



Aeros' first: Rockton goalie Rick Katchanoski looks over his shoulder only to see the shot of Doug Heslip enter the net for Aeros' first score in Tuesday's deciding game. Heslip fired two

markers as Milton rallied to beat Rockton in an exciting playoff series and move to the championship series of the Eastern Division of the Intermediate B League.

## This time, Aeros do the upset

By Michael Boyle  
For many years, Milton's Intermediate team has sailed through the regular seasons in fine fashion only to be eliminated by an upstart team in the playoffs.

Now, they have their revenge. Climaxing one of the most exciting series ever to hit this town, Milton Aeros bounced back from the brink of elimination to oust first-place Rockton Real McCoys in the maximum seven games.

Trailing three games to one at one point, Aeros surprised Rockton with some sound hockey backed by superb goalkeeping to win the final three games and take the Intermediate B semi-final 4-3.

Aeros capped the comeback with a 4-2 win last Tuesday before a packed house in Rockton. Trailing by one goal twice in the contest, Aeros took command with some aggressive forechecking. The squad hit for three goals in the middle frame and the only goal of the final frame to earn the win.

The game was in sharp contrast to the teams' previous encounter four days earlier at Memorial Arena where a major brawl erupted in the final period. The Ontario Hockey Association sent out Bill Devorski, a referee who doesn't tolerate any baloney and has a still tight rein on every game, to officiate and he put in one of the best games this reporter has ever seen.

This was a game every cliché was written for.

The upstart Aeros, bolstered by late additions were up against the established Rockton team which sailed through the regular season as if it should gain an automatic berth into the provincial finals.

Rockton was awesome through the regular season losing just four games. Three losses were in overtime.

And here were the Milton Aeros, a team which started so badly, there was doubt whether they would make the playoffs or even finish out the season.

The teams had played superb hockey through the entire series.

Spectacular goalkeeping and sound hockey had kept Aeros in the series. Rockton wasn't taking Milton easy.

Down to the seventh game, fans lined up for as much as two hours before game time to gain a seat. The doors were locked at 8:10 p.m.—precisely 20 minutes before the game was scheduled to start. Parking attendants began turning away cars before 8 p.m. and only those who had parked on the street or in a ditch half a mile away and walked were gained admittance.

The OHA had sent Devorski to keep the game in control and avoid an ugly scene as happened in the preceding game.

The tension filled the air before the game. Fans, which were roughly equally divided between the teams, were strangely quiet.

Then as Rockton's Lou Nistico led his squad out of the dressing room and onto the ice, the tension began to relax.

Devorski did his job in his official's capacity. Borderline penalties were called and Rockton spent the first few

minutes of the game shorthanded.

Nistico led by example with aggressive play hoping to inspire his teammates not to forget their usually aggressive game plan. His strategy paid off as he hustled for a loose puck early in the game and with a second effort put a perfect pass in front of Aeros' goal where it was slapped home past goalie Mark Fisher.

Rockton carried the play to Milton and if it wasn't for the exceptional work of Fisher who stopped Mark Dumesnil and Wayne Chrysler with point-blank shots which were labelled, Rockton could have very easily rolled up a big lead.

Fisher carried Milton through the first period trailing by just the single goal. The momentum in the game appeared to shift to Aeros in the dying minutes of the frame and the squad wasted little time.

Doug Heslip tied the score with a slapper from just inside the left point after passes from Bill Bryant and Mike Penwarden.

However, Nistico roared back and with the teams playing five aside, put in his own rebound from the side of the goal restoring the one-goal lead.

Aeros caught fire with about five minutes to go in the game. Recently returned Bruce Ellison banged home a goal from a scramble for the equalizer.

Then Aeros went into an offensive tear. Lorne Lesuk hit the post with a slapshot along the ice which set the red light flashing but wasn't deemed a goal.

With just a few minutes left in the period, Steve Bronizewski picked up a loose puck behind the Rockton goal and passed in front to Doug Fry to redirect the pass past Rick Katchanoski just a split second before being flattened by defenceman Ross Bouselle.

The teams played the third period as if their lives were at stake. Each team had numerous scoring opportunities at opened nets but neither scored. Aeros carried the play throughout much of the period breaking up Rockton rushes with relative ease.

The Real McCoys put their last-ditch effort together in the final few minutes and came close several times. On one occasion with two minutes left, Fisher was struck in the throat by a stick and knocked out cold for a few seconds.

