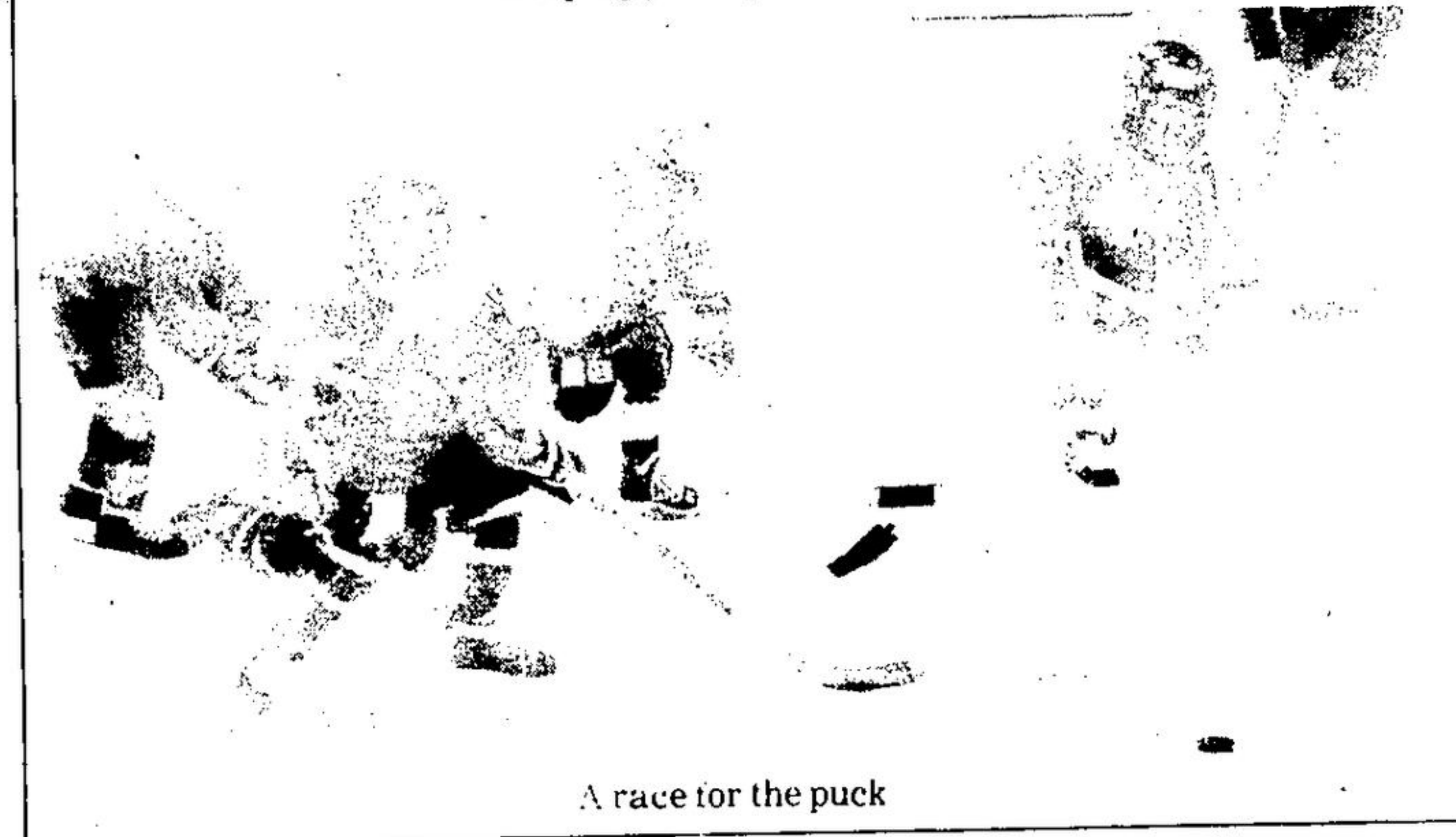


Acton Tykes in action



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A race for the puck

Junior "C" hockey

Sabres faltering

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Acton Tait Realty Sabres regular season Mid-Ontario Junior "C" Hockey League record dropped to 2-4 following a pair of losses this past week, but team coach Ken Steen, is not ready to pull the plug on his squad's chances this season.

An undermanned Sabre team lost a 10-7 decision to Caledon, Oct. 17, then bowed 4-2 to Bradford, Friday evening in a game played before hometown supporters at Acton Community Centre.

"Sure," agreed Steen, "the losses bother me, no one likes to lose. But with the exception of the Orangeville game (a 14-3 drubbing by the Crushers) we've been in every game. With a few breaks here and there, we could have picked up wins."

Sabres started the 1989-90 campaign like gangbusters and posted two wins on the road.

In the team's season-opener, Alliston Hornets fell 3-4, then Bradford was topped 8-5.

The euphoria was shortlived, however, as Acton lost two home encounters, 14-3 to Orangeville and 7-5 to Alliston.

The twin losses this past week were put into perspective by Steen.

"Because of work and personal commitments, we didn't have a full team against Caledon, but we still could have won the game. Their powerplay worked and ours didn't, the difference was as simple as that," pointed out the Sabre mentor.

"We were tied 2-2 with Bradford, then they scored a shorthanded goal and the final goal was into an empty net. What can you do?" queried Steen.

"With the exception of Orangeville, who are solid with a veteran team, we can play with anyone in this league," said Steen. "This week we work on our specialty units, power play and penalty killing and also work at playing a more consistent, all-round game."

(Individual scoring results from the Sabre games against Caledon and Bradford were not made available by the Sabres.)

The Sabres have a chance to get back on the winning track this weekend and possibly even their season record at 5-0 with two games scheduled.

Friday evening the Sabres travel to Orangeville for a return match with the Crushers.

Saturday night, 8 p.m. at Acton Community Centre, Sabres once again tangle with the Alliston Hornets.

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Redmen split

Acton High School's Junior Redmen volleyball team grabbed a split in two outings this past week.

On Monday (Oct. 16) Acton played host to the powerful league-leading squad from Oakville Trafalgar and dropped all three matches by scores of 15-7, 15-8, and 15-13.

Oakville's attack was powered by a number of players who compete for private volleyball clubs and this experience, felt Redmen coach Ken Ellis, along with his own team's flatness after grabbing a silver medal in the weekend E.C. Drury Tournament, accounted for the losses.

On Wednesday (Oct. 18) the Junior Acton squad travelled to Milton to play the Milton Mustangs.

Gaining their composure once again, the Redmen stormed out to take all three games from Milton by scores of 15-3, 15-12, and 15-4.

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