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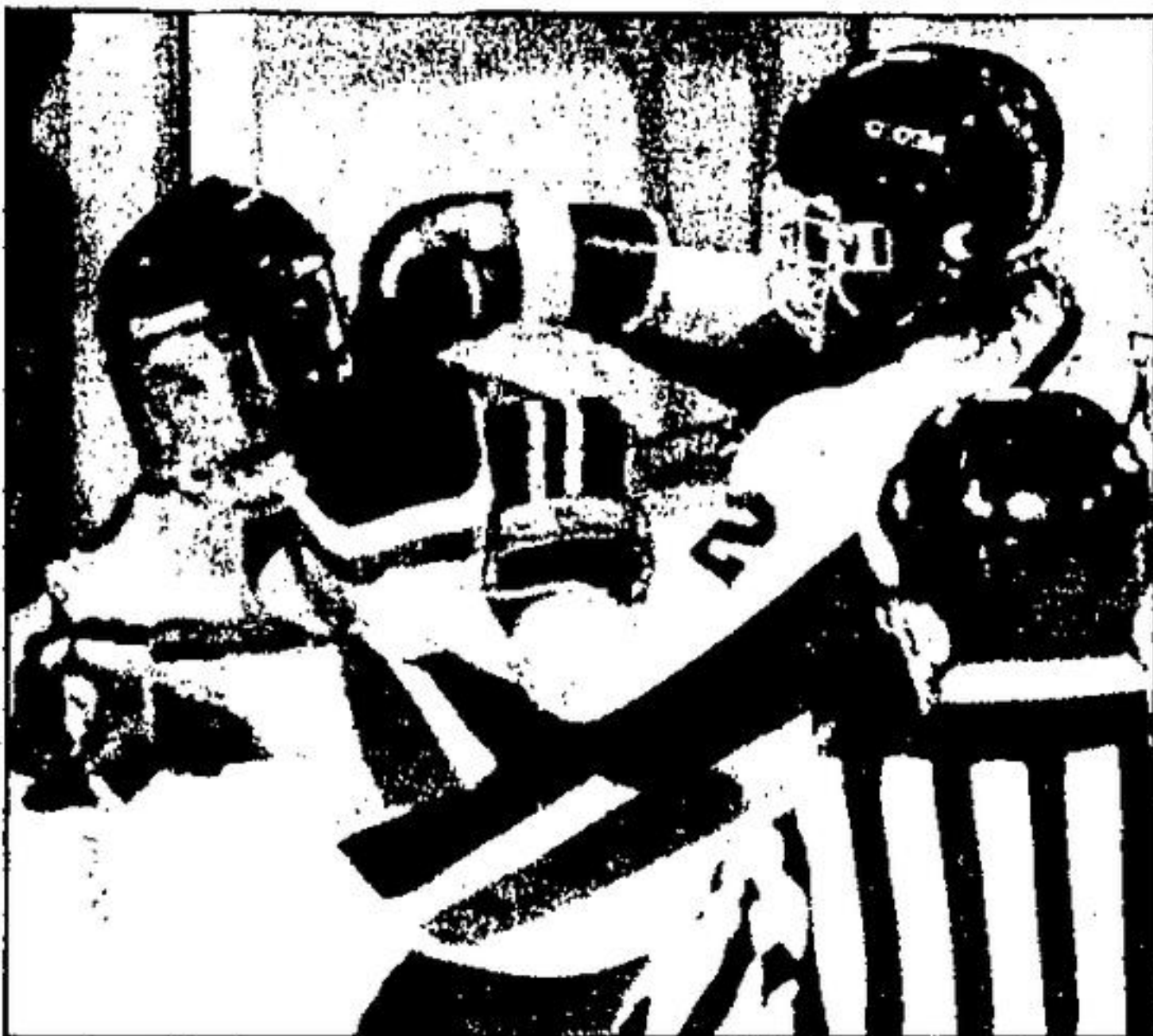
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CLOSE QUARTERS - The Acton Sabres suffered one of their worst losses of the season Friday night when they were beaten 10-3 by the visiting Orangeville Crushers. Here, a Sabre is rattled into the boards behind the Orangeville net. (Herald photo)

Sabres faltering in race for top

The Acton Sabres have found themselves on somewhat of a skid in the Mid-Ontario Junior C Hockey League recently, but general manager Jules Russiani isn't looking for any panic buttons to push just yet.

