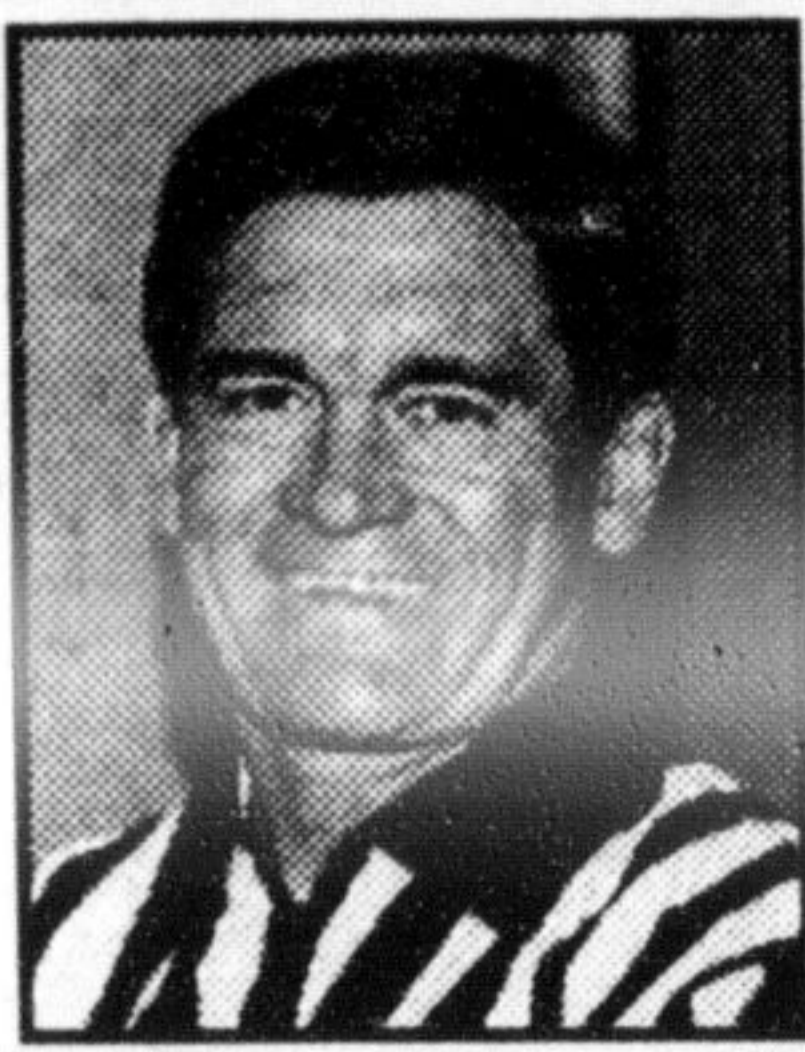


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**HURRICANE UPDATE!**

**HURRICANES 'GEORGES' AND 'MITCH'** cut quite a path as they made their way at different times across AMERICA — Mitch being described as the worst in 200 years. The devastation and following cleanup it created will set some areas back 20 years, it is reported. Canadians should be very proud of how they have come front and centre in offering support. HONDURAS got the worst damage, and will take much time to restore. Meanwhile the countries of GUATEMALA, NICARAGUA, BELIZE, PANAMA and COSTA RICA all report they are OK and safe for tourism. Georges route through DOMINICAN REPUBLIC did not harm the tourist areas there too much — phones and electricity have been restored; while very little damage occurred in the U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS. ANTIQUA is gradually rounding back into shape so have their doors open to tourists.



**A WALK ON THE MOON** will be among the topics covered by former NASA ASTRONAUT BUZZ ALDRIN during the maiden voyage of NCL's NORWEGIAN CROWN. A 10-DAY INAUGURAL CRUISE will depart from DOVER, ENGLAND on August 9th, and guests will have an opportunity to see the last TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE OF THE CENTURY! ALDRIN WAS THE FIRST TO WALK ON THE MOON along with fellow Astronaut Neil Armstrong.

