

# Bantam tournament features ties for locals

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The 31st annual Bantam tournament hasn't yet made losers of any players who live in the immediate area - though it hasn't made winners of them either.

After Georgetown, Acton and Halton played their first games, none of them had managed to secure a win. Most of this is due to Saturday night's game, which saw Georgetown and Acton lock horns in their struggle for bragging rights. Halton tied Wexford 4-4 on Monday night.

The Georgetown-Acton game was a see-saw battle, with Acton's Troy MacDougall opening

the scoring in the first period with just over three minutes remaining. Georgetown responded 35 seconds later when Dave Bouskill buried a Mike Travers pass into the Sabres' net.

Acton controlled the second period, scoring the only two markers of the middle frame. Brad Cripps was set up by Steve Turkosz and Dan King for the 2-1 lead, followed by Duane Piper's goal at 7:33.

Georgetown climbed back into the contest with a pair of their own to earn the tie in the final period. Bouskill notched his second of the evening, set up by Travers, who also assisted on

Georgetown's third goal, scored by Derek Parson at 10:14.

There are 30 teams in this year's tournament, divided into four divisions. The top four teams in each group will advance to the divisional semi-finals on Friday, with divisional finals and the grand championships on Saturday.

## Division A

The AAA division. Buffalo leads the competition with two wins, having defeated Hamilton and North York on Saturday. North York stands in second after defeating Brampton 4-2 on Monday night. Halton's game against Buffalo on Tuesday (yesterday) likely decided whether the

Americans would finish atop their group. Today's Halton-Brampton game at 6:45 p.m. should also sort out the standings.

## Division B

Hillcrest is unbeaten after two games, having done away with Mississauga and York Toros. Thornhill dropped out of the tournament at the last minute and were replaced by Chinguacousy, who lost 5-3 to York Toros.

## Division C

Guelph is undefeated after playing two games Saturday. Guelph downed Tillsonburg and Preston by identical 4-2 scores. Preston is in second place with a 1-1-1 record, but will slide in the standings after Hamilton, Scar-

borough, Leamington and Owen Sound results start coming in.

## Division D

Georgetown and Acton are featured in this division, which is currently led by Oshawa, who is at 2-0 after beating Erin and Kitchener. Two untried teams in this group (Kincardine and Nepean) have yet to begin play.

Notes: Buffalo might have to withdraw from the tournament if it conflicts with their New York State championships, in which they are favored. Local teams playing today include Acton at Kincardine (8:30 a.m.), Georgetown at Kincardine (5:30 p.m.), and Halton at Brampton (6:45 p.m.).

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## Athletes strike gold at Ontario Winter Games

Four Halton Hills athletes who competed in the Ontario Winter Games March 5-10 in Barrie and Collingwood brought home four gold and two silver medals.

Kristine Bayles, a Terra Cotta resident, competed in women's fencing, winning first place in epee junior and also took top spot in women's air pistol.

Another member of the Bayles family, Tracey, followed close behind, taking silver in each of the same events. Tracey competed in the Canada Winter Games, held Feb. 17 to March 2 in Prince Edward Island, finishing seventh overall in women's epee.

Georgetown resident Cara Kato won the gold medal in juvenile women's 56 kg. class. Kato also competed in the Canada Games, winning the silver medal in the same class.

While Georgetown bowler Christina Lane was edged out of individual medals, finishing sixth, she helped the central west ladies team win the gold.

