the finish line in 83rd spot. Halton champ Brenda Steinhoff of Milton won the race.

A few unlucky breaks occurred in the midget boys race for Georgetown as Bob Donker couldn't run due to an injury. A strong performance from Glenn Mulder (25th) highlighted the team as other runners were David Scida (53rd), Cameron Herman and Tim Parker.

The final race of the day brought a strong field together and was the final race for some runners. Rebels Erik Hopkins and Mike Wood had strong performances in a race that featured a couple of Canadian champs, one of which was the eventual winner (Greg Anderson of Dundas-Parkside). Hopkins was ninth overall and Wood finished 44th. Frank Solinger, Andy

Kiss and Paul Tufford also contributed to the team's fifth place finish by finishing in 89th, 91st and 142nd respectively. It should also be noted junior Paul Tufford ran senior to help the team place higher.

The three Rebel coaches were all pleased with the effort. Rookie coach Anne Frank had praise for the squad.

Volleyball teams bound for Haltons

For the first time ever, both Georgetown District High School volleyball teams will play in the Halton finals.

Both senior and junior squads advanced to the championships of their respective divisions with semi final wins Friday on their home gym. The

Rebel hoop gold

The Georgetown District High School juniors girls basketball team struck gold in its last tournament of the year in the 14th annual Staynor event.

The Rebels defeated Collingwood 28-25 in the final despite trailing almost the entire game. The key to the win came late in the third quarter when the Rebels made two key hoops to come within two points of Collingwood. Those baskets gave Georgetown the momentum for a fourth quarter rally coach Moe Looking said. However it wasn't until Jenny Melville's two foul shots with 1:23 left to play that Georgetown took the lead 25-25 for the first time in the game.

Tara Burroughs and Melville had eight points for the winners while Cindy Murnaghan had six. Burroughs was named the tourney MVP, which Looking said was a deserved honor. Burroughs filled in at small forward and in place of Shanna Long at guard, who wasn't able to make the trip. Looking also said credit should go to Martha McClure, Lisa Carter and Beth Brown and Murnaghan, who Looking said always managed to guard the

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"The team spirit was fantastic and the attitude towards one another was very positive."

Veteran coaches Donna Metcalf and Karen Cosgrove were very optimistic about the future commenting, "This year was a rebuilding one. We are also very keen on the upcoming track season."

senior Rebels defeated Loyola 3-1 in the best-of-five series (15-4, 10-15, 15-4, 15-6) while the juniors downed a gritty E.C. Drury club 3-1 (15-2, 15-6, 13-15, 15-10).

The senior squad started their match off with a near-perfect 15-4 win in which Georgetown clearly dominated. After losing the second game the Georgetown team regrouped and overwhelmed their opponents.

"In the second game it was more a case of us trying to do too much with the ball," senior boys' coach Grant Clatworthy said. "We talked about keeping it simple and putting the threat of elimination on them (after the second contest) and see how they would handle it."

