



Butting in

By Lee Fairbanks

The hoped-for meeting between Hornby Farmers, er, I mean Farmer Jacks, and Lowville Sam Royals for the Halton Fastball League championship will take place this week.

Hornby has been waiting for Lowville to finish off Hamilton juniors for two weeks now, after eliminating Glen Williams in their semi-final.

The final series will give the Flyers an opportunity to add to their press clippings, which they claim are much lighter than Lowville's due to a bias in this department. That, of course, is not true, but since they weren't playing any games and couldn't complain about umpires' decisions, they had to find something else to complain about so they picked the local press.

This reporter was quietly hiding under his hat at the final Lowville-Hamilton game when he came under verbal abuse from a number of the Hornby players, who had come to root for Hamilton.

It was all in good fun however (I mention I escaped once again with no broken bones) so I held no grudge against the Farmers, I mean Jacks.

Broken bones and grudges

Speaking of broken bones and grudges, the Milton Tridents Intermediate B hockey camp got into full swing last week, as the first incident of dissension appeared.

Arguments and complaints are as much a part of the Trident club as scoring goals. Like the Oakland A's of Charlie Finley fame, it keeps them together and somehow is in part responsible for their success.

During Milton's run toward the Ontario championship last year (they reached the seventh game of the semi-finals) constant arguments helped them overcome constant injuries, and it's my feeling that if they hadn't begun to think their series with Caledonia was in the bag, and had continued to bitch, they would have gone all the way.

This year's first dispute centres around two Acton players, both former Tridents, Jim and Terry Cole. The Cole Brothers, as they are known, played with the first edition of the Tridents, a 1973 group that won the Ontario championship. Jim is a defenceman and Terry a goalie.

After that year, a mixup left Terry off the team, and he played the next two seasons with Ayr Rockets. Briefly explained, the goalie had to make a choice as to whether to play hockey in university or for the Tridents in '74-75.

An agreement between him and the team management was reached whereby he would notify them before their opening league game as to his decision. He found out he would be third-string at university, so decided to play with the Tridents.

Terry was late

However, Terry was about an hour late in telling the Milton executive, arriving at the end of the second period of their first game. After another goalie had been signed as a backup for Brad Evans.

Milton allowed him to play for Ayr for one year, then he asked to stay for a second. During that period a certain amount of animosity built up between some players and the Coles, and this grudge continues to this day.

Where do the broken bones come in? One of the Tridents who apparently is not too happy with the thought of playing in front of Cole is star defenceman Marty Seeds.

Seeds, the team's most valuable player last year, broke his leg during the playoffs, and that was a key reason for their eventual elimination.

Now Marty is one of the more level-headed players on the Tridents team, and there's little doubt that his feelings will change as time progresses, but it's a definite sign that all's well and healthy in the camp.

The loss of Ray Evans to Georgetown Intermediate A hockey was in part caused by dissension. Evans was the Tridents' leading scorer in the playoffs and he will be missed.

Tired of listening

I'm told that Ray got tired of listening to some players complain about the amount of ice time he got in last year's playoffs, and left for greener grass. Some players can handle the Tridents' chippiness and others can't be bothered.

On the plus side, Tridents signed Doug Hearn, older brother of Donny, and everyone is touting him as a sure all-star.

The elder Hearn played semi-pro hockey for the past few years, but has decided to stay close to home this year.

Based on practices, the team seems to be improved in all areas this year and should be tough from the opening whistle. The forwards are fast and can score, and the defence, their weak spot last year has been bolstered by new players, the identity of whom has been kept secret until coach Joe Auger and manager Vern Bridgman make their final cuts this week.

In goal, Dooney Evans still holds the number one job, but there are five others in camp trying out for the backup spot.

Ice rates freeze Acton Swords

Acton's intermediate hockey club, the Swords, folded last week because of financial problems.

The club failed to find a sponsor and was attempting to carry an \$1,100 debt into this season. But the final blow to the Swords hopes of playing came last week when Halton Hills general administration committee recommended ice rental rates of \$30 per hour.

The rate was too high according to club officials who went before the committee. The Swords along with the town's Junior B club, the Sabres wanted a 60-40 split of the gate.

The Swords had slated ice time at Acton's arena. The approximately two-hours per week is going to an industrial and church hockey leagues.

The Ontario Hockey Association, in an executive meeting a couple of weeks ago, turned down Swords request to go Intermediate B from C this year. The change would have meant shorter distances and lower travel costs for the club.

According to former Sword president Fred Buchanan the club was, as late as a week ago Tuesday, to stay with the C loop with Harriston, Mitchell, Fergus and other clubs. "They (the C loop) were waiting on us," Mr. Buchanan said.