Last Wednesday night, the Sabres took a home ice loss as they were downed 8-6 by the Caledon Flyers. Friday, the Sabres were soundly beaten at home as the Orangeville Crushers rolled to a 10-3 win, and Sunday, Bradford Bulls dumped Acton 7-4.

Heading into action last Wednesday with Caledon, the Sabres had won nine of their previous 10 games.

"I don't think it's anything serious," Russiani says of the team's current tailspin. "It's a little case of overconfidence. We're taking too much for granted at this point."

Russiani has had a bench-level view of what's been happening with the Sabres since Gary Hudson was handed a two-game suspension for spouting off at an official during Friday night's match with Orangeville.

Russiani found a few things he wasn't too pleased with.

"Some of the kids are not working as hard as they could," he says. "We're getting away from the team game. The over all 100 per cent effort isn't there all the time."

Defenceman Wayne Rivers made his first start with the Sabres on Sunday night, and Russiani feels the strapping rearguard will help the team. "I was pleased with his effort. He played a solid game for his first time out."

Left wing Sean Laverty is also a new arrival with the Sabres and played his first game Friday against Orangeville.

The Sabres continued to have their problems with the Flyers last week. It was their third loss in as many outings against the Flyers this season.

After being tied at two in the opening period, Caledon opened up a 4-3

lead in the middle frame.

Paul Wilson had a pair of goals for the Sabres and added a pair of assists, while single markers went to Rod McClure, Mark French, Colin Lewis, and Peter Cargill.

Caledon scored four powerplay goals en route to the victory, as Paul Coletta had a pair of goals, and singles went to Mark Cooper, Jeff Campbell, Lee Erwin, Pete O'Leary, Pat Daley, and Tim Stinson.

The Crushers took advantage of powerplay opportunities Friday night, as they had six goals with the man advantage. Leading 2-0 after the first period, the Crushers went ahead 5-3 after the second, and scored five unanswered goals in the final frame.

Trevor Reibot scored Acton's first goal mid way through the second on a short handed effort. Chris Turner and Cargill rounded out the Sabres scoring with powerplay markers later in the period.

The Crushers received three goals from Jeff Hoelscher, and two from Russ Gordon.

Netminder Tom Hill started the game for the Sabres, but was lifted and replaced by Alex Piazza after Orangeville's eighth goal.

In Bradford Sunday, the Sabres played better hockey but didn't get the breaks they needed.

"We played well enough to win," Russiani said. "But Bradford is a tough team to beat at home."

The Sabres led 2-1 after the first, but were behind 5-3 after 40 minutes.

Steve Wagner, Tom Fisher, Greg Yates, and Turner accounted for the Acton scoring, while Kevin Elliott had three for the Bulls, and Dan Zeike, Andre Clegburn, Bob Weiler, and Joe Weiler added singles.

The Bulls outshot the Sabres 41-34.

Last night (Tuesday) the Sabres were slated to play in Caledon, where they were attempting to break the Flyers' jinx.

This Saturday, they entertain Alliston Hornets for a 7:30 p.m. game at the Acton Arena.

Halton girls volleyball

Chargers take seventh title

The Centennial Chargers claimed their seventh straight Halton Girls' Volleyball championship title Friday night, as they downed New Central of Burlington in the finals, played at E.C. Drury High School in Milton.

The Chargers qualified for the Tier 1 finals after eliminating MacKenzie-Smith the previous week, to take the North Halton title.

A new format for the championship series this season, placed the Centennial squad up against New Central from the West, and Pineland of Oakville, from the East.

A round robin series was used to decide the finalists.

In their round robin competition, Centennial defeated Pineland two games straight, 15-10, 15-6, and split their games against New Central, 12-15, 15-4.

After losing the opening game of the best-of-three championship 11-15, the Chargers bounced back to take decisions of 15-10, 15-8, and take the title.

Jim Atkinson has been coaching the girls' volleyball team at Centennial for eight years. In 1980, he took the team to the Halton finals before being eliminated, and since then they have stacked up seven championships.

Friday, Atkinson freely substituted all his players, and admits the competition wasn't as tough as it has been other years. But at the same time, he feels this was one of the strongest teams he's coached.

"When they play well, they'd be right up there with any of the teams I've had," he says.

Starting off small...

Father-son dinner termed a success

By MIKE TURNER
Herald Sports Editor

The first annual Georgetown Gemini Father-Son Dinner, though relatively small in scope, proved to be quite big in terms of success, according to chairman Dave Kentner.

Kentner, president of the Gemini, said they were very pleased with the turnout for the dinner, last Wednesday and found the event produced a modest profit to be divided between the Gemini hockey club, and the Make-A-Wish Foundation, which also helped make arrangements.

