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Outstanding week for GDHS boys volleyball... Junior and Senior Rebs advance to finals

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GDHS junior and senior volleyball teams spiked, volleyed, and blocked their way to the Halton Regional Finals last Thursday. While moments of frustration and anxiety filled by teams' contests last week, the teams' combination of talent and heart was enough to out-shine their opponents and advance to the finals.

The junior squad made it to the semi-finals with an easy victory over Milton District in the quarter-finals last Tuesday. The juniors won this match 2-0 with 15-5 and 15-6 victories.

"This was basically a tuned up for the semi-finals," said coach Russ Linney, "We had beaten up on them earlier in the season and did so again in the playoffs."

The junior Rebs had much stiffer competition two days later against the Nelson Knights.

The first game saw Nelson jump ahead to a 10-2 lead in a very short time span. Seconds later, Nelson added three more points and it looked as though Georgetown would soon trail by one game.

The Rebs however, stopped the Knights cold at this point and scored 12 unanswered points. A saw match ensued moments later when Nelson added a point to their

total and both team fought like cats and dogs for the win with Georgetown eventually coming out on top.

The second game was much closer in score, with neither team able to tac on more than two points at a time. Nelson however, were able to hit a hot streak, collected five straight points, and the win 10-5.

With the score tied at one game a piece, it appeared as though the deciding game would be even more exciting than the previous two.

This was not the case. The junior Rebs allowed Nelson only the second point of the game and blew

the Knights away 15-1 to advance to the finals.

The senior squad went from default to victory to advance to the semi's last Tuesday. With a match against E.C. Drury, Georgetown lost the first game by default because of a lack of squad members ready for competition.

The second game belonged to the Rebs, who allowed their opponents only four points before exploding with vicious spiking and strong blocking for a 15-4 win.

E.C. Drury looked like contenders in the final game with a much improved defence but fell short as the Rebs walked away

