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Dundas Chiefs pummel Milton mercilessly

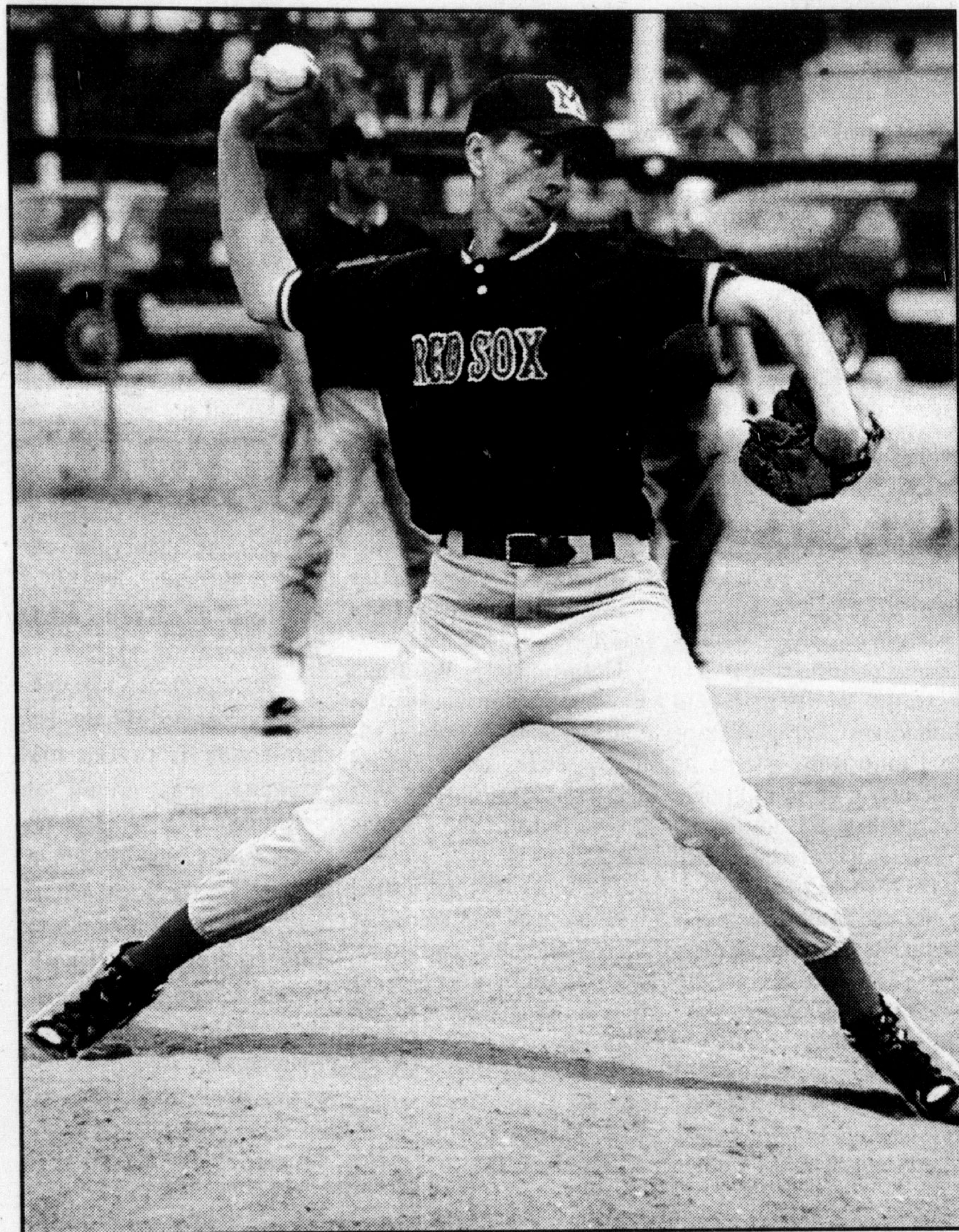


Photo by IAN ROSS

Steve Wood didn't have his best stuff on the weekend, but soldiered on anyway since Milton's bullpen is so thin.

By **STEVE LeBLANC**

The Champion

One painfully long afternoon.

That pretty much summed things up for the HJM Insurance Red Sox Saturday at Brian Best Park.

Despite making some significant improvements so far this season, the local men's baseball team is still prone to the occasional lapse back to their former fumbling selves — and the latest home outing was a prime example of that.

