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Gleeson leader in quarter win

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

Anne Gleeson continued to shine in senior girls basketball action Tuesday and led her Milton District Mustangs to a 47-32 quarterfinal victory over Oakville's Iroquois Ridge.

The veteran point guard sank three field goals and finished with 13 total points to help her hoopsters get by the Trailblazers in a battle that wasn't decided until late in the third quarter.

A consistent workhorse with the local cagers, Gleeson played all but 20 seconds of the contest.

MD was unable to mount much of a lead through the early going, due in large part to the absence of spark plugs Candice Ceelen and Chrystal Johnston, who were nursing a neck injury and studying for SAT's respectively.

Further hindering their game was foul trouble through spans of the second and third quarters, which kept Iroquois Ridge's meager hopes for an upset alive.

The 'Stangs stepped it up a notch in the late stages of play thanks to supporting cast members Erin Walsh and Sharalee Dempster — who came up with key defensive rebounds and scored five points each.

Also contributing down the stretch was Jen McManus. The power forward has been slowed by a recent ankle injury but did manage a pair of baskets in the final quarter.

Lisa Brown, who's getting over a foot sprain, was feisty under her own net while rookie Jessica Simpson gave a sound two-way performance and finished with four points.

MD was expected to be back to near full strength yesterday afternoon when they took on the Nelson Lords in the semifinals. Results were not available at press time.

If victorious, the 'Stangs will battle either M.M. Robinson or Oakville Trafalgar in the Halton Championship Tuesday at Sheridan College.



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Erynn Ballard recently won the National McLay Finals in New York City. The victory is sure to boost her equestrian career.

Erynn captures top prize at Madison Square Gardens

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Erynn Ballard has captured an equestrian title that had eluded Canadian riders for as long as she's been alive.

Bringing an end to nearly a two-decade long drought, the 18-year-old Hornby native topped a class of 72 hopefuls at the National McLay Finals in Madison Square

Gardens Sunday, Nov. 8.

She is only the second Canadian to ever win the crown — considered by many to be the most prestigious in North America for junior competitors.

"It was really exciting!" said a jubilant Ballard, whose gold medal performance in the equitation division came aboard

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This time the rally falls short

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The Merchants went to the well one time too often Tuesday — and found it bone dry.

After narrowly averting defeat twice last week, Milton discovered that they can't rely on third-period rallies forever as they were nipped 5-4 by the Bramalea Blues.

The loss was only their second this year and dropped them to 18-2-2, with the midway mark of the season fast approaching.

A couple of tough breaks in the last few minutes of play saw Mike Wheelihan's potential equalizer called back — with teammate Ryan Robichaud deemed to be in the crease — and a suspect two-line pass keep them outside the offensive zone for the final faceoff.

For the first time in a month the hometown boys were held to just one goal in the final frame.

