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Raiders full of surprises at exhibition tournament

The Georgetown Chrysler Raiders made rookie head coach Charlie Hanman a happy man last weekend as they pulled off a couple of mild upsets on the way to the final of the NHL/OHA Junior B tournament at Centennial Arena in Etobicoke.

The Raiders surprised the league champs from Oakville in their opening game of the round robin tourney, scoring a 7-4 win, then thumped the powerful Milton Merchants 10-4.

That gave the Raiders the right to meet Brampton in the champion-

ship tilt, where the hometown squad dropped a 7-6 heartbreaker, with the Capitals scoring the game winner with just a few minutes remaining.

Coach Hanman was happy with the overall results.

"We went in hoping to be close," admitted the former Georgetown Minor Hockey coach. "We got good goaltending and defence, along with guys who could put the puck in the net."

The trio of contests was the first for Hanman behind a Junior B bench after a year at the AAA midget level.

"It's not that much different," he conceded. "But the players are a little more mature and the intensity level is a little higher."

The Raiders built a 3-2 lead against the Blades from Oakville in the opening period and then counted four straight unanswered goals for a 7-2 lead before Oakville got a pair in the final three minutes.

Duane Lewis and Kevin Rutledge scored two each for the Raiders, while Scott Humber, Bill McDonald and Clayton Stillar added the others. Stillar, Ian Ellis and Chris Stark each counted a couple of assists, while Rob Doucette, Marty Savoy, John Ventresca and Humber earned solo helpers.

The Raiders reached the final with a 10-4 win over Milton in a penalty-filled contest.

The Raiders claimed a 5-3 first period lead and then added four more before allowing Milton back on the scoresheet.

Charlie Humber and Ellis each scored twice for the winners, while Rob Lang, John Williamson, Scott Humber, Savoy, Steve Dubarry and Jake Mashinter picked up singles. Dubarry added three assists to his performance while Savoy, Ventresca and Humber picked up two helpers each. Chris Stark, Lewis, Tom Viola, Dave Osborne, Williamson, McDonald and Rutledge counted singles.