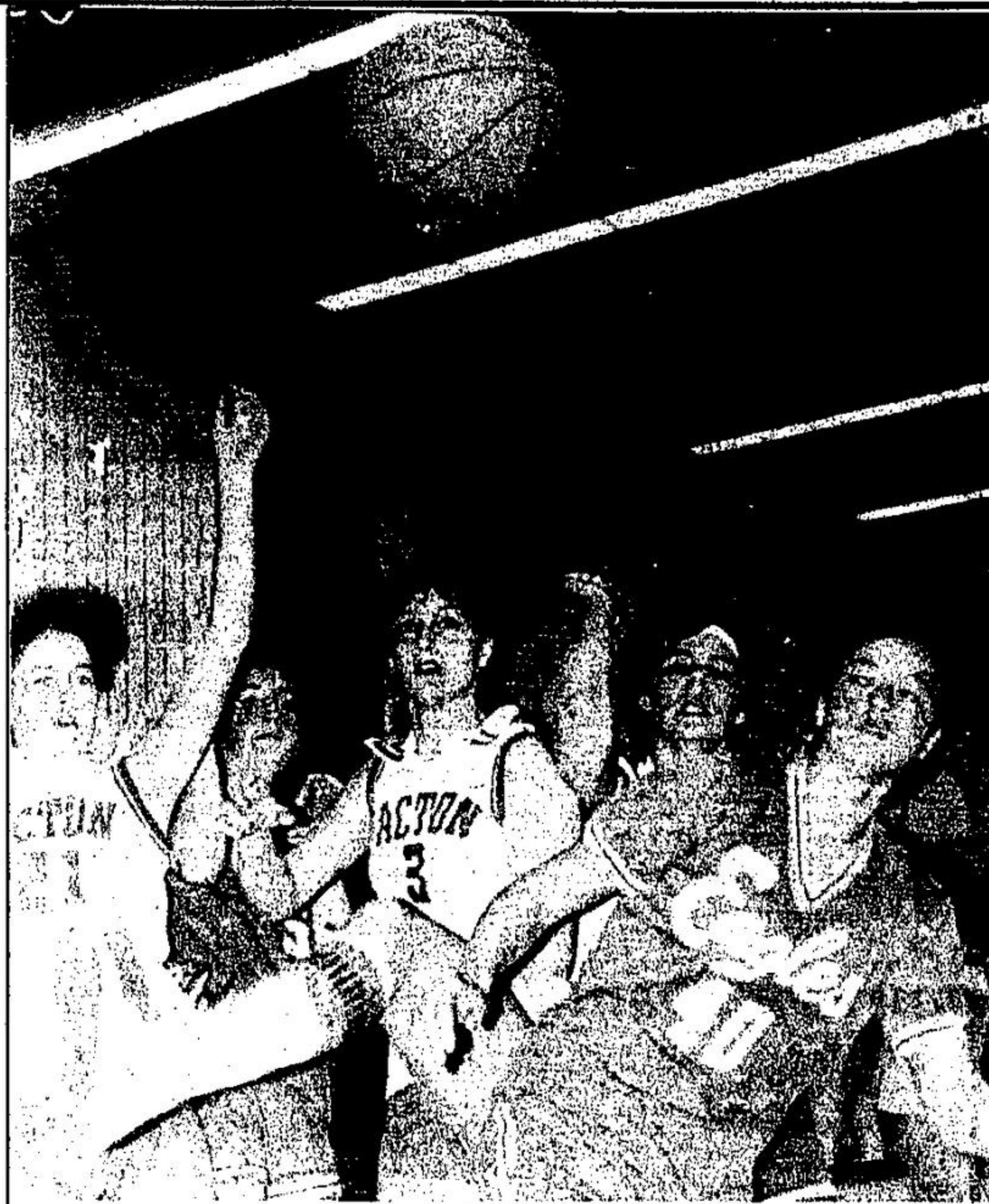
Clatworthy said he feels his club is ready for today's final with Perdue. "I think we seem to be peaking at the right time, and if we play as well as we can, I don't think they can beat us."

In the junior contest Georgetown went up 2-0 with good offensive play and fine defensive blocking. In the third game setter Steve Eastwood got tired and other setter Jim Manning struggled. As a result the Rebels' offence wasn't as sharp and Drury really took advantage and won the game.

Even in the fourth contest the visitors never gave up as the Rebels had to serve four match points before winning.

"I guess the lesson to be learned here is you can't open the door even a crack," said coach Bob McKay. "They (Drury) didn't let the ball die tonight."

McKay said in the third game he had visions of Drury coming back in the match the same way the visitors did in the quarter final against T.A. Blakelock. Down 2-0, the Drury squad



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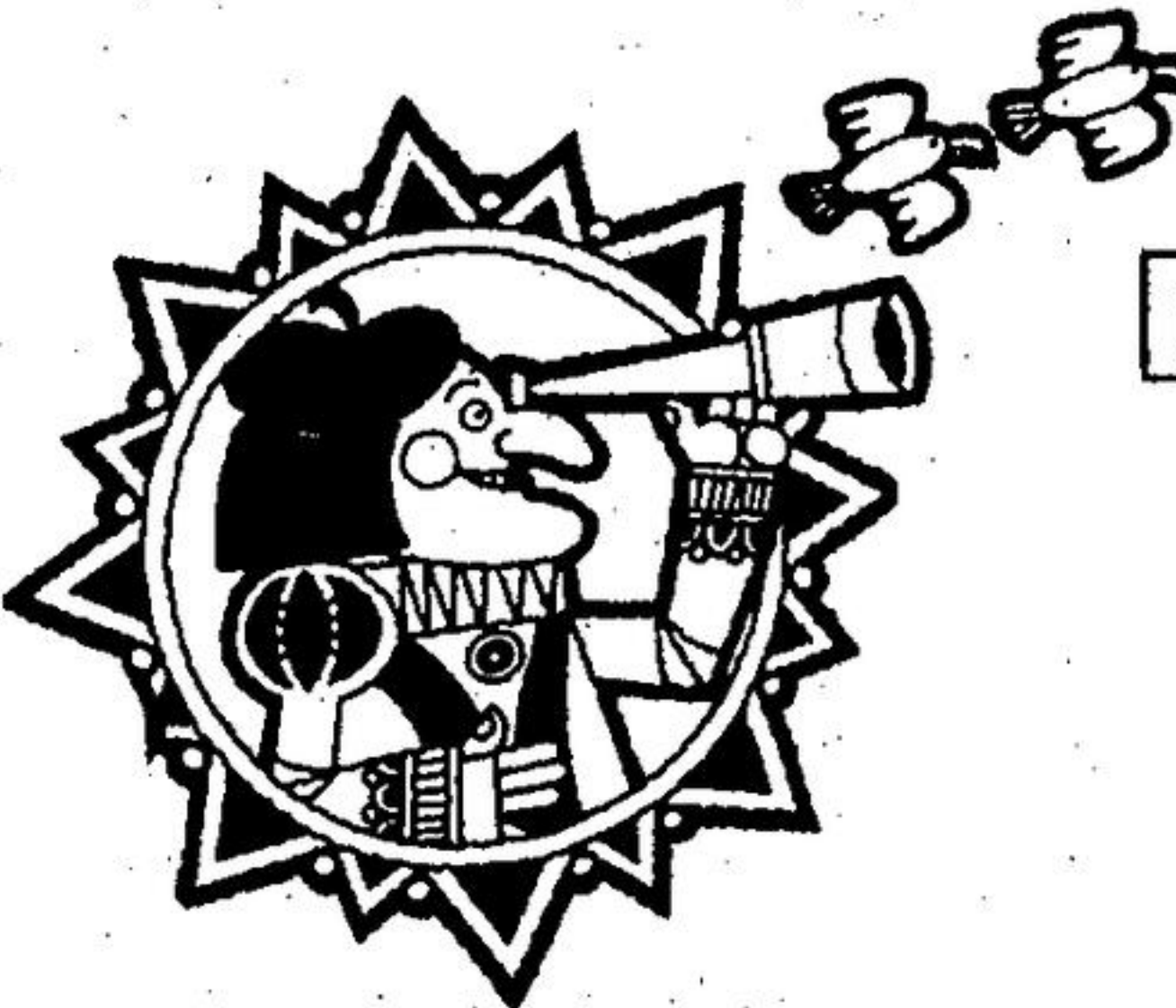
Members of the Acton Redmen (Judy Thomson (3) in a state of suspended animation as all eyes are fixed on the airborne basketball. Acton won this game Thursday 35-24. (Herald photo by Dan Ralph)

