

**Local girls on volleyball squad**

**Spirit strikes silver at Montreal meet**

Claiming several members from Georgetown, Brampton Optimist Spirit finished their Midget season with a silver medal in the Invitation Mistral Volleyball Tournament in Montreal April 27.

Spirit, the 1990 tournament champions, defended their crown with an impressive 8-0 record in pool play and were ranked first going into the medal round.

Montreal's Ostiguy fell first to Spirit (15-7, 15-9). The Heart Lake S.S. duo of Kira Weiler, striking for seven points from the serving line in the first game, and Kristen Knaggs with three spike kills, dominated play.

Bleu et Or dropped 15-6 and 15-7 decisions with Knaggs again leading the attack with four kills. Setter Jenny Lorito (Bishop Reding) notched four points of her own on tips. Lorito combined with Mayfield's Sandy Hall in off-power hits.

Boisbrand Cascades took an early lead on the Brampton squad, but were overpowered 15-7 in the first match with Kira

Weiler and Kim McCoy (Brampton Centennial) scoring on ace serves. Cascade was demolished 15-1 in the second game of the match.

Cactus Ste. Marie and Spirit met in the final game of pool play; each with undefeated records. Spirit routed Cactus with two 15-4 victories. Dione Benito (Bishop Reding) led the team to the medal round with strong blocking and three kills. Jenny Lorito pulled Spirit ahead to stay with six-point surges in both games. Sandy Hall was dominant in the game with her attacks from Lorito's back sets.

Spirit faced annual rivals Glashan Spikers (Ottawa) in semi-final action. The first game of the match went to Glashan as Spirit struggled to adapt their defensive position to cope with Glashan's constant tip plays. Kim McCoy held the team together with her defensive back-court play.

In the second game, Knaggs and Hall combined to pull the team ahead by a 13-6 count, only to watch Glashan rally to close

the gap to a 13-11 margin. Kira Weiler, with a game-winning ace serve, notched a 15-11 victory for Brampton to tie the match.

Spirit again claimed an early 13-6 lead against Glashan when a Spiker charge tied the game at 14. A see-saw battle emerged with each side seeing chances to secure the game point. Sandy Hall finally rallied Spirit with two powerful serves to end the game with a 17-16 victory and put the team into the gold medal match.

The Glashan match lasted for 70 minutes and an emotionally and physically drained team met the host Mistral team for the championship. The well-rested Mistral defeated Spirit 15-11 in the first game despite a four-point series of serves from Kim McCoy that gave Spirit an 11-7 lead. Mistral won the second game of the match, 15-7, giving Brampton the silver honors.

Optimist Spirit Bantams will compete in their last tournament of the season in Montreal this weekend in the Beaconsfield invitational.



