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# Sports and Recreation

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## Buffalo victory

The Hurricane Major Pee wee team had a big finish to the end of their schedule in November, winning a tournament in Buffalo and finally beating their Burlington rivals.

On the American Thanksgiving weekend Nov. 23, Halton beat the hometown favorites, Buffalo Regals 3-2 in the championship game. This was the squad's first title in only their second tournament.

In the first game of the tournament, the good guys (Halton in white) took it to the bad guys (Niagara Falls Thunder in black), beating them 4-1.

Halton later met Regals in the elimination draw, which they beat 2-1 in a tight checking game. Regals drew first blood, which held until Jeff Haydar popped in the tying goal with assists going to Bertoli and Loader.

Halton's winning goal came in the last half of the third period, scored by Bertoli. Sandy Davidson and Tim Diardichuk drew the assists on the goal.

Halton walked through their next game, drubbing West Seneca 11-1. Loader led the way with two goals and two assists, followed by Philip Sanderson

with two goals and one assist.

In the championship game against Regals, Jeff Haydar scored the first goal. Regals stormed back to take a 2-1 lead going into the third period, but goals from Macintosh and Paul Sandifer proved to be enough to clinch the victory.

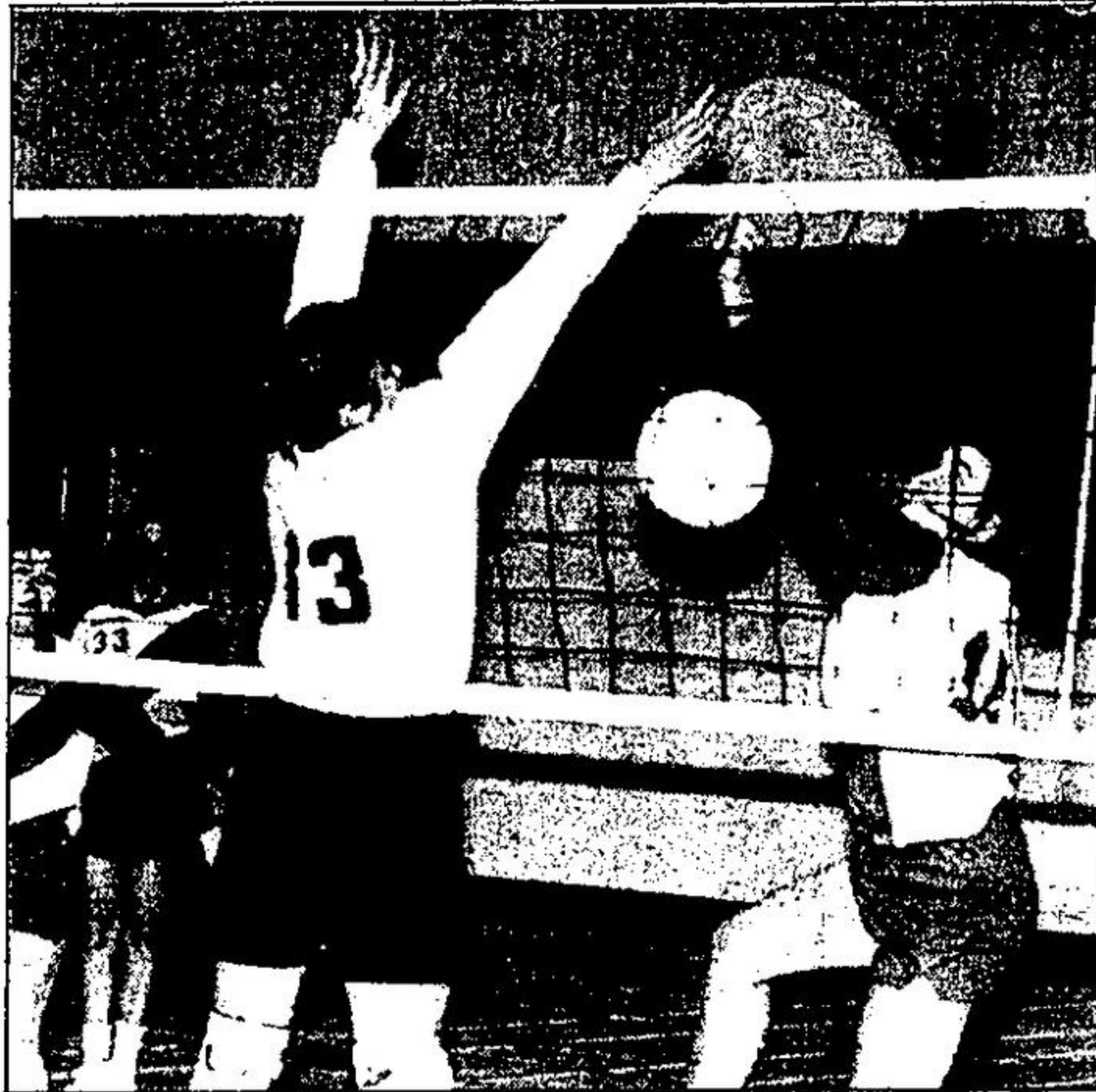
Back in league play, Halton defeated Burlington 5-2, earning their first win over that team in five tries.

