

Petkoff and Hurricanes down in OMHA AAA final series

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Never say die!
The Halton Fero Waste Disposal AAA Minor Atom Hurricanes find themselves travelling the bumpy comeback trail in the final round of their Ontario Minor Hockey Association playoff with the Peterborough Petes.

After compiling a less-than-thrilling 0-2-1 win-loss-tie record

in the first three games of the series, the Halton club found themselves down in points by a 5-1 margin and desperately needing a home ice victory on the weekend.

And they found it. The Hurricanes came out fighting Sunday at the Erin Community Centre and skated away with a 5-2 win.

Hurricanes captain Joel Petkoff, of Acton, picked up a goal and two

assists for the winners. Chris Alarie, Jarrett Konkle and Carter Trevisani had single markers.

The two teams hook up again tonight (Wednesday) for Game 5 at Alcott Arena in Georgetown. Game time is 7 pm.

The Hurricanes earned the ticket to the final after disposing of the Hamilton Huskies in their recent tough series. Petkoff's play was instrumental in the semi-final.

Petkoff deked out the opposing goalie to give Halton a quick lead in Game 2 after the Hurricanes suffered a 4-1 defeat in the opener.

Jarrett Konkle and Chris Alarie also scored Halton goals, both assisted by Petkoff, as Halton took the game 4-2.

Petkoff, Konkle and Alarie all scored twice in a 7-3 thumping in the series' third game.

Petkoff, along with Mike Austen and Jeff Brownlee scored for the Hurricanes in Game 4, but to no avail in the 6-3 loss.

A tense atmosphere hovered over Hamilton like a black cloud in Game 5 as the score remained 1-1 until the third period.

Early in the period, Konkle scored from linemate Petkoff.

Up 3-1 with a minute left in regulation time, Petkoff passed the puck to Konkle from the faceoff and the latter found the net for a 4-1 win and a berth in the final.



TEAM WORK

McKenzie-Smith students Coryna Foster (left), 12, and Amanda Storey, 11, decided to make the Jump Rope for Heart fund-raiser a team event Friday in the school's gym. The two Grade 6 students were among 90 Grade 6, 7 and 8 participants who were given the afternoon off to raise \$3,664.70 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. (Doug Harrison photo)