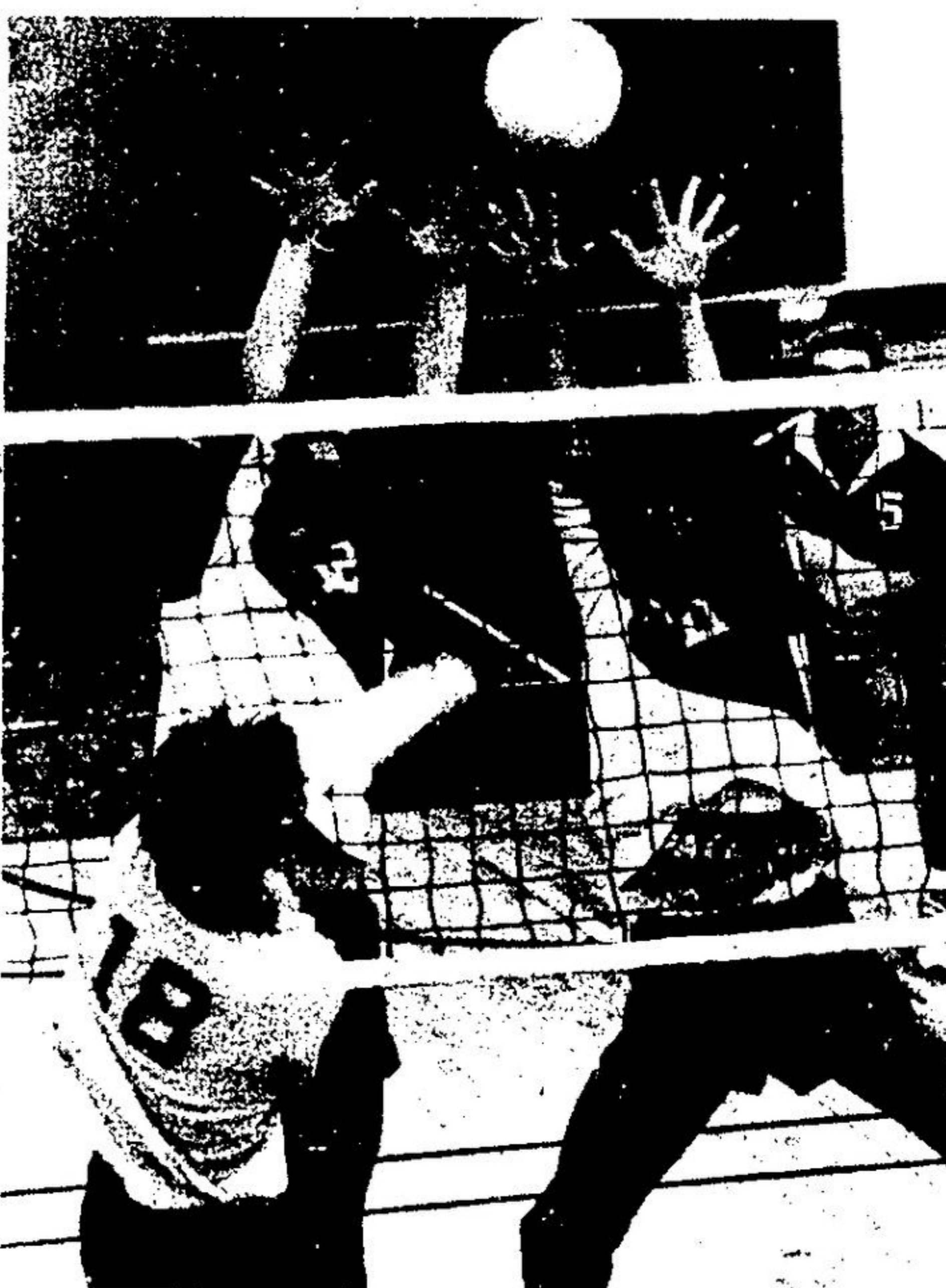
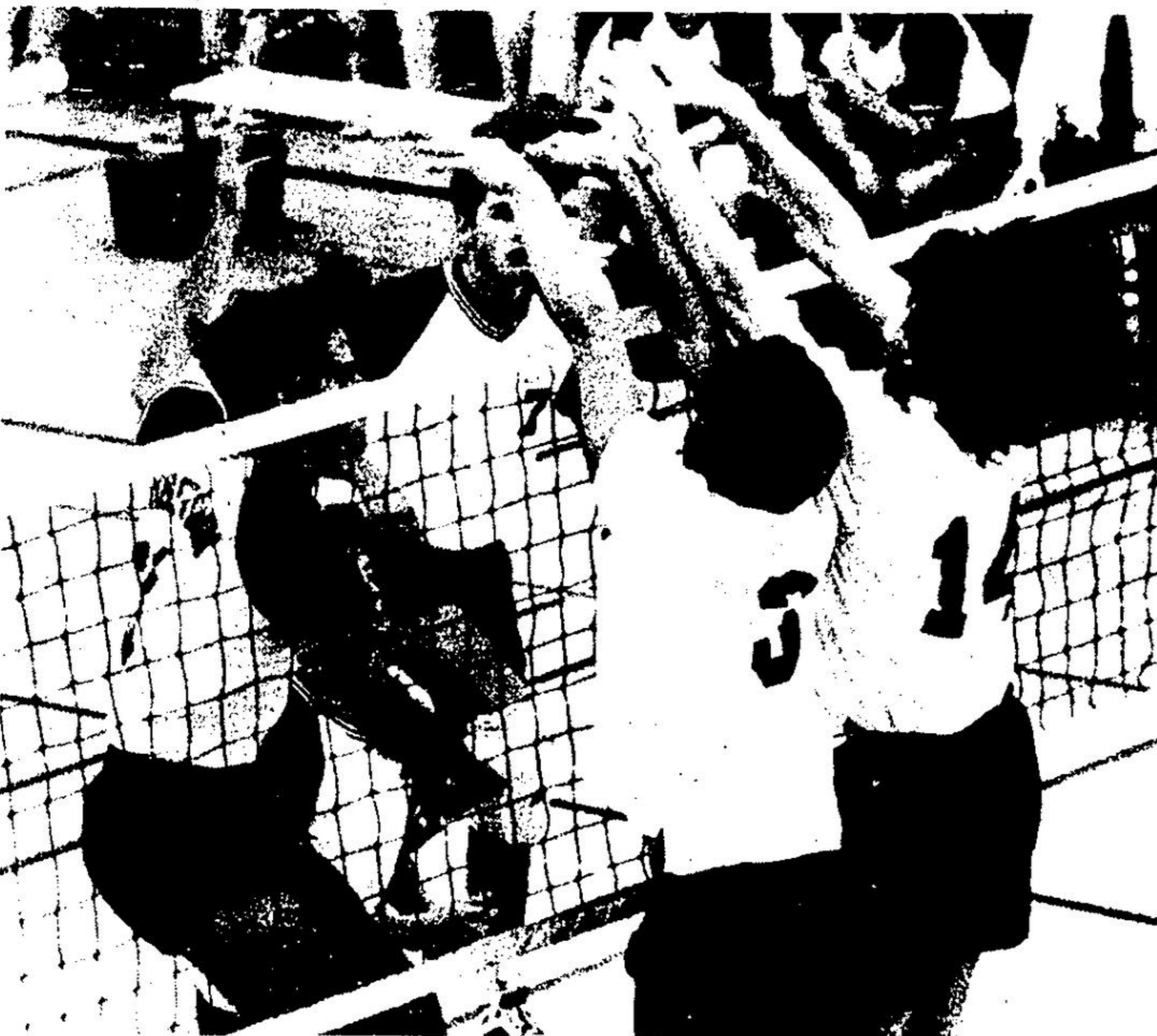
with a 15-12 win and the right to advance to the semi-finals.