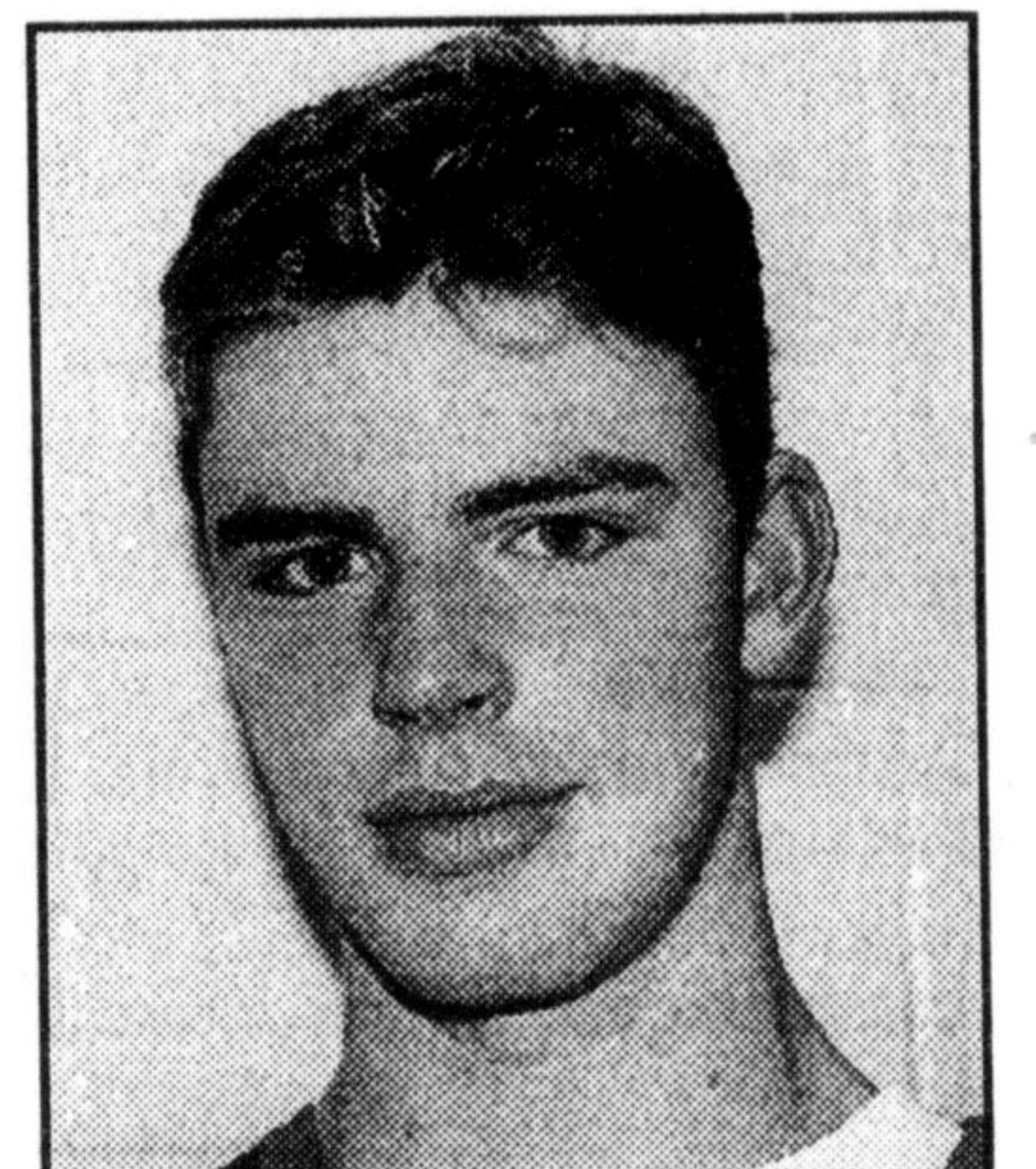
As has been the case through most Milton-Bramalea confrontations in recent memory, Kyle Amyotte was the key obstacle for the defending league champs.

Key scorer

The star veteran figured in three goals, including the eventual game-winner at 11:39 of the middle stanza when he deposited a blueline shot past Daniel Jacques.

His efforts helped the Blues score three times with the man advantage — the same number of powerplay chances their hosts would convert.

Milton's offense was paced by Geoff Schomogyi, who banked number 20 and 21 for his second multi-goal output in



Chris Rowan

three nights.

Rookie Chris Rowan gave another strong performance, using a wraparound attempt to set up fellow freshman Ryan Stewart before connecting on a long-range wrister.

Contributing two assists each were Dave Csumrik and assistant captain Nathan Gillies.

