Petkoff grabs 4 goals, assist in Canes' 3 straight wins

With three victories in the past week the Halton Hurricane Peewee hockey squad improved its record to 13-2.

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On Sunday afternoon they travelled to Brampton and soundly defeated the hosts 6-0.

Acton's Joel Petkoff got things

started late in the first period, rifling the puck past the Brampton netminder immediately after taking a teammate's pass.

The Canes made it 2-0 in the second on a nice breakaway goal.

In the final frame, Halton took control with four goals with Petkoff scoring once and adding an assist on the visitors' third goal.

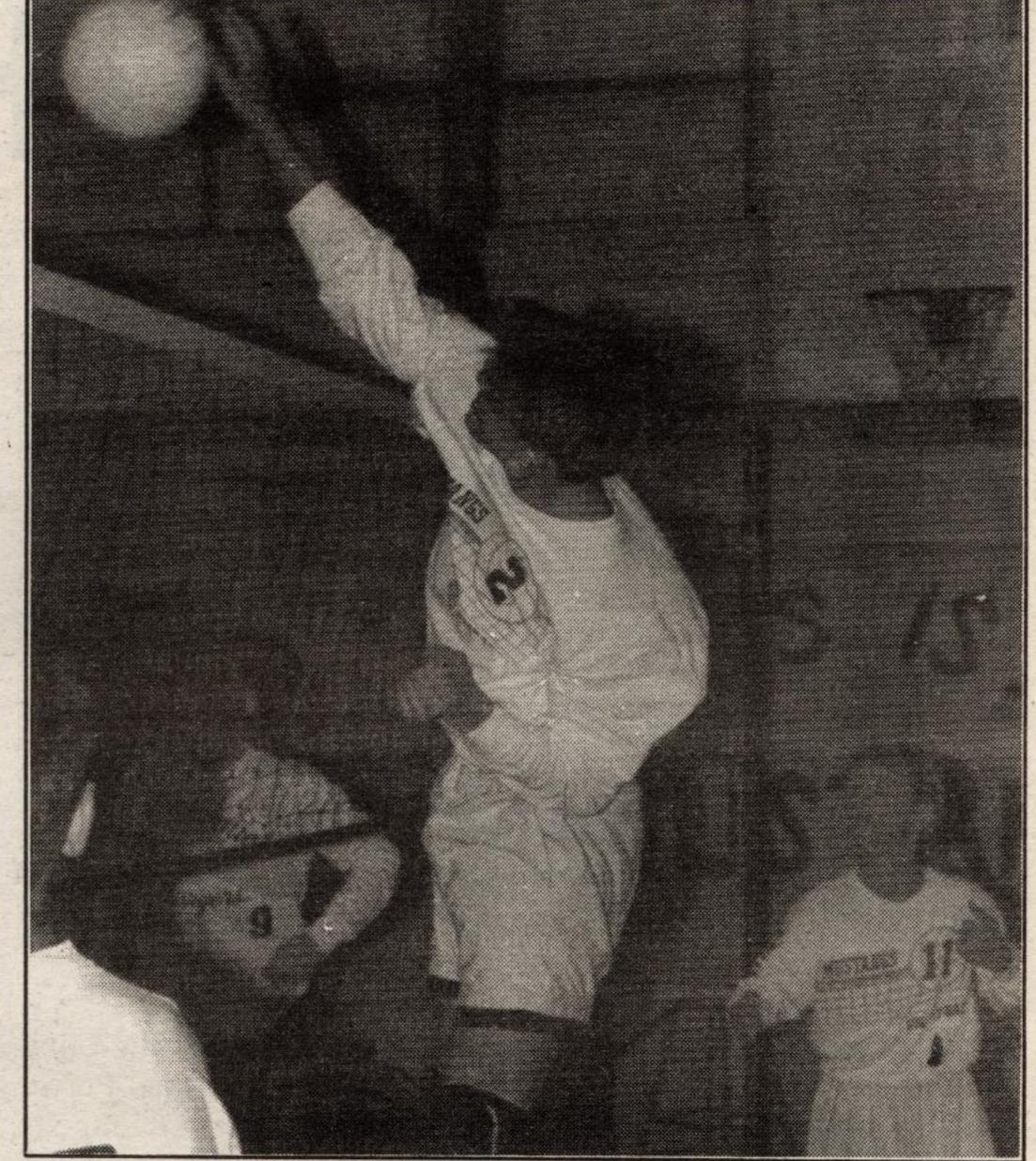
Meanwhile, in what turned out to be a close, exciting match on Saturday in Erin, the Canes hosted Chinguacousy.

The game was scoreless until Petkoff pulled the trigger at the 2:47 mark of the opening period, banging home the puck during a goalmouth scramble.

The home side made it 2-0 in the second period before Ching cut the lead to 2-1, but to no avail in a Hurricanes victory.

In Brantford last Wednesday, Petkoff scored as part of a balanced Canes' attack in a 5-3 win.