Missing a handful of key players, but more importantly any trace of competitiveness, Milton was annihilated 20-1 at the hands of the defending league champion Dundas Chiefs.

Though mercied after seven innings, the game was no doubt a drawn-out affair for the hosts — particularly Steve Wood.

It was quite evident from the early going that the starting pitcher didn't have his best stuff, but because there wasn't much of a bullpen available he had to work his way through nearly five innings and got lit up for 11 runs along the way.

Relievers Dan Fiorita and Mike Jay didn't fare much better over the tail end of the contest, but at least their suffering was short-lived.

Overall, Dundas recorded 20 hits, including four home runs. Two dingers were by Ken Collett, who gave the visitors all the scoring they'd need in the first frame and finished with a total of six RBI.

Teammate R.J. Wild pitched a complete game, holding the Red Sox scoreless over the final six innings.

Ensuring that no shutout would be enjoyed was local leadoff hitter Adam Perre, who got aboard on a sharply hit single and then used a fine bit of base running to score on a double by Andrew Mercier.

Mercier was about the closest thing to a Milton bright spot on the afternoon — posting two hits and making three putouts at second base, a position he's not used to but was saddled with due to Milton's shortened roster.

The Red Sox had nine hits for the game, only two of which were for extra bases.

They'll attempt to get back on track this coming Saturday, June 26 when they host a doubleheader against Brampton. Game one begins at 1 p.m.

Mavs tearing up the league

By **STEVE LeBLANC**

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The Jr. B Mavericks decided it was time to take their game to the next level.

Their ride up went off without a hitch.

Milton had been picking up steam since the midway mark of the year, but all the pieces finally fell into place Friday night at John Tonelli Sports Centre.

As a result, they manhandled the Sarnia Pacers 17-6 for their biggest win of the season.

Coupled with a 14-2 blowout over the hapless Georgetown Bulldogs Sunday afternoon, the Mavericks now ride a five-game winning streak and have all been ensured themselves a second place finish in the Mid-West Division as well as home floor advantage for the opening playoff round.

"Friday's game really pleased me. The guys know what they have to do to win now," said head coach Jim Leworthy, whose team sits at 12-5 with four games left to play in the regular season. "The attitude and morale in the dressing room is high. The players are starting to believe in themselves."

Those last sentiments were particularly true for the third line, which showed strongly all weekend and was a dominant force against Sarnia.

Leading the way were Mike Kirk and Kaegen Sherriff, who collectively figured in seven goals Friday. Kirk was the key trigger man on the night for his first hat-trick this year while Sherriff exploded with five assists and added a goal for good measure inside the final minute of play.

Goaltender Andrew Dowdell was sharp through the entire game — picking up his 10th win — and the local boys kept up their intensity until the bitter end, outgunning Sarnia 8-1 in the third period.