Into the nets went Devlin without a warm-up. Rockton pressed for the equalizer. With one minute left, Fry picked up the puck at his own blue line and went in on a three-on-one with Heslip and Tom Butt. Fry passed to Butt who slipped it back to Fry who put it perfectly onto Heslip's stick. The right-winger popped it home and the game was, for all intents, over.

In the Rockton dressing room, Lou Nistico was philosophic about the game and series.

"I thought if we came out hitting," explained Nistico, "we'd beat them. We just didn't take advantage of our aggressive play in the second period."

"They (Milton) had more players who wanted to win than we did. In this series, the best team won. Anytime a team beats you twice in your own rink, they deserve to win."

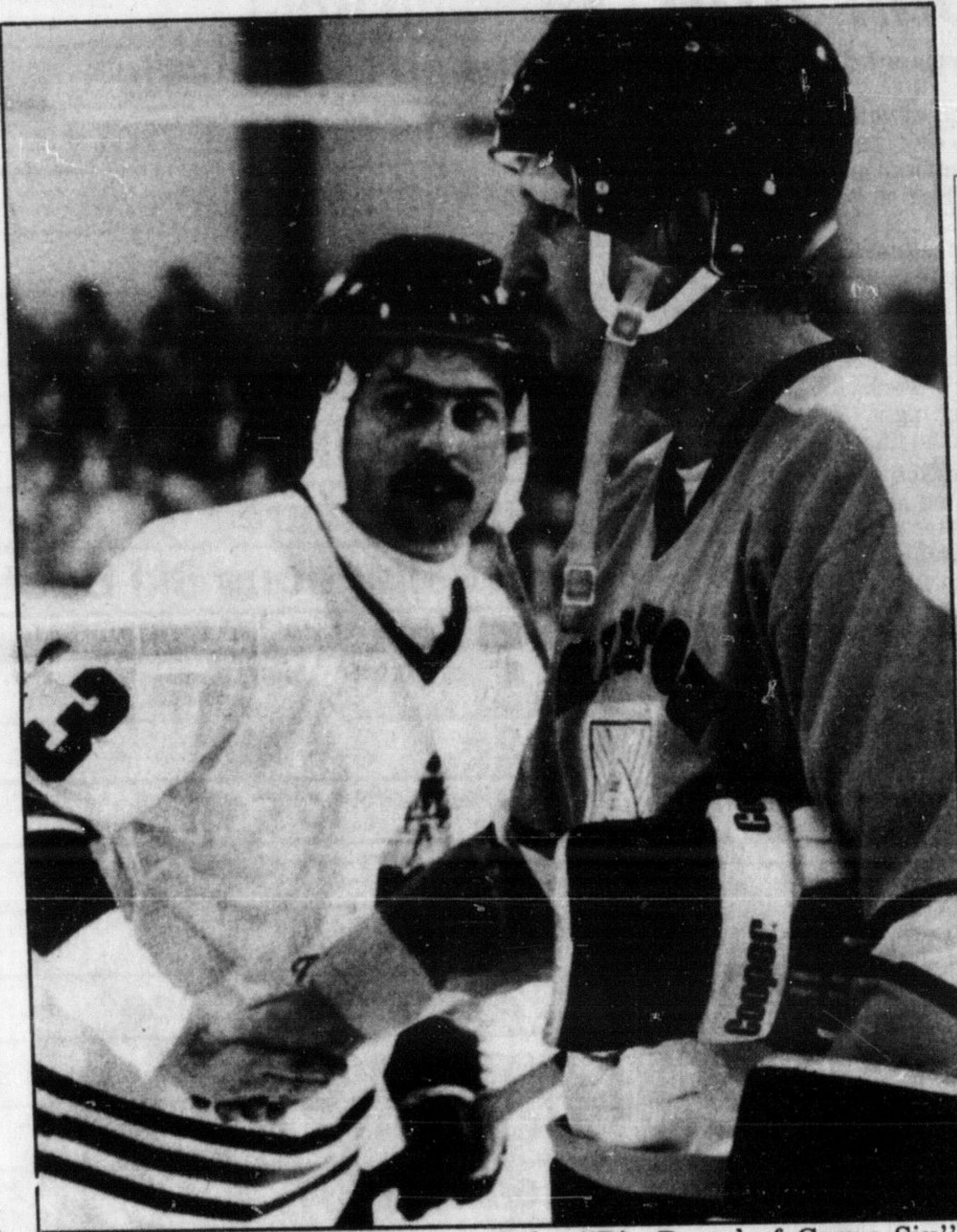
Rockton assistant coach Barrie Elliott echoed some of Nistico's comments.