Hurricanes managed one loss amongst the victories Nov. 22, getting beat 7-4 by Brampton in a penalty-filled game.

Hurricanes got things back on track Nov. 27, nipping Brampton in a rematch 6-5. With Halton's coach and half the Brampton staff sitting out suspensions from the previous match, Hurricanes came through in another physical game.

The game was tied 2-2 after one period, after which Loader, Sandifer and Kuhn each notched a marker in the second, which ended in a 5-4 lead for Halton.

Haydar slid the winning pass to Bobby Wilson, who blasted in the deciding goal at 11:14. Brampton managed just one more goal with 6:05 remaining.



**Blocked attempt**

Acton Redmen senior volleyball player Leanne Prueter has her shot blocked over the net during a game against M.M. Robiusion Wednesday. Redmen lost their games to the visitors 15-5, 15-13, their second defeat in two days, having been beaten at Georgetown 15-9, 15-9 Tuesday. (Herald photo by Robert Risk)

## West side tourney

The West Side Volleyball club, hosts of the McGregor Cup, placed seventh in the tournament, which was held Saturday at Georgetown District High School.

Ten teams participated in the round robin event, which was also divided into two pools. West Side Thunder began the tournament playing Oshawa Ganaraska Wolves, losing the first game 17-16, but recovering to win the second 15-11.

Their second opponent was St. Catherines Saints. Once again, West Side split the results by winning the first game 15-12 and losing a close match 15-13.

West Side's next challenge was Gloucester Heat. Team Thunder got off to a slow start, but picked up the pace toward the end of the game only to lose 15-12. They did come back to win the second game 15-11.

The last game of the round robin in their pool was against the Scarborough Lunatics, who proved to be just a little too strong, beating West Side 15-12 and 15-11.

West Side had to play off for seventh or eighth place after the round robin was completed. They placed seventh by defeating Markham KVB two straight, 15-9 and 15-6.

## Local player wins Ont. squash title

Seventeen-year-old Melanie Jans won the Ontario Closed Women's Squash Championship, which was held at the Northfield Doon Racquet Club in Kitchener, Ontario this past weekend.

She entered the tournament seeded fifth and en route to the final, defeated both the first and fourth seeded players. Jans defeated her opponent, Tara Sharpe of Peterborough, 7-9, 9-0, 9-5 and 9-2 in the final match.

The event was also a selection tournament for the Women's Provincial Team, which will participate in the Canadian Team Championships to be held in January in Toronto.

Melanie will be playing the no. 1 position on the three-member Ontario squad. Last year Melanie was ranked eighth in the province among the women, and first in the girl's under 19.

## Acton Novices stick together to win

By ROBERT RISK  
 Herald Sports Editor

There's a saying that familiarity breeds contempt. For Acton Major Novice Leathertown West Wearhouse Sabres, familiarity has bred success.