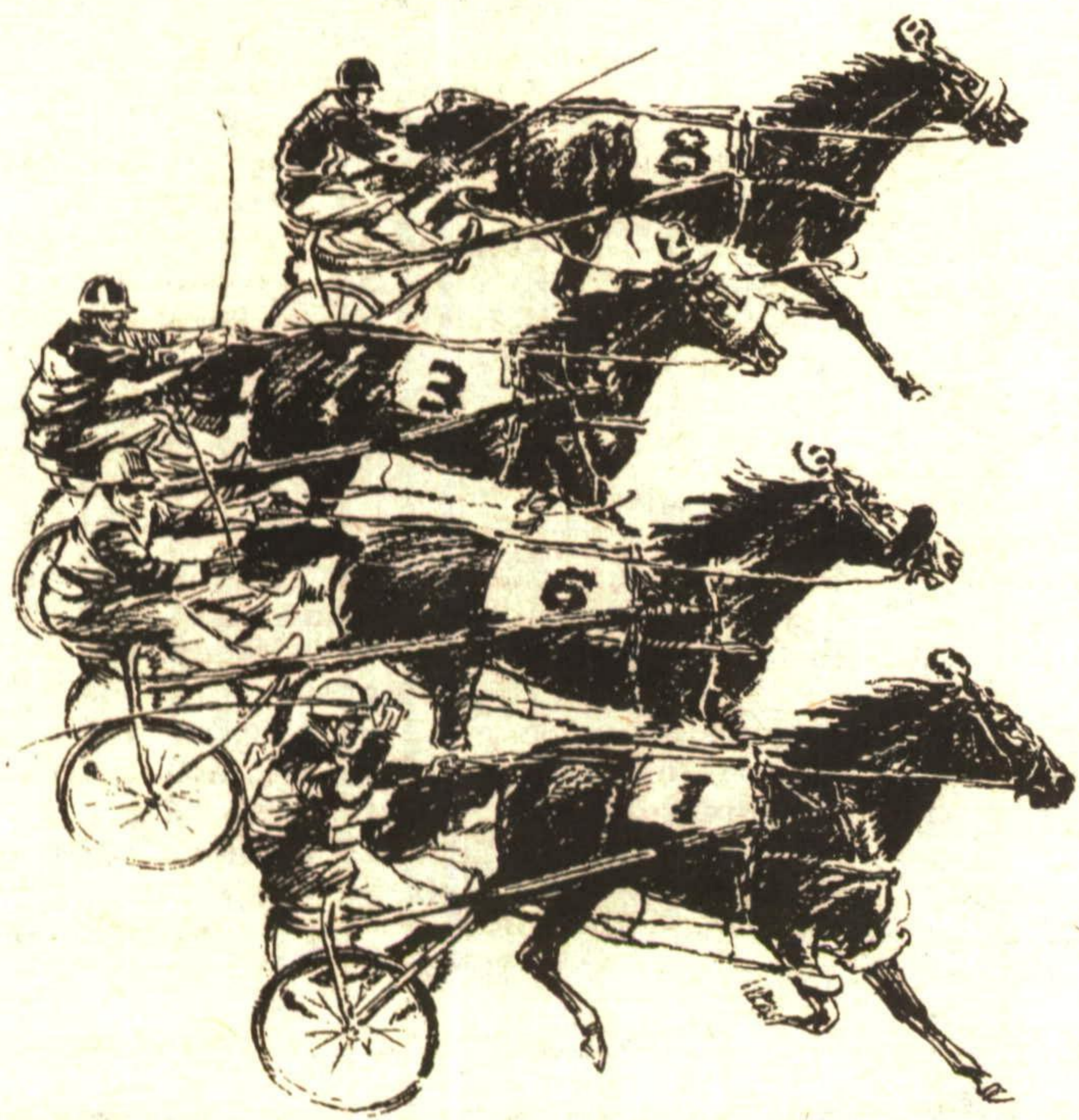
**ACTON CURLING'S BEST OF THE SEASON**

The Acton Curling Club honored its best players of the season last weekend, including the Ladies Champions (above), who earned the Gordon Dawe Real Estate Trophy: skip Mary Smith holds the hardware alongside Cheryle DaPonte; behind are Brenda Lee and Susan Snow. The Mixed Champions (below) won the Halton Hills Credit Union Trophy: skip Al White, Cheryl DaPonte, Grenville Schrader and Donna Schrader (from left).

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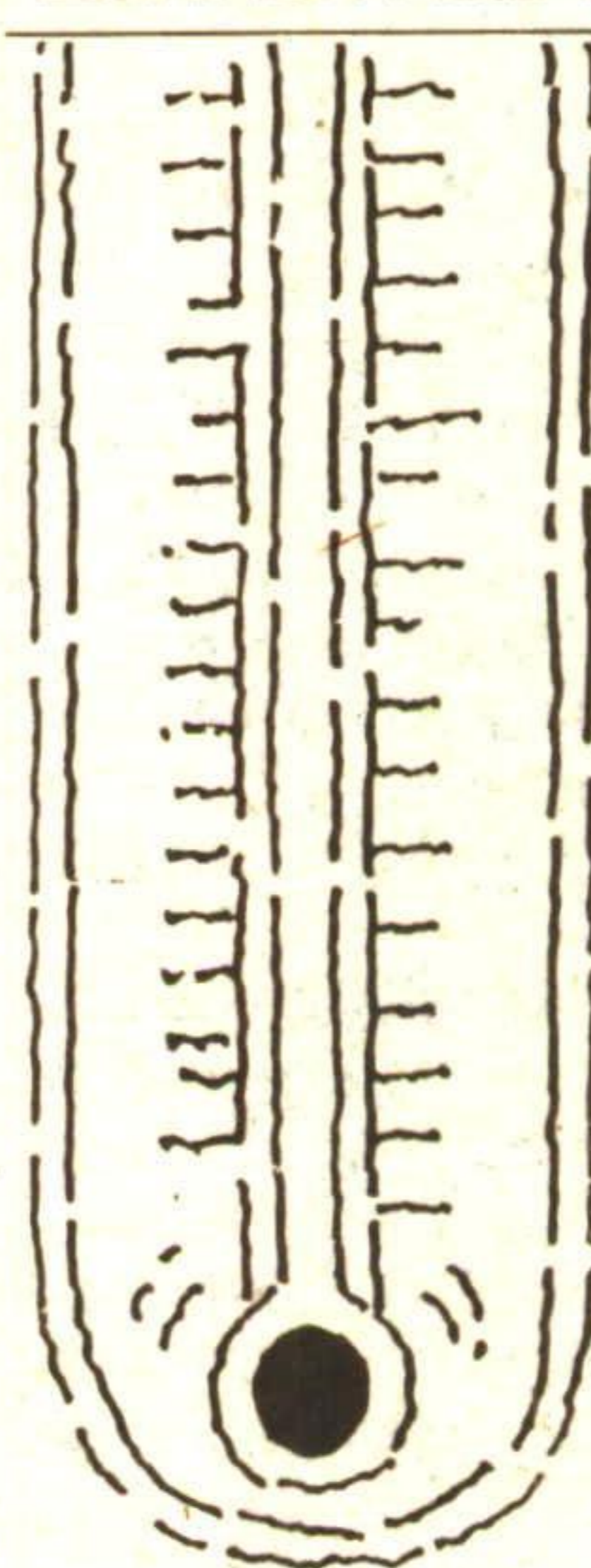
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