

# Chess masters clash at GDHS

The Chess Club sponsored a nationally advertised active chess tournament on Sat., Dec. 1, which attracted four Canadian masters and two near-masters.

Masters, Robert Hamilton from Georgetown and Michael Schleiffer from Toronto split the first and second prize money with five wins and a draw each.

In addition, there was a three-

way tie for top-under-2000 prize. The money went to Ignac Vucko and Kosta Elieff of Toronto and Simon Fattali of London.

Chris Bertelsen took first prize in the amateur section with four wins, a draw and a loss. Bertelsen lost his one game to Brad Thomson of Georgetown who secured second prize, with four wins and two losses.

The tournament was organized by Bertelsen and directed by Tim Knechtel, president of the chess club and was held in the high school library.

The chess club, which meets every Wednesday at the high school between 7:00 and 10:30 p.m., is currently running a rated tournament and an unrated tournament. Anyone interested is welcome to visit or join us.

# Erin tournament win for unbeaten Novices

The Acton Major Novice Leathertown West Wearhouse Sabres stretched their unbeaten record to 19 wins and 1 tie with a 4-3 victory over Fergus in hub league play and a three-game sweep to lay claim to the Erin tournament championship on the December 1st weekend.

In the Fergus game, David Lajeunesse led the way with three goals.

In the Erin Novice Tournament, the Sabres proved they are a contender for Silver Stick preliminary round in Wasaga Beach on Dec. 15, by winning 6-0 over Richmond Hill in the first game.

Scoring for Acton were Lajeunesse with two goals and an assist, Shawn Weatherall with two goals, Ryan Young had one goal and an assist, as did Jason Christopher.

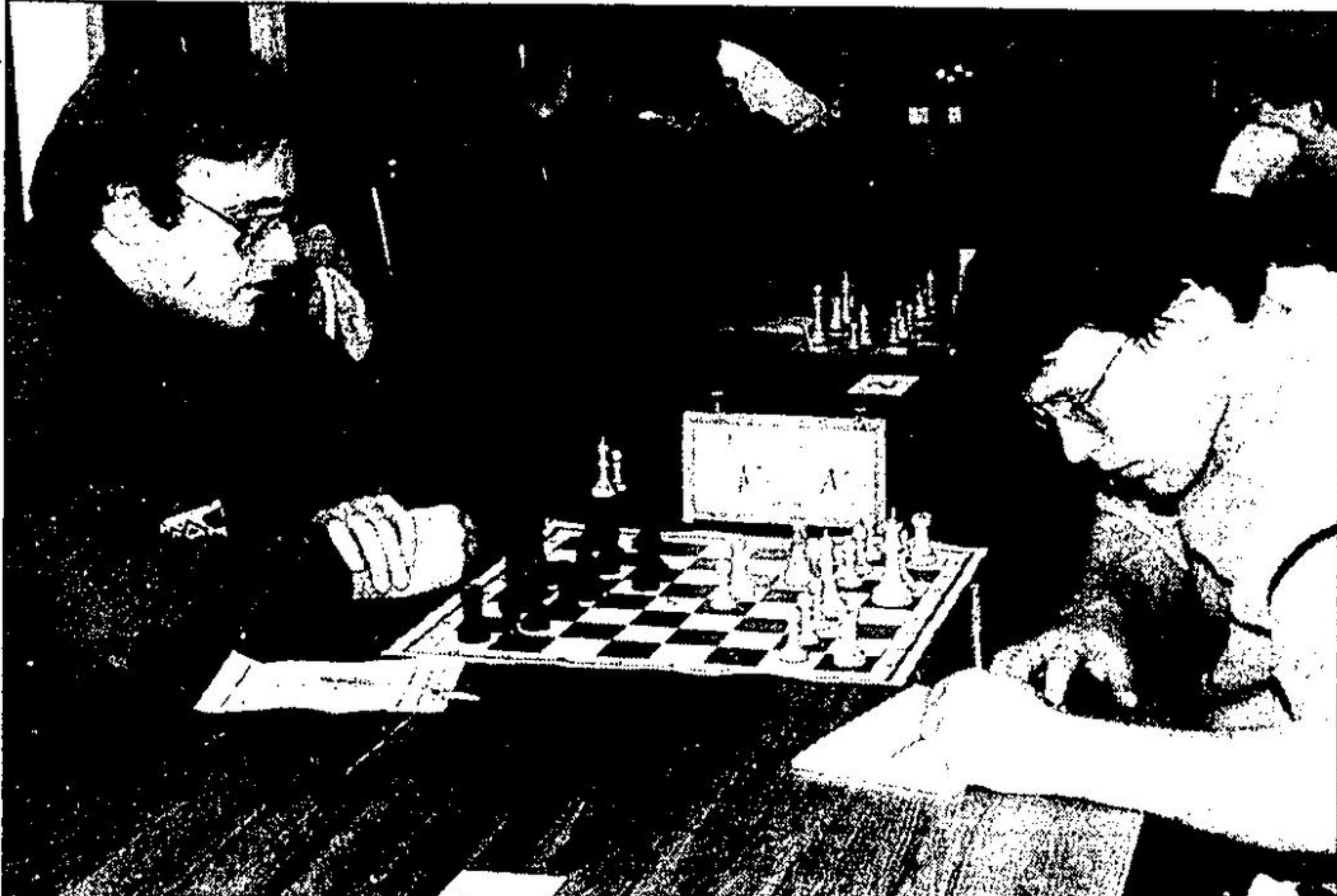
Game two versus Erin proved to be the game of the tournament, Erin having lost only once this season, and that being to Acton. The atmosphere in the arena was electrifying. You could feel the building shake with excitement with every rush up and down the ice which called for excellent goaltending by both Acton's Andrew Coe and Erin's Justin Babin to keep the score deadlocked until Lajeunesse potted two goals in the last five minutes of the game to give Acton the win.

Sunday, with the Erin novice team in the stands rooting for Bracebridge, the Sabres proved they were the best with a 5-2 victory.

Acton went ahead 4-1, but Bracebridge started to pick up

the slack and were threatening to make a game of it after being awarded a penalty shot that eluded goaltender Andrew Coe to make it 4-2.

With two minutes left in the game, Ryan Young doused the flames with assists by Shawn Weatherall and Paul Withers.



Two chess masters, Hans Jun, of London and Robert Hamilton of Georgetown, went head to head at the Georgetown Chess Club's tournament, held Dec. 1 at Georgetown District High School, Hamilton. (Herald photo)

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