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**DID YOU KNOW: TEXAS** has a statewide 'BUCKAROO BUCKS' Loonie program, designed to have us Canucks come, spend and save!

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**TRAVEL TIP OF THE WEEK: A VACATION IS A TIME TO RELAX AND HAVE FUN.** But your safety is important to all and we hope you will exercise common sense principles during your play. Be aware of your surroundings; trust your instincts and take sensible precautions. Don't invite crime by taking valuables to the beach — keep your belongings in sight at all times. You shouldn't be careless when in your home surroundings, much less when away from home!

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# Erynn wins big

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Bennington, a 10-year-old Dutch horse which she'd only been riding since August.

"The McLay is a great title to have. It can act as a big stepping stone to your career."

Although Ballard headed into the competition as one of the favourites — after taking fourth last year and making significant strides in her craft this summer — she said it's extremely difficult to predict a winner in an event with so many accomplished riders.

**Strong early**

"Everyone has to qualify at the regional level and over a day-long, three-phase showing anything can happen," she said.

Her championship campaign began just after 7 a.m. when she was the second rider in round one's 12-jump course.

Finishing first, she moved on with 26 others to the flats, a portion of the event where riders are rated on sitting trots, counter canters and any other discipline with which the judges choose to challenge them.

Ballard had slipped to second after this but leapt back into top spot with a sensational final round ride-off, which featured trot jumping and hand gallops.

**Tough competition**

She eclipsed North Carolina's Avery Dimming and Sarah Williman of Massachusetts for the title. Only one other Canadian (from

British Columbia) showed at the event and she failed to reach the final round of 16.

"It was a very close finish. The McLay is set up that the top finishers are the ones that should be there," said the local teen, who has been riding most of her life.

Her McLay showing was sandwiched between topnotch performances at the two-week Royal Winter Fair in Toronto.

She began by steering Leacock — a seven-year-old Irish horse — to second and third-place honours in a pair of junior jumpers classes.

Capping a consistently strong campaign last weekend, she took gold, silver and bronze in hunter competition — with help from mounts Ocean Rise and Southern Cross.

**Breakthrough year**

Before that she and highly accomplished Raphaella won the Rising Star Talent Show to claim top spot in the division's overall season series.

Said Ballard, "It's been a breakthrough year for me. I've been very fortunate to work with some great trainers and horses." And it's not quite over.

Thanks to her McLay triumph, Ballard has earned a trip to Holland next week where she'll train with some of Europe's top riders.

This will give her a good head start for next year, when she turns pro and taking her talents to the international front.