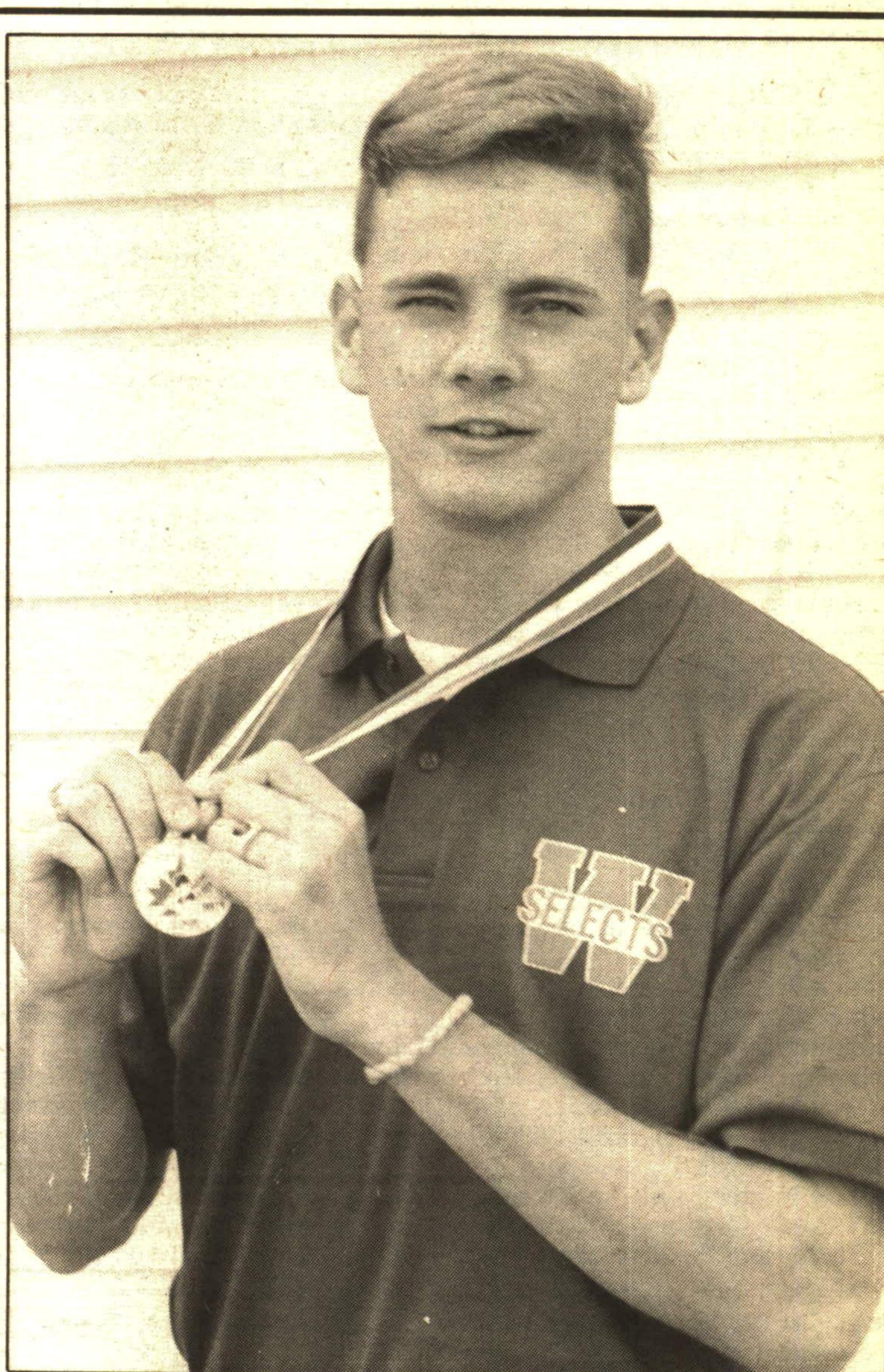
In the championship contest, the Raiders fell behind early and couldn't quite make up enough ground to claim the win. Brampton led 4-2 after one period and claimed the win after the Raiders had gotten back on even terms.

Williamson and Scott Humber each lit the lamp twice for the Raiders while Stark and Stillar added singles. Rutledge had a big game, earning three assists for the Raiders while Dubarry added two. Osborne, Ellis, Stark, Charlie Humber, Ventresca, and netminder Ryan Weis all earned solo assists.

The Raiders were back to the business of selected a hockey team this week before tangling with the Aurora Eagles Friday night at Gordon Alcott. The two squads square off Sunday in Aurora.

Coach Hanman and staff saw enough on the weekend to sign a few more. They currently have 12 players inked, including Doucette, Williamson, Jamie Showers, Viola, Scott Humber, Charlie Humber, Steve Weiser, Savoy, Ellis, Lewis, McDonald and Rutledge.

The Chrysler squad has yet to ink a netminder and had two recent Major Junior A hopefuls in camp Tuesday evening.



TED BROWN, Independent/Free Press

Burke's junior ball team strikes gold at nationals

Gord Burke, 19, son of Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Burke of 26 Normandy Blvd., travelled to Newcastle, New Brunswick last week as a member of the Windsor team, representing the Province of Ontario.

They were playing for the Canadian Junior Baseball Championship, and they won the Gold Medal, defeating the Province of Quebec 5-1.

The other teams came from Newfoundland, New Brunswick (representing the Maritime Provinces), Saskatchewan (representing the Prairie Provinces), and British Columbia. Good show, Gord!

Nolan 'wades' in for four in Fendley's 10-3 victory

BOYS UNDER 11

It was not a pretty sight Aug. 26 at Emmerson field when Fendley's Fighters delivered a 10-3 beating upon the fevered heads of the M&M Pro Sports, but what can you do when Wade Nolan comes wading into the goalmouth no less than four times?