Captain Andrew Hartholt and Cory Leigh each had

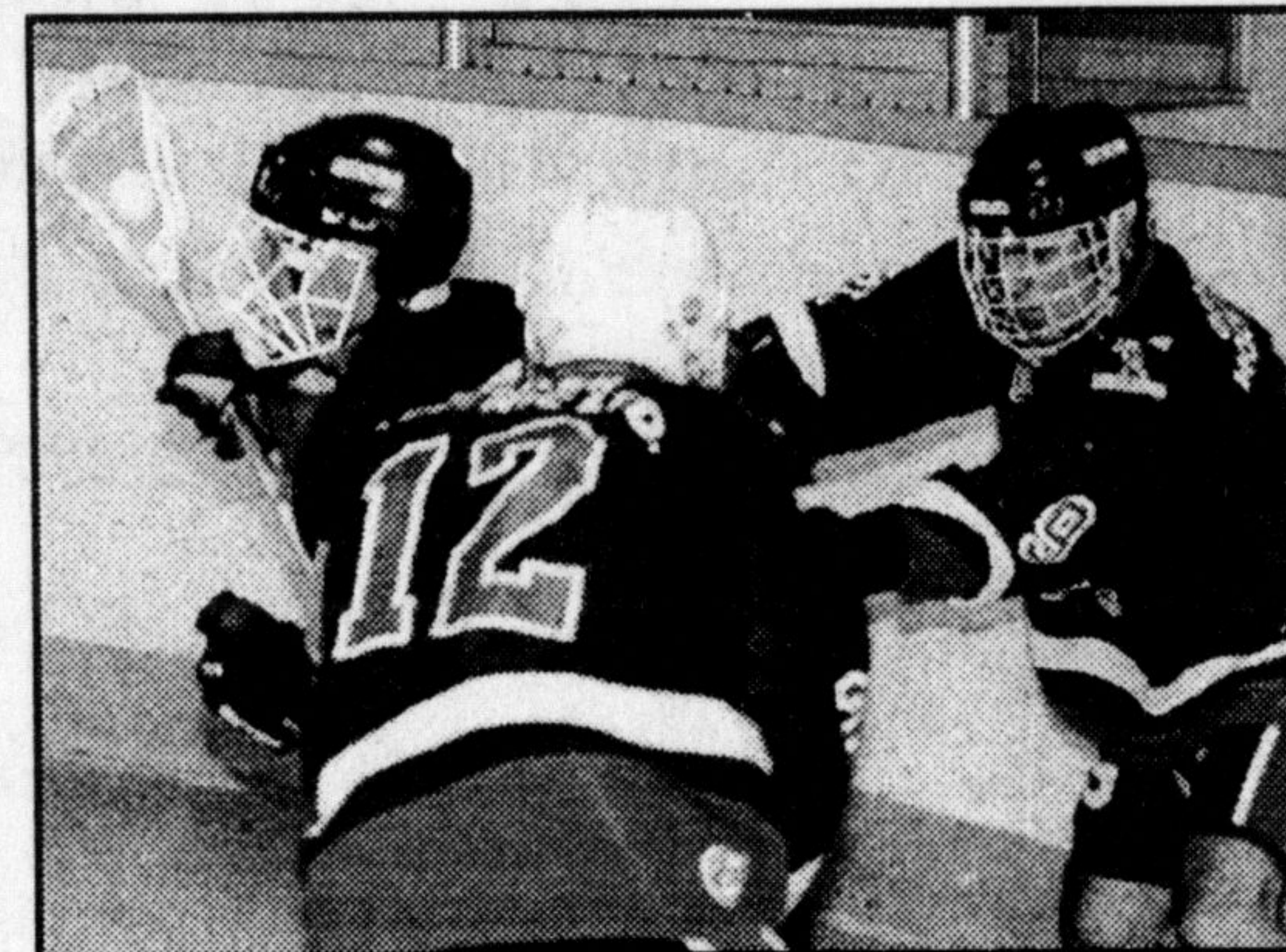


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Lately teams are struggling to keep pace with Milton, as these Georgetown defenders were against a Milton ball carrier in weekend action at Tonelli Sports Centre.

three goals while Graham Darling tallied twice. Single tallies went to Darryl Brown, Kyle Imrie, Jimmy Leworthy Jr., Shane McConnell and Brent Moyer. Chris Powless meanwhile, continued on his torrid point-scoring pace with a five-assist night.

Milton scored four powerplay goals in the third to bury the visitors.

Sunday at home, the Mavs got off to a bit of a slow start — not scoring until the midway mark of the opening frame — but eventually ran roughshod over the basement dwelling 'Dogs, who are in serious danger of going winless this season.

Milton's two goals against established a new single-game record in that department, breaking the old mark of four which had been set a few times, including last year against Georgetown.

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Good things in threes

Chris MacDonald grabbed gold and struck silver in equal amounts recently at the Canadian Masters Swimming Championships in Nepean.

The Milton Masters Aquatic Club member dominated in the 40-44 women's division, triumphing in three events and taking the runner-up spot in three others.

Her victories came in the 800m and 1,500m freestyle as well as the 400m individual medley. The 50m backstroke, 200m backstroke and 400m freestyle were all events in which she finished second.

A newcomer to the local club — though by no means a rookie in the pool — MacDonald led a group of nine teammates into the national showcase. Collectively, Milton amassed 14 medals, including a