"We wanted to play a physical game and not take penalties," said Elliott. "The biggest thing they had going for them was their goalkeeping. It was fantastic all series. It didn't matter who they put in goal. They were both unbeatable. We just weren't getting

enough goals against their goal-tenders."

The ecstatic Aeros' dressing room reflected the way the team has moulded together in the final two months through the stretch.

Lining the walls was a poster reading, "The McCoys have hit rock bottom. Now they have a (Milton) on their shoulders."



Handshake: Two participants of the "Big Brawl of Game Six", Rockton's Lou Nistico (left) and Marty Seeds of Aeros (right), exchange handshakes after the series game Tuesday. Nistico instigated the brawl by skating over to the Aeros' bench while Seeds (note the bandage under the helmet) was on the receiving end of several punches.

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## Milton Heights ski club awards medals to skiers

A fine season of ski racing from the Milton Heights Ski Club culminated over the weekend with individual awards for many racers in different categories.

The club operated at several levels and awarded medals to the top three skiers for both boys and girls. It marked the 10th season for the club which operated under the name of the Glen Eden Ski Club until this year when it changed its name through the request of the Halton Conservation Authority.

For the Nancy Greene Training squad which divided into two teams for competition against one another, the top skier was Reg Cooper of Burlington for the gold medal. The silver was awarded to Mark Fenwick of Campbellville while Ian Watts of Campbellville took the bronze.

In the Alpine training squad division, Tom Preston of Oakville was the top skier followed by Mark Hildebrand of Oakville and Tom Johnson of Georgetown.

For the inter-club Nancy Greene teams, Milton's Kerri-Ann Zanatta took the gold medal for girls. Kerry Lee Finkle of Mississauga was second and Kelly Patterson of Milton was awarded the bronze.

On the boys side, Oakville's Rene Latreille was the top skier while Scott Robb of Burlington was second and Dale Bell of

Milton third. Latreille was also named the club champion and was awarded the Helen Kliek Memorial Trophy. Mrs. Kliek was a founding member of the club and put a lot of work into organizing it. In the Alpine division, Oakville's Pam Forsyth was the top female skier followed by Jane Yurchuk of Oakville and Lori Kliek of Burlington.

For the boys, Oakville's Mike Hawke won the gold, Philip Hadfield of Milton was second and Paul Hertz of Georgetown was third.

In the adults' group, Burlington's Marianne Howard was awarded the

gold, Michele Rudnicki took the silver and Marg Hertz of Georgetown the bronze.

On the men's side, Mike Yurchuk of Oakville was the top skier followed by John MacDonald of Kitchener and

Norm Hertz of Georgetown.

Campbellville's Stephen Watts was named the club's most improved skier and was awarded the Xerox Trophy. Watts competed in the Nancy Greene series.

### Bowling

**MEN'S COMMERCIAL**  
Congratulations to Mono Casarin. In his second game last Tuesday, Mono bowled 10 strikes in a row, then took out the headpin on his 11th ball, and picked up a 5 pin count with his 12th ball for a grand total of 420. Nice single!

Some of us don't get that for three games. Mono's first game was a respectable 296 and his triple was 942.

**Standings**  
Brouwer's Machine & Tool won 5 for 133, McCuag Insurance 2 for 127, P. L. Robertson 5 for 123, Mono's team 5 for 113, All-Purpose Glass 109, Trafalgar Ford 2 for 104, Dufferin Aggregates 2 for 102, Knight Insurance 7 for 92, Lou's Place Flyers 3 for 81, Supreme Auto Collision 0 for 77, Standard Auto Glass 0 for 63, J. D. Currie Plbg. & Htg. 5 for 50.