"We were very pleased," Kentner said. "We were a little limited in scope this year, because the organization that went into the project, didn't actually start until September."

The head table at the dinner featured some relatively "big names" in "younger packages."

Brad Norris introduced his father, Will, a veteran of 18 years in the NHL, as an official, and the current referee-in-chief for the Ontario Hockey Association.

Norris outlined the route that led him to the NHL, and pointed out the ingredients it takes to be a good official. His philosophy has remained simple. "As an official, you get out of something what you put in," he said.



CHARGING CHAMPS - The Centennial Chargers claimed their seventh consecutive Halton girls' volleyball championship on Friday, in Milton. Members of the team are, front row, from left, Julie Atkinson, Elaine Warbeck, Andrea McNelly, Suzanne Trustram,

Shelly Terashita, and Fani Markou. Back row, Andrea Schneider, Danielle McTaggart, Stephanie Kuipers, Jim Atkinson (coach), Lisa Vogt, Lindsay Smith, and Alexis Kerr. (Herald photo)

Depth was one of the big advantages Atkinson had to work with this season. "Usually I know who the first six or seven starters would be, but this year it was a lot tougher to decide."

Many of Atkinson's players will

go on to play high school volleyball, and some may even go further. In fact, many of the players now competing with the GDHS Rebels are Centennial alumni.

Friday's championships brought

the team's season to a close.

However, Atkinson took a team of Grade seven players to a tournament at Edenwood Public School in Mississauga on Saturday, where they claimed the bronze medals against Grade eight competition.

Sports briefs

Free skating

There will be Free Skating in Acton and Georgetown, Friday, December 4, 1987.

The Acton Public Skate will be from 2:30 - 3:50 p.m. This opportunity has been made possible through the generosity of the Acton Rotary Club.

The Georgetown Skate is from 1 - 2:20 p.m. at the Memorial Arena. This opportunity is possible through the generosity of the Georgetown Optimist Club.

Egg nog jog

The Credit Valley Conservation Authority and the Georgetown Track Club will be sponsoring the fifth Annual Egg Nog Jog which will be held on Sunday, Dec. 13, 1987, at 10 a.m. at the Terra Conservation Area.

This 11km run for fun promises to be a real challenge, and is open to everyone. All profits from the run will go towards CRFM's Children's Fund-Hospital for Sick Children. Following the race all runners and supporters will be invited to sip a glass of free egg nog inside the Visitor Services Centre.

Prizes will be awarded to the

male and female runners with the best finish times. Entry is \$5 in advance and \$7 after Dec. 7, 1987. Entry forms are available by calling the Authority office at (416) 451-1615, or at your local library. Terra Colla conservation Area is located on Winston Churchill Boulevard just two km north of the village of Terra Colla.

Gift ideas

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OHL register

The Ontario Hockey League player register is now available for purchase.

The register includes personal information on players who were signed with OHL teams at the beginning of the 1987-88 season. Information given includes height, weight, birthdate and place, of each player, as well as year-by-year playing records and OHL career totals.

The register is available to the general public by mail only.

through the OHL league office at 655 Dixon Road, Rexdale, Ontario, M9W 1J4. The cost of \$10 per copy.

Gervais fails

Roger Gervais, of Georgetown Bowl, failed to qualify for the provincial finals of the CBC Canadian Five-Pin Bowling Series Championship, held recently in Brantford.

In the Southern Ontario semi-finals, Gervais finished 90th out of 102 bowlers, with a 10-game total of 2,185.

The top 24 bowlers qualified for the provincial final, which was eventually won by Rob Robertson, of Olympia Falingbrook, Scarborough, with a 15-game total of 3,086. The finalists were required to bowl five more games, and Robertson's 1,398 total, added to his 2,688 semi-final total, lifted him to top spot.

Robertson will now represent Southern Ontario in the CBC-TV championship, slated for January and February.

Water shows

Everyone is welcome to attend the Annual Christmas Water Shows, being held at the Acton Indoor Pool, Friday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m., and at the Georgetown Indoor Pool, Saturday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. Admission is free.



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON - The Georgetown Gemini Father-Son banquet was well-attended last Wednesday, and those on hand enjoyed the presentations made by Paul Lalonde, his "proxy son" for the evening. (Herald photo)

and son, Duane Lewis; Peter and P.J. Martin; Will and Brad Norris; and Billy Harris, who was introduced by Paul Lalonde. Pairings included, from left, Bryan

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