The team, all nine years old this year, has played both

lacrosse and hockey for two full seasons, with most of them also attending the same school (St. Joseph's). So far, the team is unbeaten in hockey, having played 20 games and taking two tournament championships.

Coach Mitch Lajeunesse said playing together for so long has

definitely given them an advantage over their opponents.

"Playing lacrosse has given them the aggressiveness for full contact hockey. These kids go after the puck, into the corners everywhere. Their hand-eye coordination is also better, since it's a big part of lacrosse too."

Finding each other on the playing surface hasn't been difficult this season, with the top line of David Lajeunesse, Jason Christopher and Kyle Artem having a total of 130 points.

"Their passing is very accurate, they know where their buddies are out there. The team is good defensively too; Andrew Coe has a goals against average of 1.00," said Lajeunesse.

Even though the hockey season ends in mid-January, Lajeunesse said the boys get together right away to start practicing lacrosse indoors at St. Joseph's, even though the season doesn't begin until April.

"They do a lot of things together. My son David usually takes one or two guys with us when the Jr. C team (of which he is the club president) plays. They love talking to them."

After winning both the Port Dover Tournament and the Erin tournament last weekend, the team's sights are set on their own invitational, which is on Dec. 27.

"We hope to do well at our own rink. Another big goal is the Wasaga Silver Stick next weekend (Dec. 15-16). If we win that, we advance to the Ontario Silver Stick in Sarnia sometime in February," said Lajeunesse.

Meanwhile, the winning streak



Members of the Acton Novice Leathertown West Wearhouse Sabres pose for a team picture at the Acton Arena Wednesday. The group, which also plays lacrosse together, is a force to be reckoned with, having gone undefeated in 20 games and winning two tournaments. From left to right, back row,

are Paul ... assistant coach Wally Pitre, Scott Monaghan, Richard Raju, coach Mitch Lajeunesse, Chris Lee and Kyle Artem. Front row, left to right, are Ryan Young, Sandy ... David Lajeunesse, Andrew Coe, Jason Christopher and Shawn Weatherall. (Herald photo by Robert Risk)

## SPORT SHORTS

### Ex-Sabres

Acton Sabres are looking for former members of the team in preparation for an alumni game Dec. 22, starting at 7:00 p.m. All those who once played on the junior team are being asked to contact Harold Townsley at 853-0487 if they are interested in taking part.

### Dart Tourney

The second annual Paterson Darts Doubles tournament is taking place Jan. 5 at the George and Dragon, with proceeds going to the Heart and Stroke Foundation. The event raised \$250 last year, and organizers are aiming for \$500 this time around. Though registration just began, 20 teams have already signed up. There are 44 more spots open, but the cut off day is Jan. 2. Cost is \$20 per team to enter, with first prize being \$250 for the championship and \$130 for the consolation. Contact Doug Paterson at 873-6380 or drop in at the George and Dragon to register.

### Sports Celebrity

Author and sportscaster Dick Beddoes is signing copies of his latest book, 'Greatest Hockey Stories,' at Oxbow Books in Georgetown today (Saturday). Beddoes is promoting his book at the store, located at 102 Main St. S., between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.

### Gymnastic Honors

Glen Williams resident Angela Stiles won second place honors in the junior high performance category at the Elite Canada competition held in Seneca College last weekend. Stiles, 12, is a member of the Bramalea Gymnastics Club and recently made the all-Ontario team that is competing in the Canadian Winter Games in P.E.I. this March.

### Raider Special

Tonight's (Saturday's) Raider game at Alcott Arena is George Kennedy evening. Any students associated with the school will receive free admission to the game, provided they have a special ticket given to them at the school. Raiders have been offering these feature nights to various elementary schools for several weeks now.

### Youth Darts Start

The Halton Youth Darts section is getting underway. Games will take place at the George and Dragon on Mondays and Wednesdays. Teams include O'Tooles, McGibbon, High Rollers and Steeprock. Contacts are Dave Scutt, Terry Hancock and Ian McDonald.