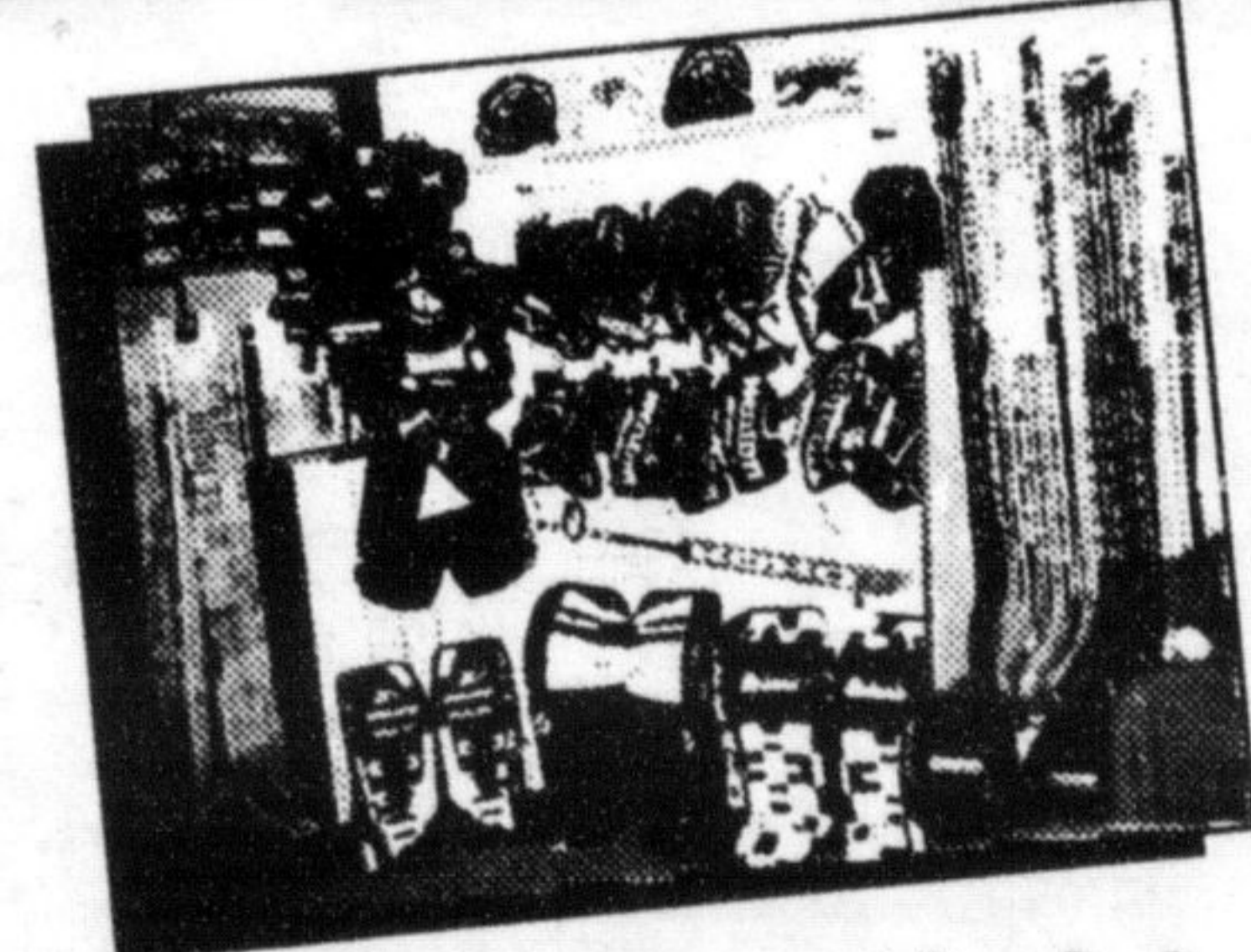
Captain Kevin O'Flaherty — who has jumped into a tie with Bramalea's Mike Cammalleri for top spot among league scorers with 51 points — went without a goal for a fifth straight game but did draw an assist.

Shots on goal were an even 33-33, with Nathan Marsters in net for the victors.

Tuesday's game was extremely heated and aggressive, with lots of cheap stick work and a verbal clash between the two coaching staffs after the final whistle.