Fighters Jerry Price and Glen Kilmer scored twice each and Ron Dillabough and Darryl Galloway earned singles in the rout, which also saw noteworthy contributions by Kevin Inglis, Jeff Graville and Erik Fogal.

For the Sports, Chris Martyniuk, Ryan Booth and Stephen Purves did the scoring, while Chris Morisawa, David Reyce and Ben Redman were in there scrapping.

The Goldminers — or is that Goalminers? — dug out a nugget of a win over Varian Blue Blizzard Aug. 26 at Alcott. Two goals by Bryan Foster was all she wrote.

Other noteworthy 'Miners were Shawn Pierce, Jimmy Spoehr and Matthew Bosnjak. Fine efforts by Varian's Tim Appar, Stuart Eagleson and Jordan Stapleton were also noted.

BOYS UNDER 14

Marauders staged another raid Aug. 28 at Cedarvale, and this time

Steak Express players were the 2-0 victims. Jeff Pringle and Simon Broughton did the scoring. Other noteworthy Marauders were Ryan Taylor, Lee Sperduti and Joe Leferink. Putting in fine efforts for the Express were Ken Armstrong, Richard Purves and Daniel Walraven.

No details were available on the same week's contest between McEachern Spare Parts and Blue Blazers.

BOYS UNDER 9

Michael Long was the only player to experience the thrill of scoring during Green Machine's 1-0 win over Georgetown Terminal Warehouse Aug. 28 at Cedarvale.

Other noteworthy players were Machinists Joel Corey, Dale Menken and Phillip Stocks and Warehousemen Scott Thurlbeck, Jonathan Appar and Jason Wyman.

Blue Bombers Michael Knoepfli, Kevin Morris and John-Paul Zeni caused considerable damage in a 3-0 victory over Gino's Pizza Aug. 28 at Cedarvale.

Michael Turchetta, Nicholas Poirier and Stephen Potterson also contributed to the Bombing raid, while Chris Beswick, Josh Robbins and Nathan Cardon manned the anti-aircraft guns for Gino.

Watch 'Boomtown vs. Dullsburgh' this Monday at the Fairgrounds

Fastball ladies win to open final series

The Georgetown Ladies Fastball team leapt out to a stunning head start Wednesday in their final series against league champions Hillsburgh.