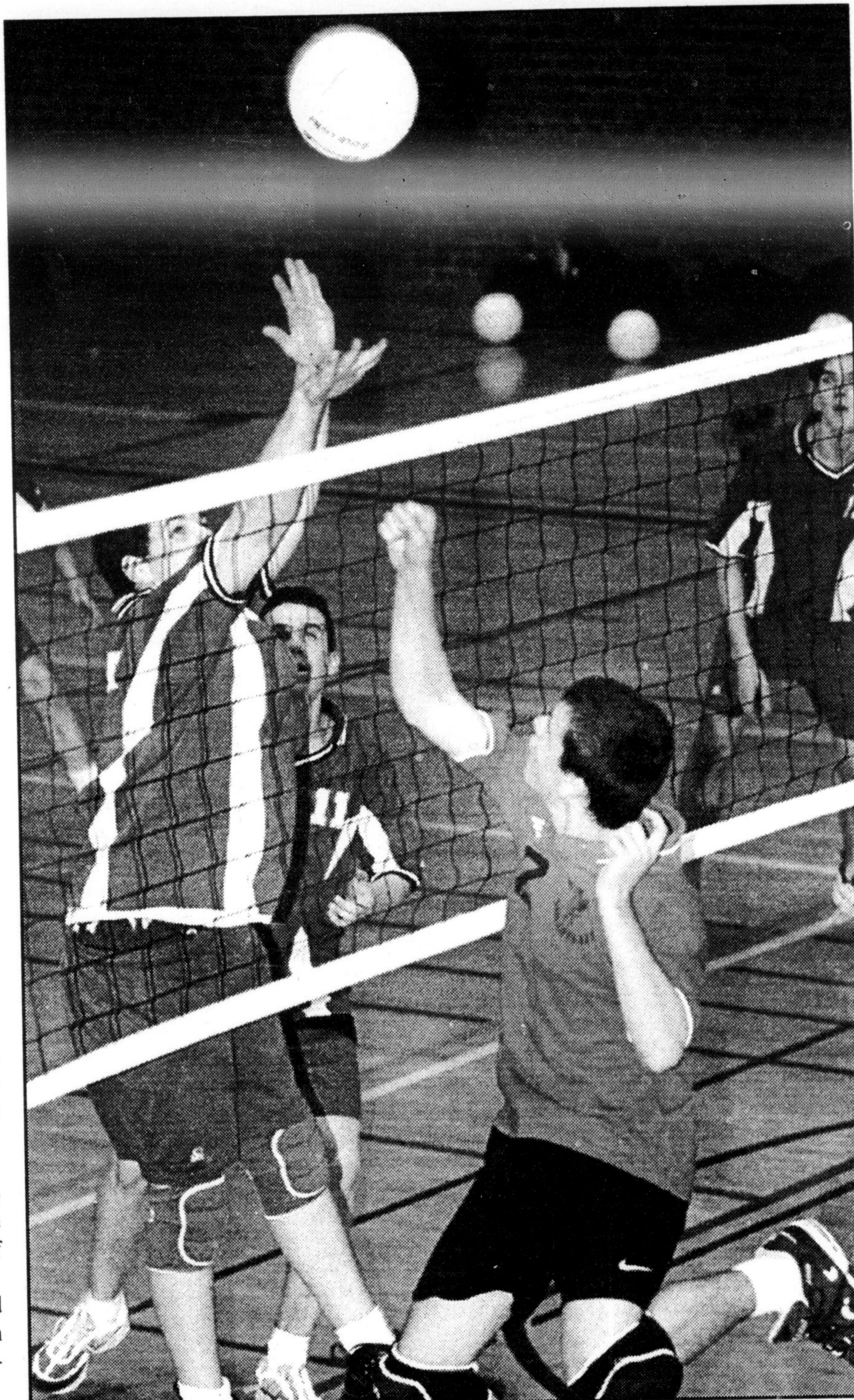


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## Hands up

E.C. Drury's Bryan McComb (left) blocks this shot in junior boys volleyball play Monday. On the whole his team wasn't so successful, falling 15-13, 15-9 to Oakville Trafalgar in the Halton quarter-finals. The senior Spartans lost to OT as well.

## MILTON MINOR HOCKEY

MON., NOVEMBER 16, 1998

TEAM	MINOR NOVICE		TIES	POINTS
	WINS	LOSS		
Remax	4	1	0	8
Hunt	3	2	0	6
Shoppers	2	3	0	4
Loblaws	1	4	0	2
<b>MAJOR NOVICE</b>				
Austin Noble	4	1	0	8
Canadian Tire	2	1	2	6
Gold Connection	1	3	1	3
Gorrud	1	3	1	3
<b>ATOM</b>				
Rebekah Lodge	4	0	0	8
Becton Dickinson	3	1	0	6
Absolute Transport	2	2	0	4
Clarke's Golf	2	2	0	4
McCuaig Insurance	1	3	0	2
Ross Dixon	0	4	0	0
<b>BANTAM</b>				
Wimpy's Diner	4	0	1	9
G. D. Controls Inc.	3	2	0	6
Knuckles Sportshop	2	2	1	5
Charlie Fitzwhiskeys	2	2	1	5
Marmac Trailer Services	2	3	0	4
Milton Dodge Jeep	0	4	1	1
<b>SENIORS</b>				
Avanti Auto Tech	4	0	0	8
Ross Dixon Fin.	2	1	1	5
Gus Mowbray	2	2	0	4
Kentucky Fried Chicken	1	2	1	3
Culligan	1	3	0	2
Goodlife Fitness	1	3	0	2

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