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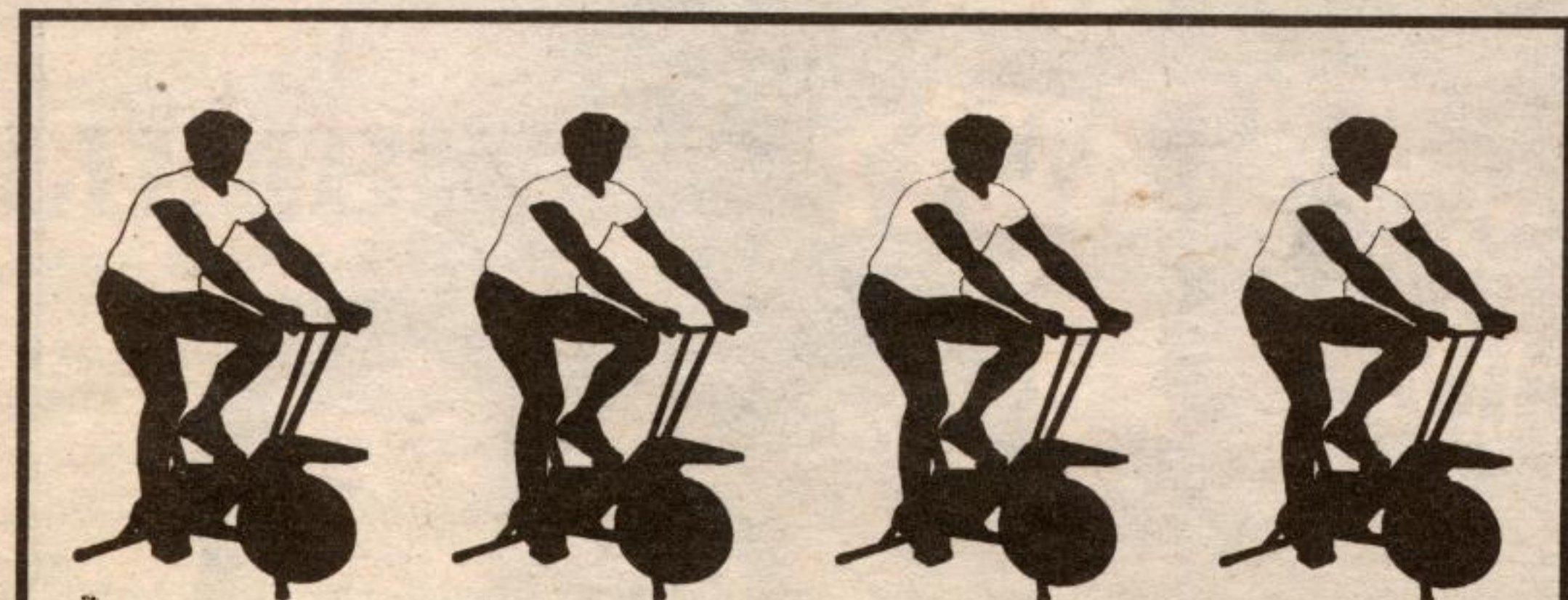
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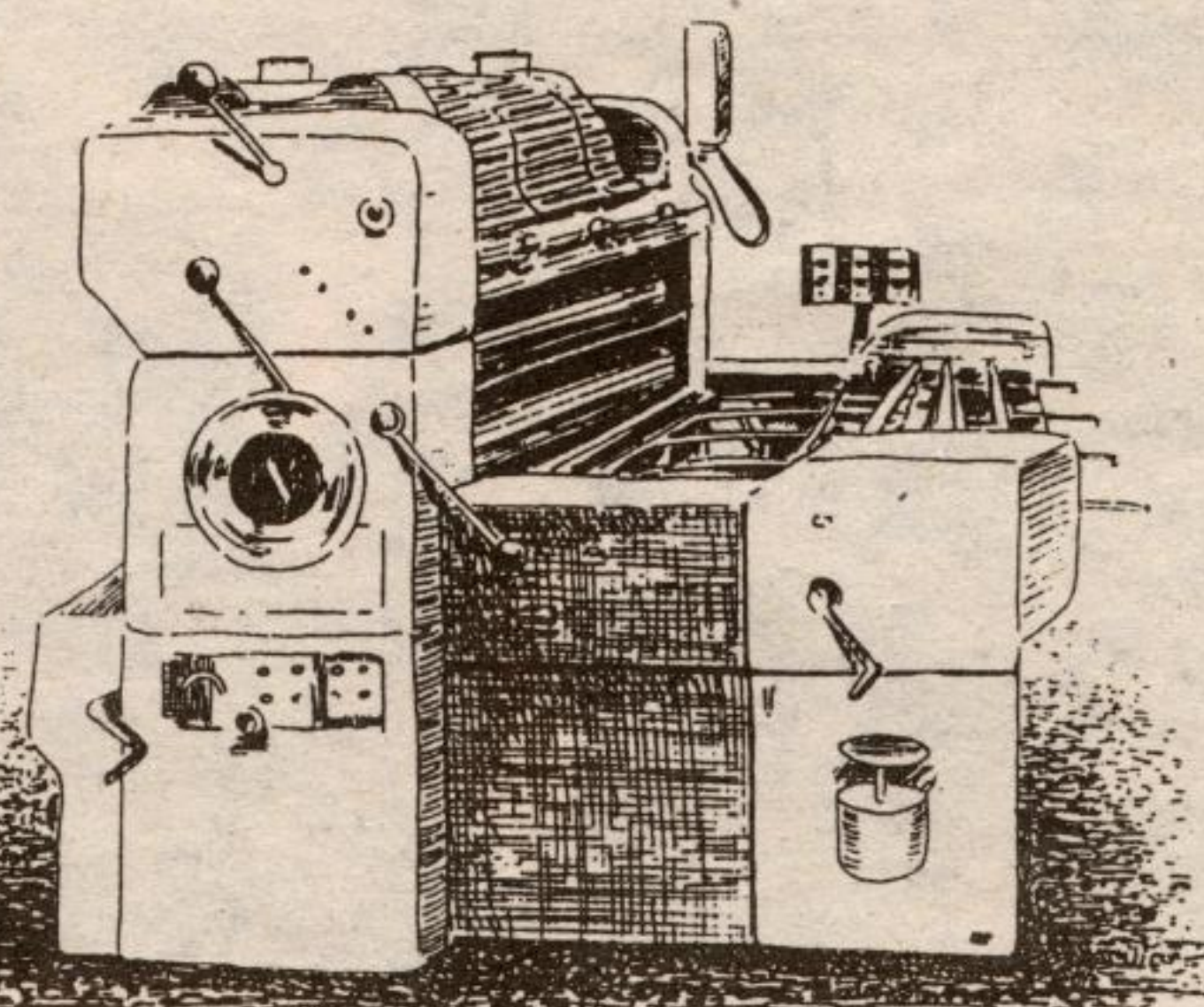
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