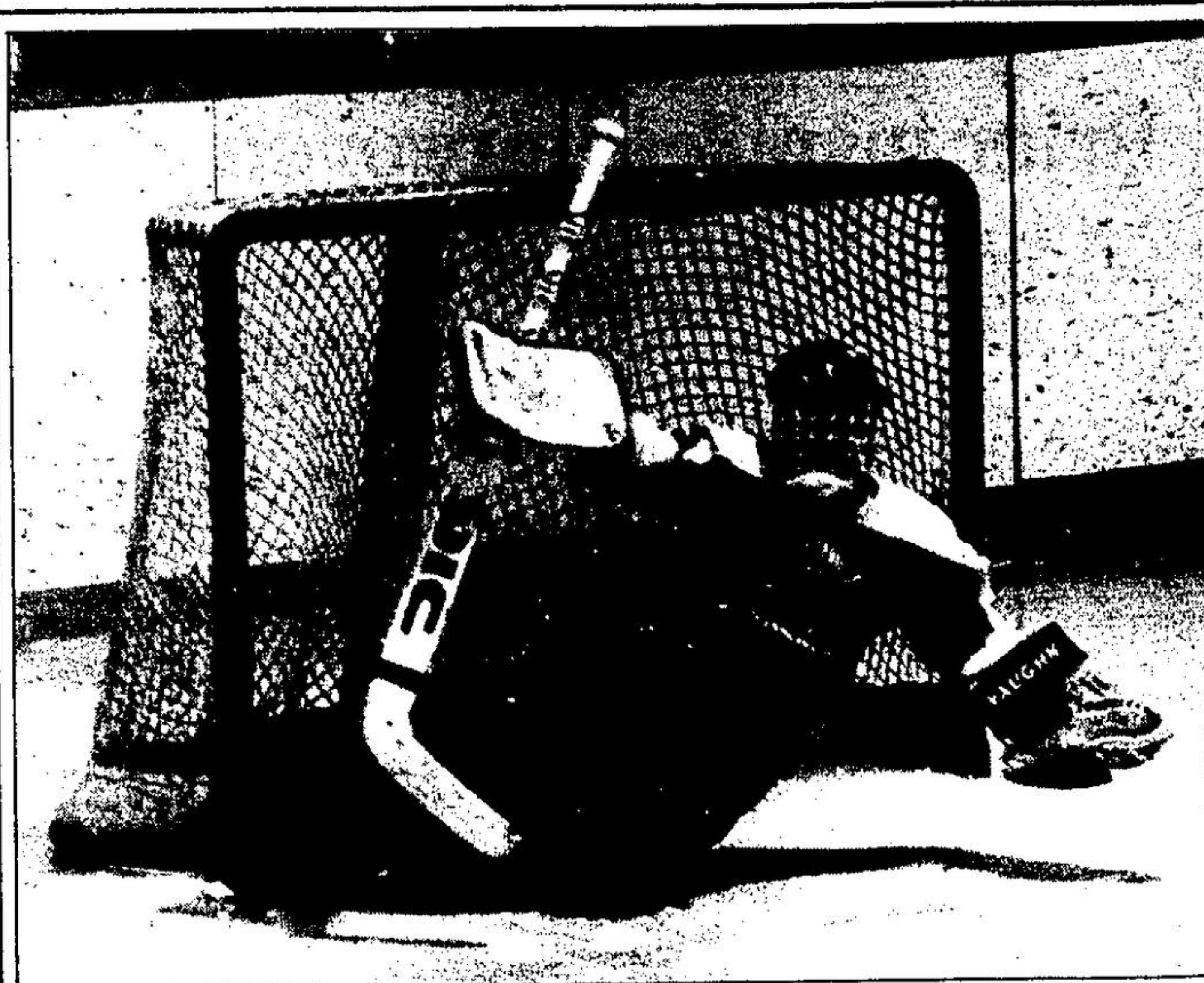
Other local competitors listed for the Ontario Games included William Cooley (wrestling), Mark Robson (boxing), William Kato (judo) and Bruce Bayles (pistol), but results were unavailable at press time.

## REBEL REPORT

Georgetown District High School Rebels senior volleyball team repeated last year's success at the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association championships by placing fourth in Sarnia on Friday.

Rebels finished atop their pool on Thursday, going undefeated against Loyalist, Agincourt and Saunders. In Friday morning's elimination game, Georgetown beat Anderson C.V.I. (Whitby) 2-0 to advance to the medal rounds.

In semi-final play, Rebels lost 2-1 to Kennedy C.I. (Windsor) and then dropped their bronze medal match to Marymount (Sudbury).



Orangeville Crusher goaltender Scott Destefano gets a piece of the puck during Friday night's playoff game at Acton Arena. Sabres stayed close early in their fourth game of the Mid-Ontario final.

but Crushers turned it up later in the match, winning 9-2 and sweeping the series 4-0. (Herald photo by Ben Dummett)

## Sabres swept from finals

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Even though Acton Sabres were eliminated from the Mid-Ontario Jr. C playoffs on Friday at home, losing 9-2, coach Ken Steen said he is convinced this year has been largely successful.

Steen pointed out that Sabres' recent history has been rife with dismal records and early exits from post-season play when the team managed to scrape into the playoffs.

"This year has been a lot different. We set a goal of playing over 500 hockey, winning over 20 games and getting to the playoff finals - we did all that," said Steen, adding that the team had never before gotten to the finals in their history.

The coach conceded Orangeville swept his team 4-0, but insisted at least two games could have gone the other way. He said the result then may have been different, but again

acknowledged Orangeville's abilities.

"They are the defending champions and went all the way (last year) to take the provincial title. We can take consolation in knowing we would have advanced if they had been in another division."