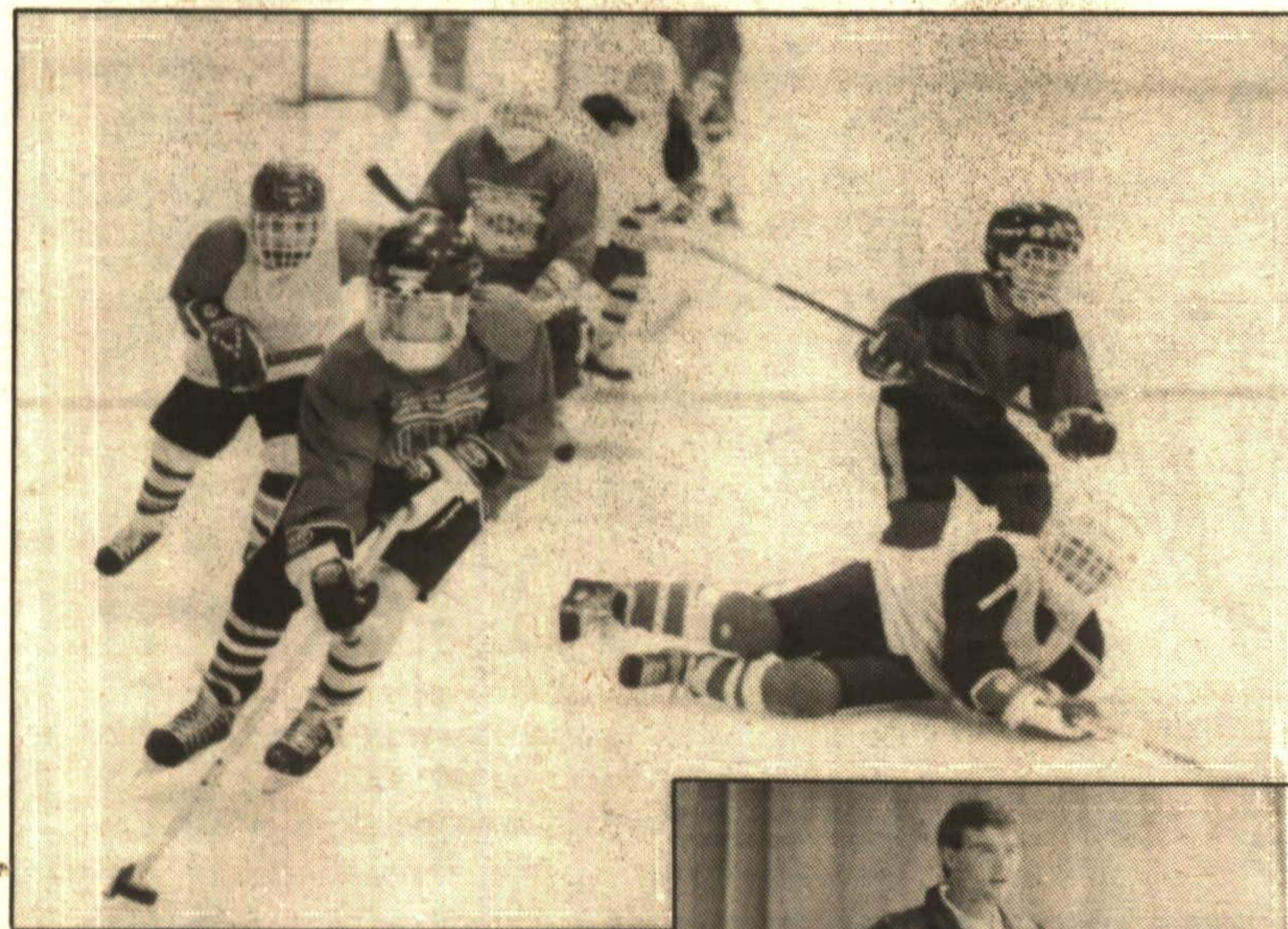
Playing in enemy territory to a packed house, Georgetown still won 5-1.

The game was tied at 1-1 until the fifth inning, when Georgetown's hot bats thundered for four runs. Linda Bottero held the hottest bat, scoring a triple and a double and driving in three runs.

Roberta Cuthbertson was no less impressive on the mound, earning five strikeouts and not walking a single batter during her seven innings.