won the next three games. "In the third game we didn't get the ball to our hitters. When you get a little sloppy that's when you tend to get yourself into trouble."

One aspect of the Rebels' game that was particularly effective was their blocking at the net. In all four games Georgetown was consistently able to thwart the smaller Drury

players' offensive attack. Both championships will be held today at the Georgetown gym starting at 2:30 p.m. The seniors play Perdue while the juniors host Nelson.

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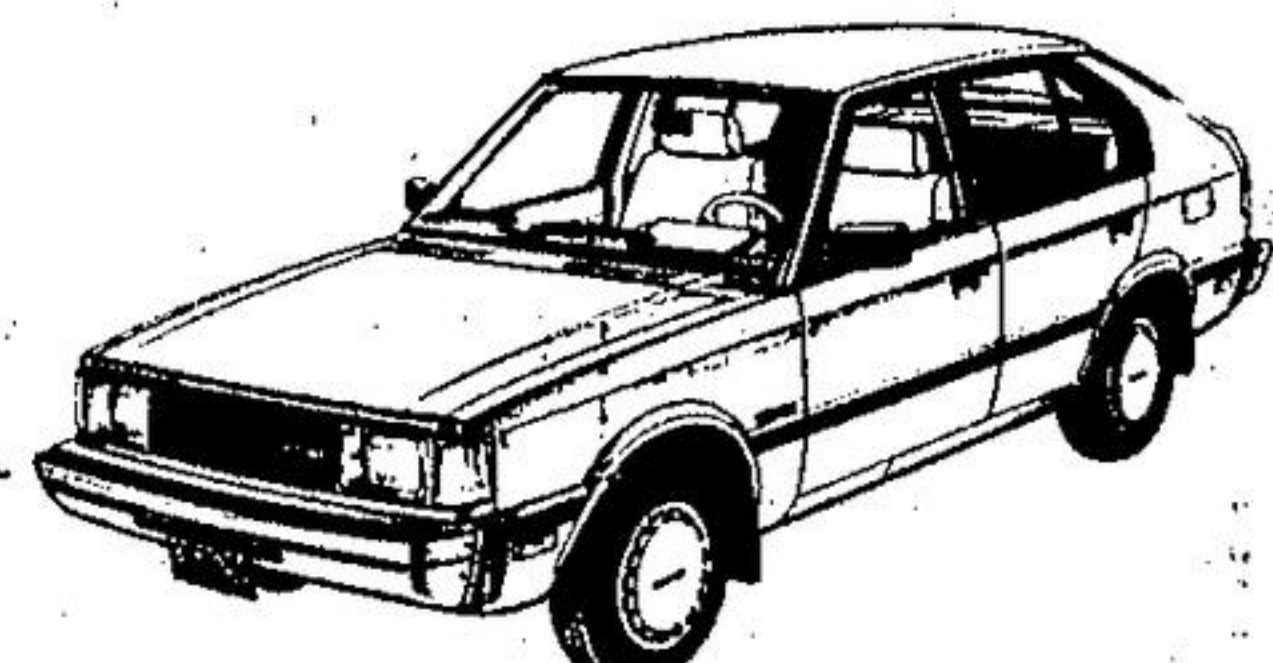
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