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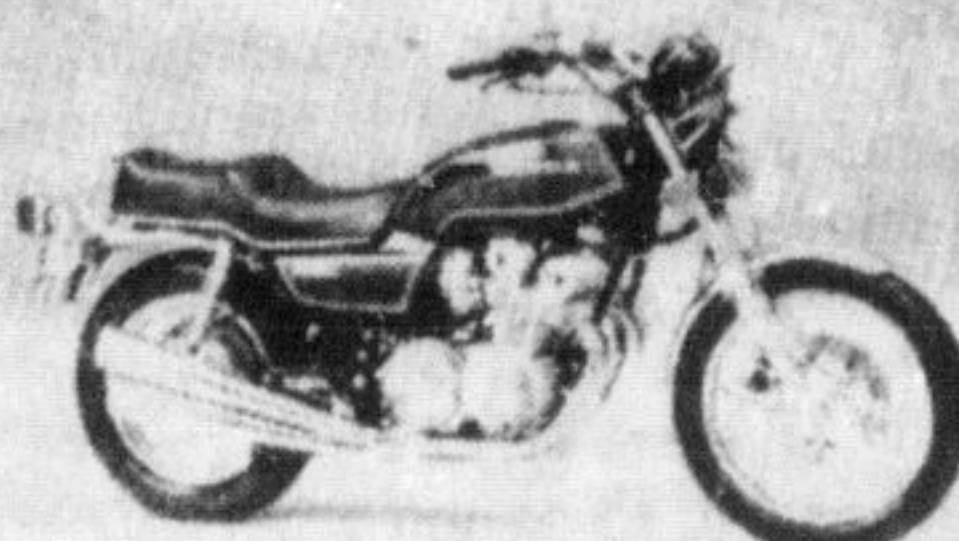


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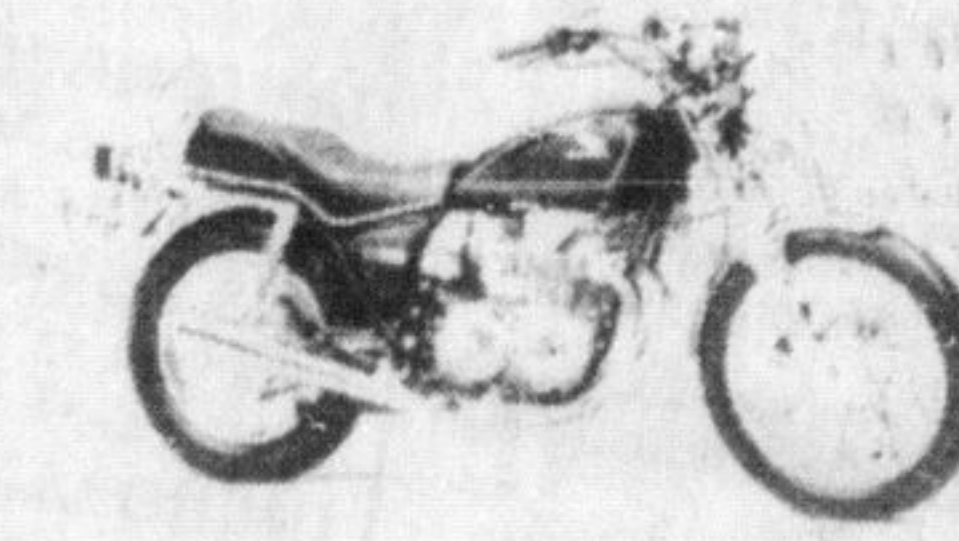
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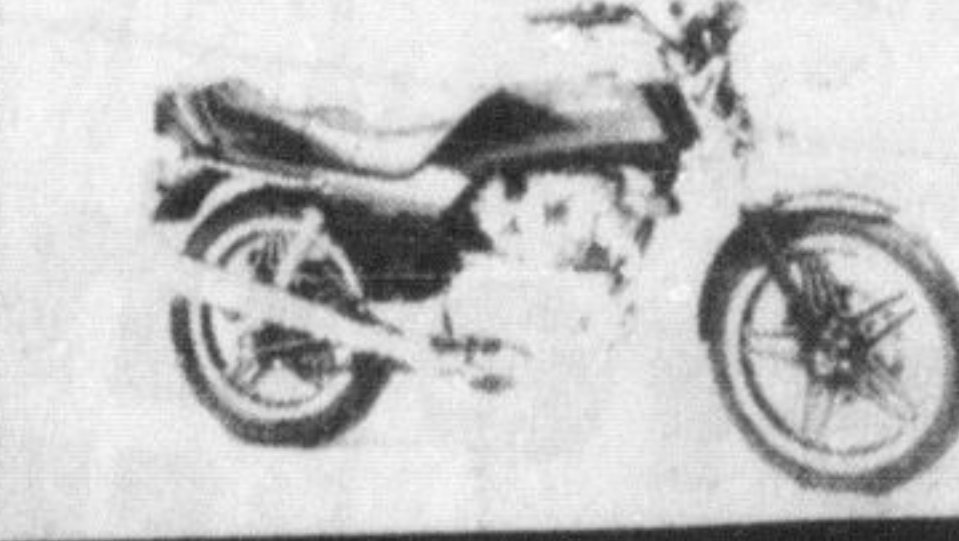
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