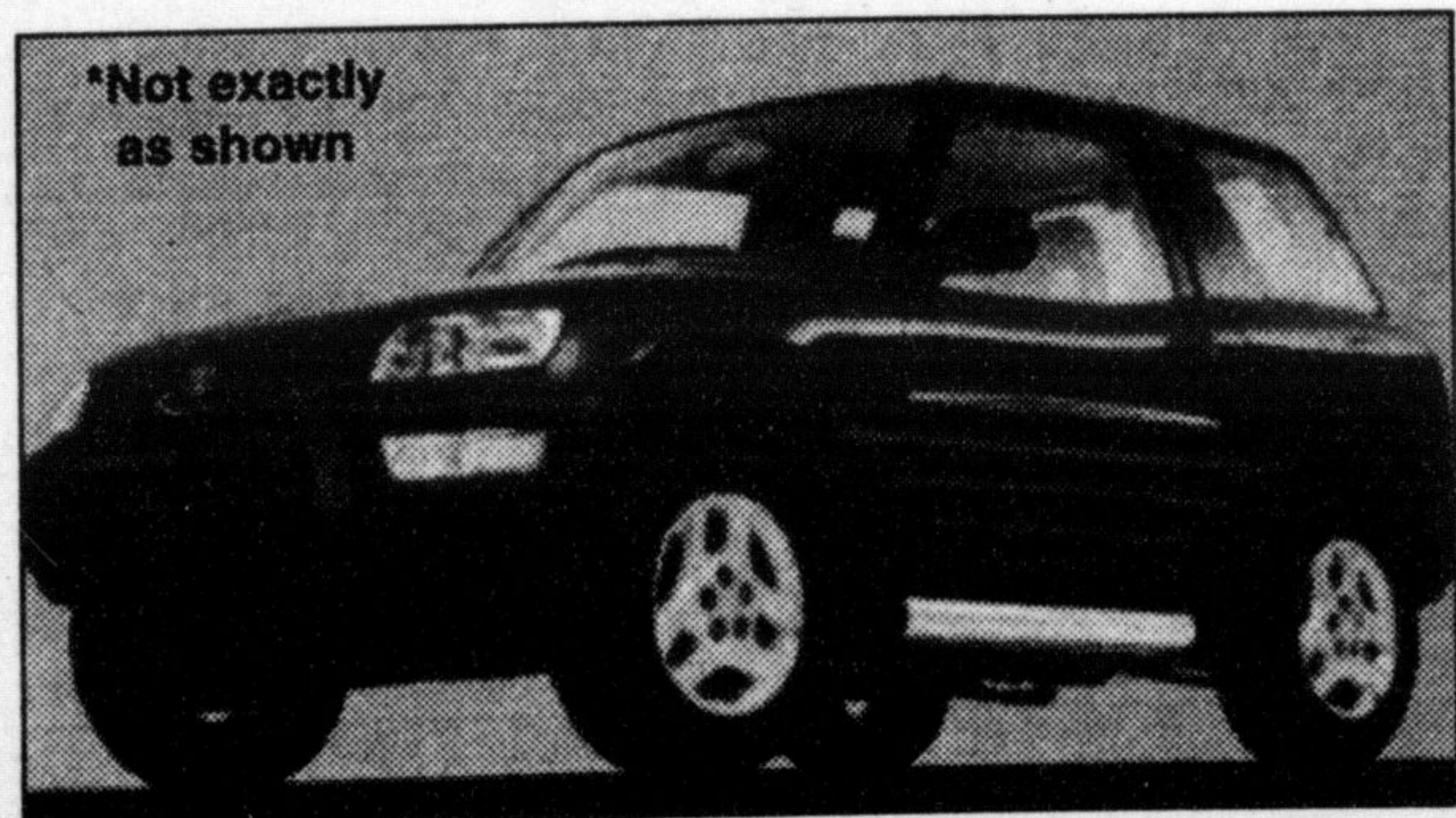
handful of golds.

Lee-Anne Greer was the other golden girl. Competing in the 30-34 women's class, she won both the 50m butterfly and 50m backstroke.

Two more medals came her way — a silver in the 100m individual medley and bronze in the 200m individual medley.

Age class teammate Christian Wasserman was a multiple medalist as well. Her best efforts were delivered in the 800m freestyle, in which she took silver. She also grabbed bronze in the 200m butterfly.

Laura Goodman, in the women's 35-39 loop, swam the 100m backstroke to bronze and helped MacDonald, Greer and Lisa West to third in the 200m medley relay.



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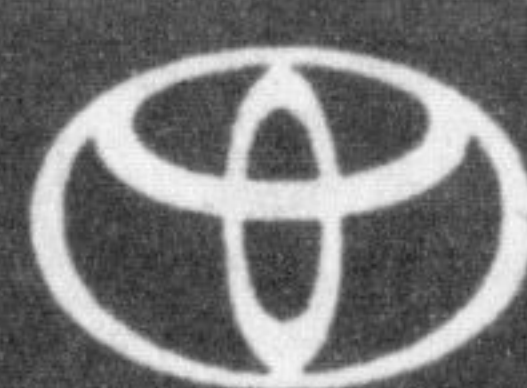
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