We needed \$6-7,000 from a sponsor and no one is around with that money, he said.

The Juniors (Sabres) are lucky to have someone like Joe Gardin footing the bill, Mr. Buchanan said.

Champion

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Flyers blow home opener with Derbys perform turnabout against Ventures

By Rod Jerred

The Flyers opened their season with a solid win over Dixie Ventures Saturday night and a disastrous loss against Streetsville derbys in their home opener Friday night.

Against Streetsville, last year's league champions, Flyers lost 7-3 and were plagued with what coach Gerry Inglis called "stupid defensive mistakes."

The next night they did a complete turnabout and defeated Dixie 5-2. At one point they were ahead 4-0.

"Checking poorly"

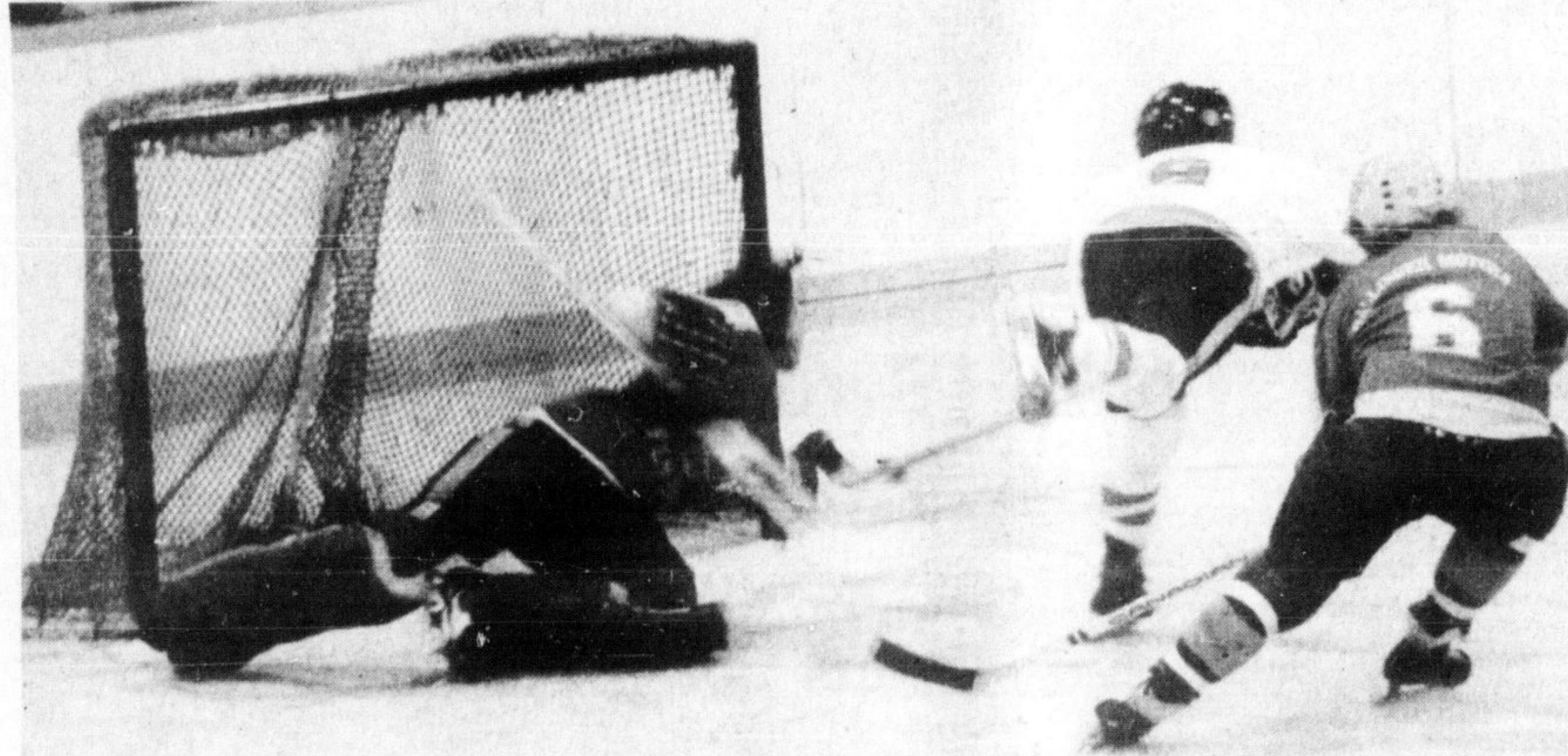
Speaking about the Streetsville game, Inglis said, "Our passing out of our own end was awful and we were checking poorly. We were just stick checking and letting the guy into our end."