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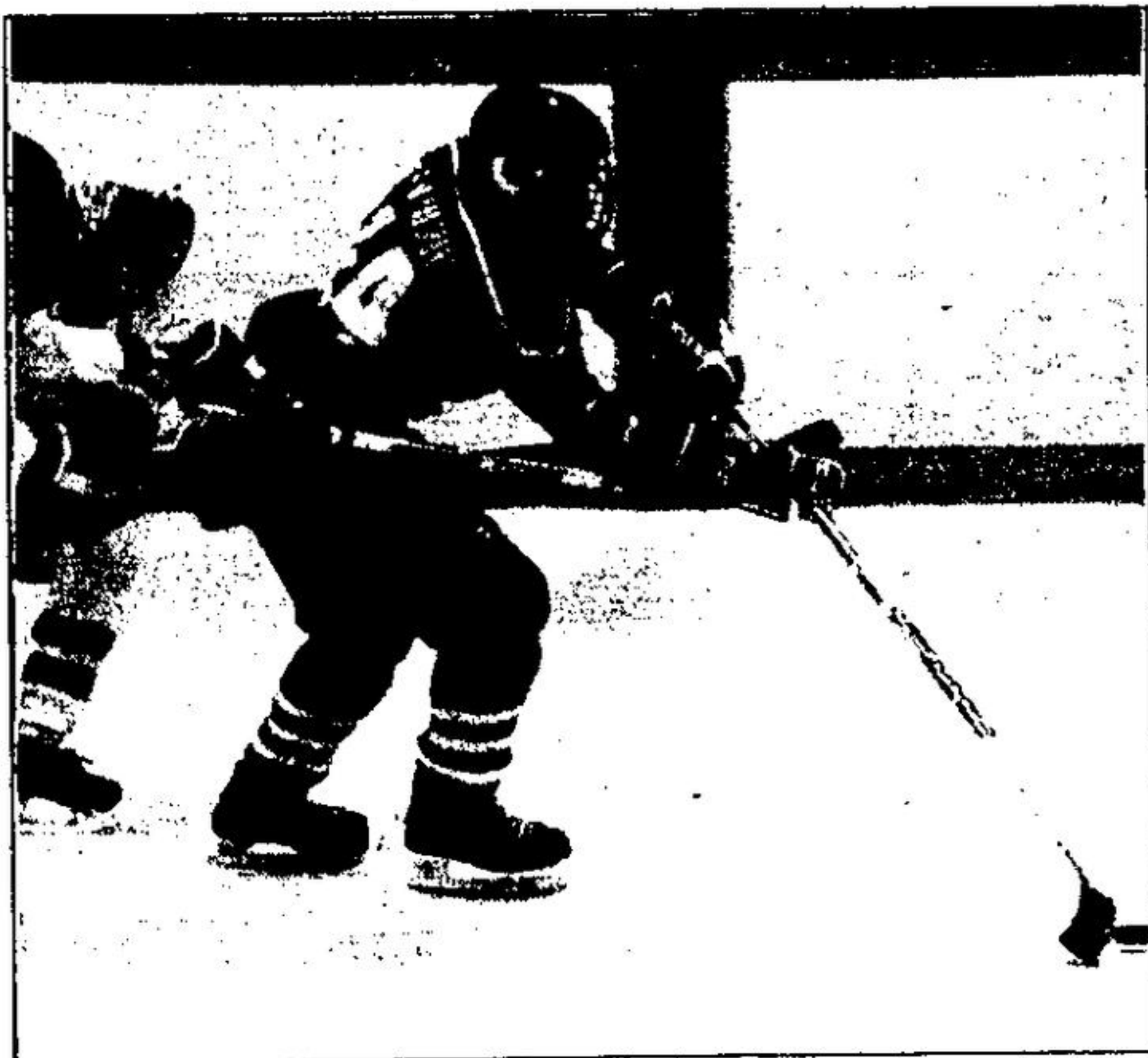
Steen said another factor which hurt his team's chances of winning were the injuries to some of his top players. Ed Kopf sat out Sunday because of the nine stitches he received in his head after fighting in Orangeville on Tuesday. Also injured were Jim English, Tim McDonald, and Keith Kerfoot. Jason Lucas played half of one period, but missed the rest of the match.

The first period was a tight checking affair which saw Orangeville open the scoring at 1:54. Sabres stayed close, getting the equalizer less than a minute later when Paul Larsen scored, assisted by John Van Dam and Mark Broomersma.

Crushers ended the period leading 2-1, but Sabres' Rich Bond knotted it up three minutes into the middle frame, set up by Phil Fraser and Jason Sawyer.

As they did in Tuesday's game, penalties wound up hurting Acton. With two men in the penalty box, Crushers got the winning goal on the powerplay, following up with another while the second infraction was still being served.

Orangeville netted two more markers in the period, adding three more in the third for the 9-2 victory. Crushers will be playing the winner of the Niagara East Hockey League on Friday (Port Dover leads Caledonia 3-1), but the location of game one hasn't been decided at press time.



## Speed Trap

Two Acton Sabre Bantams try to put the brakes on Georgetown's Derek Parsons during their opening game of Georgetown's 31st annual Bantam tournament, being held this week at Alcott Arena. Parsons scored with 4:46 remaining to help his team earn a 3-3 tie. (Herald photo by Ben Dummett)