In the semi-finals, the senior squad had an even harder time against a strong M.M. Robinson team.

The Rebs fought their way to a 15-10 win in the first game but lost a heartbreaking 17-16 second game.

With everything on the line, the Rebs came out on top with a 15-7 victory, with solid blocking and good passing.

"We played the best volleyball of the season this week," said a satisfied coach Bob MacKay, "We are looking forward to the finals."



Volleyball Rebs have right stuff - (LEFT) A senior Rebel attacker keeps his balance after spiking one past E.C. Drury last Tuesday. The senior Rebs beat E.C. Drury in the quarter-finals 2-0 and advanced to the finals after a hard fought

victory over M.M. Robinson, 2-1. (RIGHT) Defence was a big part of the junior Rebs game plan Thursday afternoon as they came on top of a 2-1 decision against the Nelson Knights

to advance to the finals. Earlier in the week, the junior squad defeat Milton District High School 2-1 in quarter-final action. (Herald Photos by Steven LeBlanc)

Junior B Raiders trimmed 6-5 by first place Capitals



With under a period left to play last Saturday, the Raiders took the lead at 1:18 on a shot by Ian Ellis and were on their way to a victory over top ranked Brampton when the roof caved in once again on Georgetown.

Less than two minutes later, Brampton forward Anthony Aversa netted the tying goal while teammate Roger O'Toole dumped in the

winning tally at 9:16. It was a hard loss for Georgetown to take, but certainly not an unexpected one.

The Brampton Capitals opened the scoring in the first with a goal from captain Vito Marciello. Georgetown came back with a tally of their own from Ron Henry. Brampton scored yet again and took a 2-1 lead into the second.

Both teams exchanged two goals each in the second period, with Raider goals coming from Tom Viola and Kevin Rutledge.

Gordon Alcott Arena erupted second into the final period when Todd McKee and Ian Ellis combined for two quick goals within two

minutes. The Raiders however, were unable to hold on to their lead and dropped a 6-5 decision.

Earlier in the week, Georgetown skated to a 4-2 win over Royal York.

Royal York were able to take a 1-0 lead in the dying minutes of the first and with a power play goal at 11:13 of the second by Royal York, it seemed as if Georgetown would fall to the last place Royals.

However, four unanswered goals including three in the third were enough for Georgetown to walk away with the victory.

Georgetown will face off on home ice this Friday against Royal York at 8 p.m. and Saturday against Burlington at 7:30 p.m.

Local tennis youth represents Ontario



Victor Capota

On Oct. 25, Georgetown youth Victor Capota was selected to represent Ontario at the Ontario-Quebec Tennis Exchange which will be held in Montreal this weekend.

Victor, 11, has been playing tennis for over two years and is a member of the Ontario Raquet Club. His coach is Georgetown's Mike Mitchell.

The Exchange will involve training sessions with the Quebec players on Friday and singles and doubles matches on Saturday and Sunday.

In addition to competition, players will receive on court coaching during your matches by designated Team Ontario Provincial Coaches.