"Against Dixie, the defence played exceptionally well. They moved the puck ahead and let the forwards do the work," Inglis said. "No one's going to be the best man over carrying the puck and that's a sin because you should never have that happen."

The difference in the style of play the Flyers exhibited on the two nights might be explained by the calibre of their opponents. Streetsville was last year's champions and expected to be one of the league's powerhouses this year, while Dixie finished only one point ahead of the Flyers last year, for the final playoff spot.

Twiss scores two

Ron Twiss who scored two goals against the Ventures doesn't think that was the case.



SCENES LIKE THIS were quite familiar Friday night as the Streetsville Derbys scored seven times against the Flyers. In this picture Gord

Stanfield puts the puck past a sprawling Craig Jubb while defenceman Steve Hannon hopelessly looks on.

HFL playoffs

Lowville vs. Hornby

By Lee Fairbanks

The Good Ship Lowville nearly went for the life rafts Monday night, before Admiral Smith steered them into a Halton Fastball League championship berth against Hornby.

Lowville was trailing 4-0 going into the seventh inning of the fifth and deciding game in their semi-final with Hamilton Monday in Lowville, but emerged, when the fog had lifted with a 5-4 11th inning win.

Catcher Dale Smith supplied the winning hit, driving a single down the middle to score Burke Harrison from second. Harrison had walked with one out, then reached second on a sacrifice bunt by Matt McNally.

Quiet but steady Smith, quiet but very steady is one of the most consistent players for Lowville, both in the field and at the plate. The Sam Roy players looked for him to come through in the clutch,

and he did.

Hamilton had scored four unearned runs against winning pitcher Dave Yemm going in to the seventh inning, the first three on three errors by Stu King, and the fourth on an error by Russ Price in shallow rightfield.

It looked as if it was going to be one of those nights for Lowville, with nothing going right.

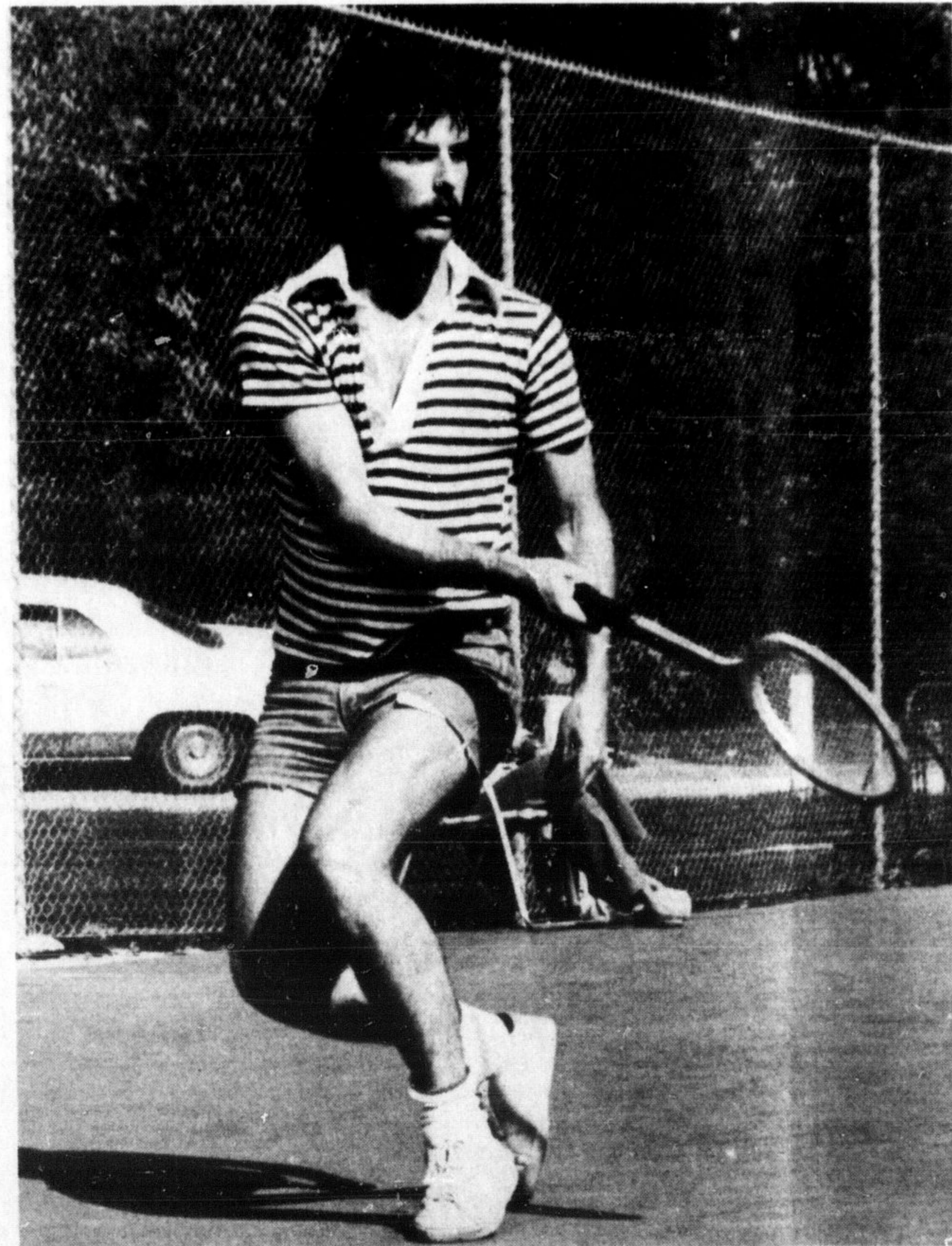
"We're hitting them," pointed out sidelined pitcher Jacques Paquette, "but we're