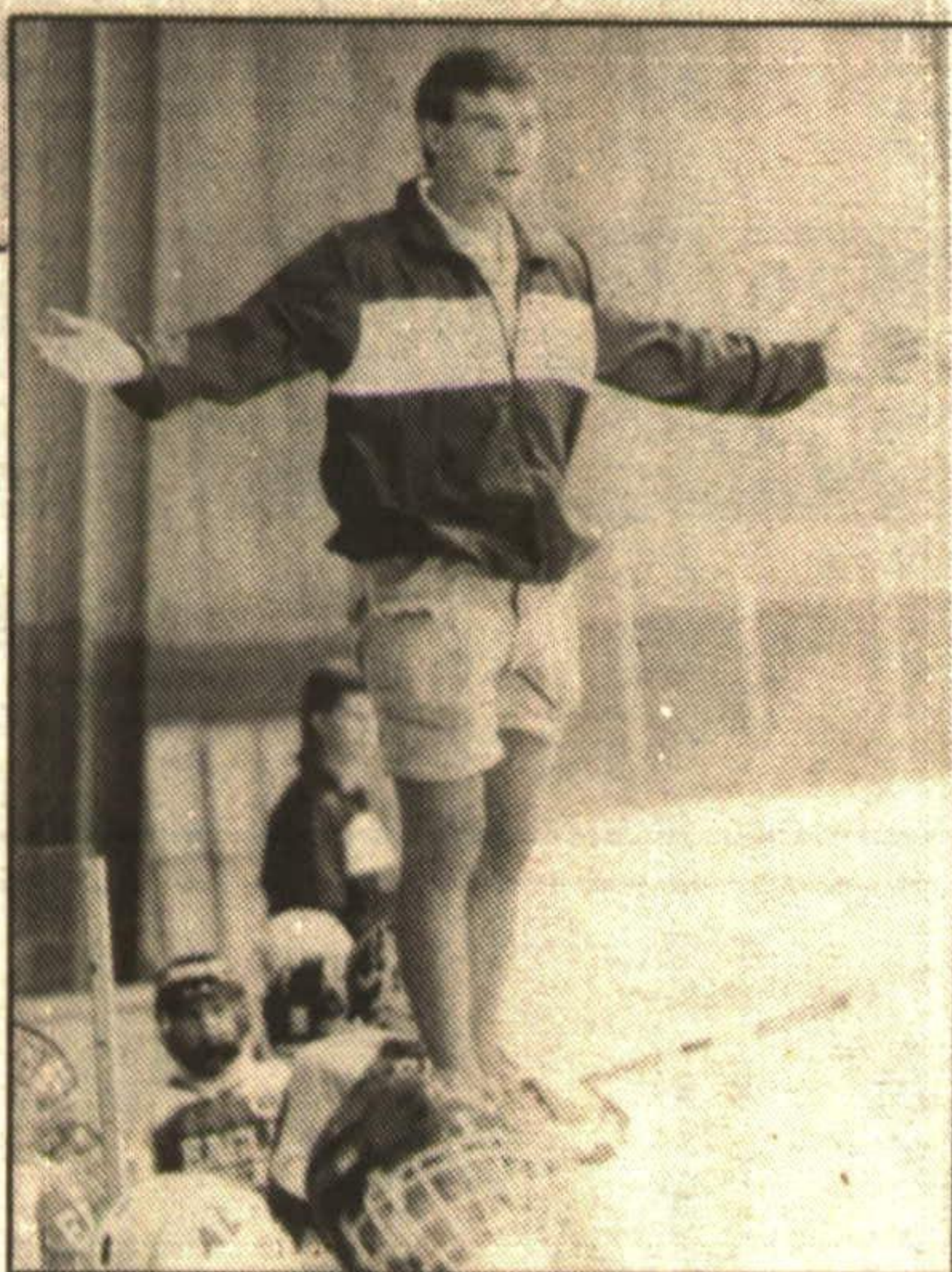
Game two is at the Georgetown fairgrounds this coming Monday (Sept. 9), starting at 8:30 p.m., while the third game is set for Hillsburgh next Wednesday.

Hillsburgh has beaten Georgetown three of the four times they met this year, with all of the wins being decided by single runs.



LONG DAY FOR COACH

Head instructor Davin Ciglen shows off his best Don Cherry impressions (purely for the sake of the camera, but maybe that's Grapes' angle, too!) during some boisterous action by the nine and ten-year olds at the recent Halton Hills Sports Operations Hockey School at Alcott Arena.



Players welcome for new basketball league

The Halton Hills Men's Recreation Basketball League is being launched this fall and membership is open to all males over the age of 18, who are not members of a competitive high school or university team.

In the first year, four teams of eight members will be organized and each team will play on Monday nights at the Georgetown District High

School, either at 7:30 or 8:45 p.m. for one hour.

The formation of the league was the idea of the Recreation and Parks Department. Representative Joanne Bodnar and Joy Thompson indicated that their department received many calls from interested players enquiring as to the availability of a league in the area.

"We knew that a pick-up
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