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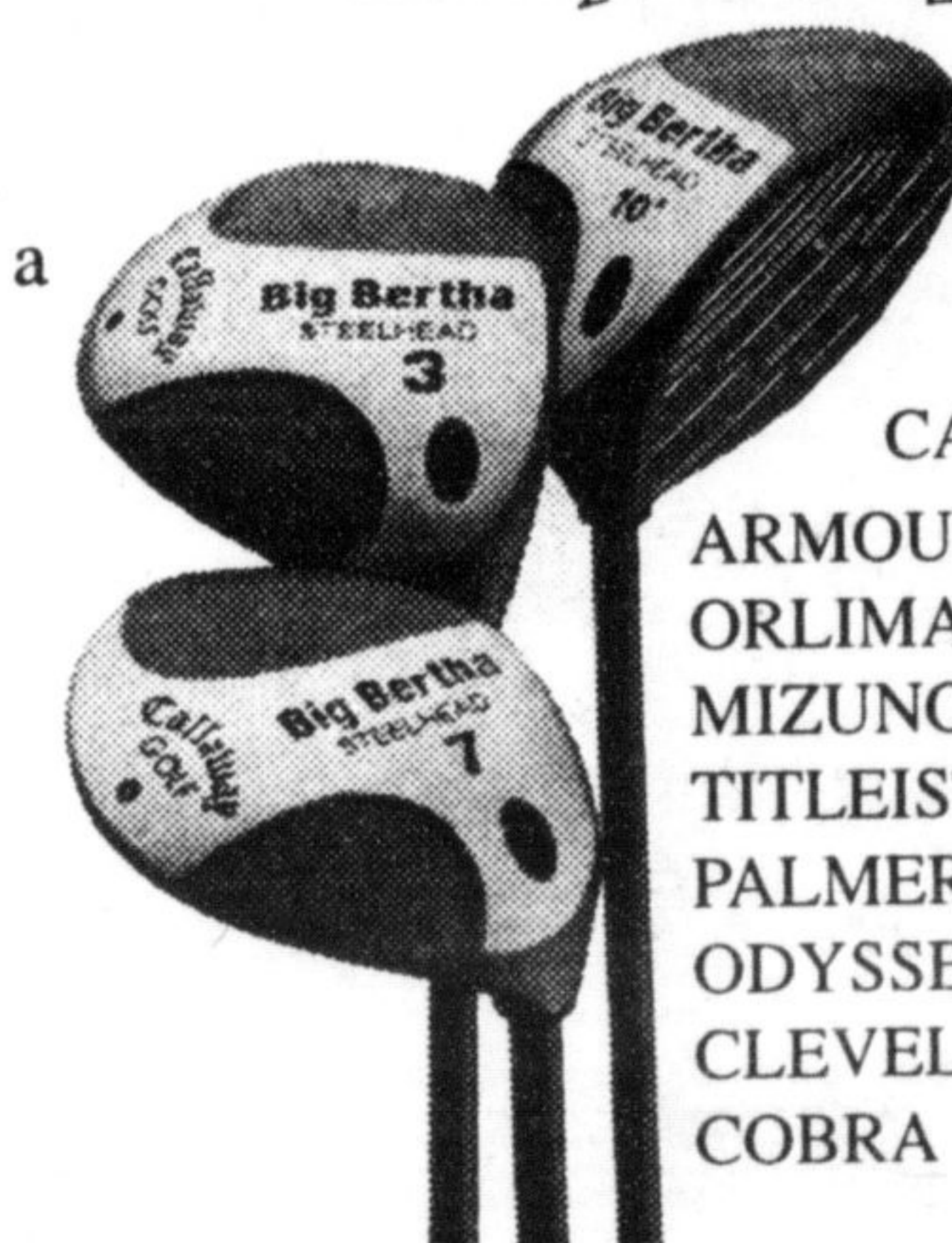
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