hitting to the wrong places. That shortstop's been unreal."

The Royals drove a number of line drives into the gloves of the Hamilton juniors.

Almost conceded By the seventh inning Lowville had almost conceded victory. Some of the players had stopped running out grounders and popups but then the game changed.

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IN THE MEN'S intermediate finals at the Milton Tennis Club Saturday Ron Hunt was the victor

Final tennis results

Milton Tennis Club completed its rain-delayed senior championships at the club's Rotary Park courts, with Jeff Smith and Mike Rigo battling it out for the men's singles title.

Smith came out ahead to win the event, beating Rigo 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 and 6-4.

In the ladies' singles, Joanne Garside topped Trisha Silvester 6-2, 6-1. Mrs. Garside won a second trophy as part of the mixed doubles winning team, joining with her husband Ken to beat Maureen and Bill Morgan in the final, 6-3, 6-3.

Women's doubles Mrs. Morgan and Pat Hector won the women's doubles championship with a 3-6, 3-6, 6-3 win over Ann Wollaston and Debbie Hector.

In the men's doubles competition, Jeff Smith and Chuck Alcock defeated Gerry Bauer and Tony Schafer in straight sets, 6-2, 6-2, 6-1.

Don Hunt won the men's intermediate, or B singles, also in straight sets over Garside, 6-2, 6-1, 6-4.

Rain delays Preliminary playoffs for the senior championships began three weeks ago, and the finals were expected to be played on the last weekend in September, but rain caused a postponement of the event until last weekend.



...KEN GARSIDE. Hunt took the match with three straight sets 6-2, 6-1 and 6-4.

pension received in exhibition play.

Despite Love's third goal coming on a powerplay, the Flyers were far from impressive with the man advantage. In fact the last Streetsville goal came when the Flyers had a two-man advantage.

Jim Gibson picked up the puck in his own end and skated around Milton's defenders before putting it past a sprawling Jubb for the goal.

Forwards juggled

Inglis continually juggled his forward lines because of frequent penalties and the loss of Twiss and Bruce Ellison during the game.

Ellison took a high stick in the mouth and lost a tooth in the first period but returned for the second. Twiss missed the second period after he received a cut on the side of his

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Paul McCann scores four for juveniles

Milton Wilson's Auctioneer juveniles will be happy if Paul McCann decides to play for them, this year as opposed to playing solely for the Junior B Flyers.

McCann skipped the Flyers' Saturday night game against Dixie Ventures in order to play for the juveniles in an exhibition against Oakville, and scored four goals to lead Milton to a 5-4 win.

Peter Rota scored the fifth Milton goal, the winner. The juveniles' first league home game is next Monday at 9.30 p.m. Wilson's Auctioneers is a new sponsor this year.

Team lineup: goal, Gary Kokurewicz, Chris Munro; defence, Dave Marshall, Brett Coates, Jay Norland, Gary Dance; forwards, Guy McGinnis, Roger Delnin, Peter Rota, Jim McKerr, Rick Mitchell, Paul Shields, Eric Ellison, Paul McCann, Ralph Serafini, Tom Chummach, George Trencs, Chuck Means.

Paul McGrath is the coach of the juveniles. John Bain the manager, Jerry Fritley the assistant coach and Terry Benson the trainer.