The Canes will break from league play this weekend and travel to Whitby for the prestigious Silver Stick tournament.



CRUCIAL HIT: Daryn McIntyre, like many of his McKenzie-Smith Mustang volleyball teammates, will be counted upon to deliver the timely kill against the Centennial Chargers in the North-Halton Tier I final in Milton tonight. (Doug Harrison photo)

Stangs revved for final

BY DOUG HARRISON The Acton Tanner

Dave Walker assures a drastically different-looking Centennial team from the demoralized squad that was embarrassed 15-7, 15-5 at McKenzie-Smith just two weeks ago, will take to the Milton high school floor tonight (Wednesday) in a return battle for North-Halton public school bragging rights.

The local Mustangs, who topped North-Halton with a 7-1 record an early-season 2-1 setback to Centennial — will hook up with the Chargers in the Boys' Tier I volleyball final at 8 pm.

"Centennial should come out pumped after beating Stewarttown in the semi-final," said Walker, the confident Mustang coach on Monday after watching his players drop a 2-1 scrimmage (6-15, 15-7, 9-15) to the Halton Midget champions from Acton High.

"They'll be a better, harder-hitting team (tonight)."

Walker says the key to capturing the championsip is simple: play

Mustang volleyball—that is, combine a strong defence with a powerful offence using all the tools.

"If we play our game by dominating the game from the opening serve and not let them in the game, we'll do well," Walker said, adding, "we're a proven commodity. Our 7-1 record was the best-ever."

Walker says his Mustangs outsize and can outhit their opponents, but could struggle against a strong passing Charger defence.

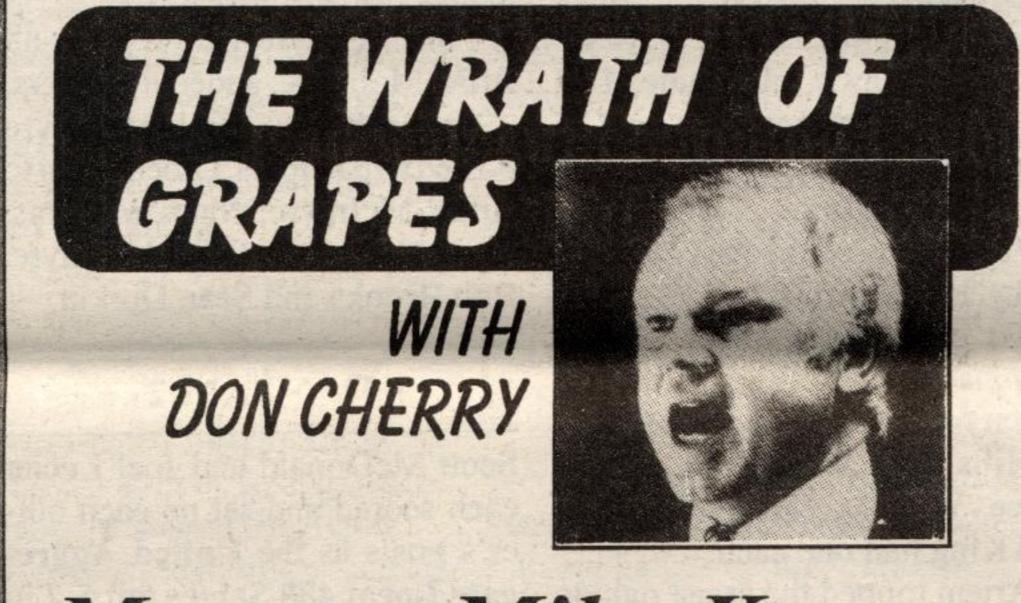
To combat this, the starting six of Sandy Chapman, Andy Kilmer, Jeff Birrell, Mike Hills, Adam Ahearn and Ryan Bowen, will have to move their feet quickly.

"Six individuals have to come together as a team for the opening serves," said Walker, who declared a slight Centennial edge for the neutral-site game, since they're used to playing in a larger gym.

"I'm confident we can win and pull together when it counts."

NOTE: The Mustang Girls battled Sam Sherratt at Georgetown High last night in the Tier II final.





More on Mike Keenan

Mike Keenan was Coach of the Year in 1985 when with Philly. He had a winning percentage of .598 and .579 in the playoffs.

He also brought the New York its first Stanley Cup in 54 years. But now he has signed on as the GMcoach in St. Louis for \$5-million over five years.

Two questions I asked are, "How is ex-GM Ron Caron going to take it?" and "Can Mike get along with Brett Hull?" I don't know about the former, but I'm betting Brett and Mike get along fine.

Iron Mike knows how to handle stars. He proved that in the Canada Cup. Keenan won in minor hockey, Jr. A (Peterborough), in Toronto with the University of Toronto Blues and in the American Hockey League (Rochester).

He won the Canada Cup, Stanley Cup and will win in St. Louis.

The players in St. Louis better be warned. The country club party is over and the sweat shop has already started.

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