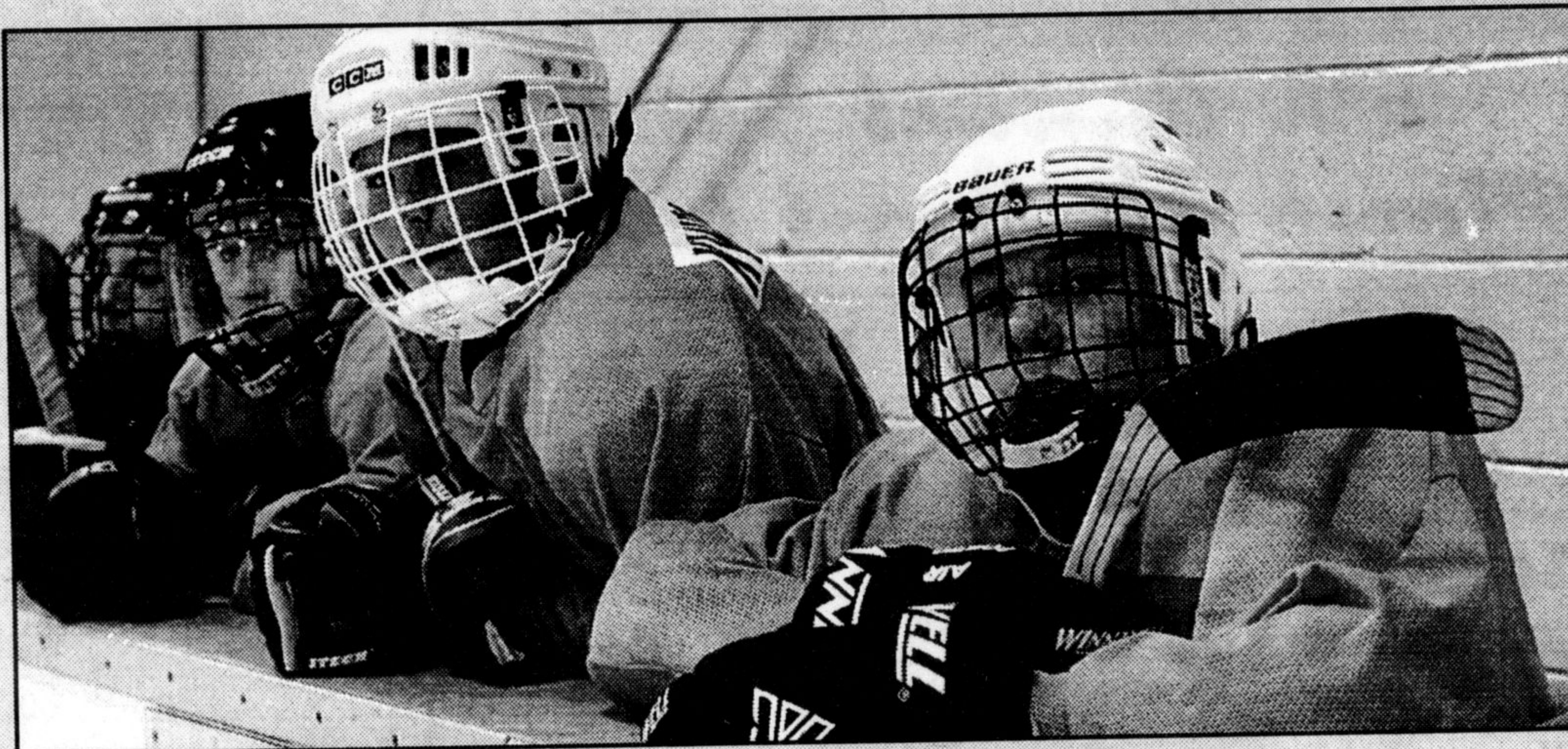
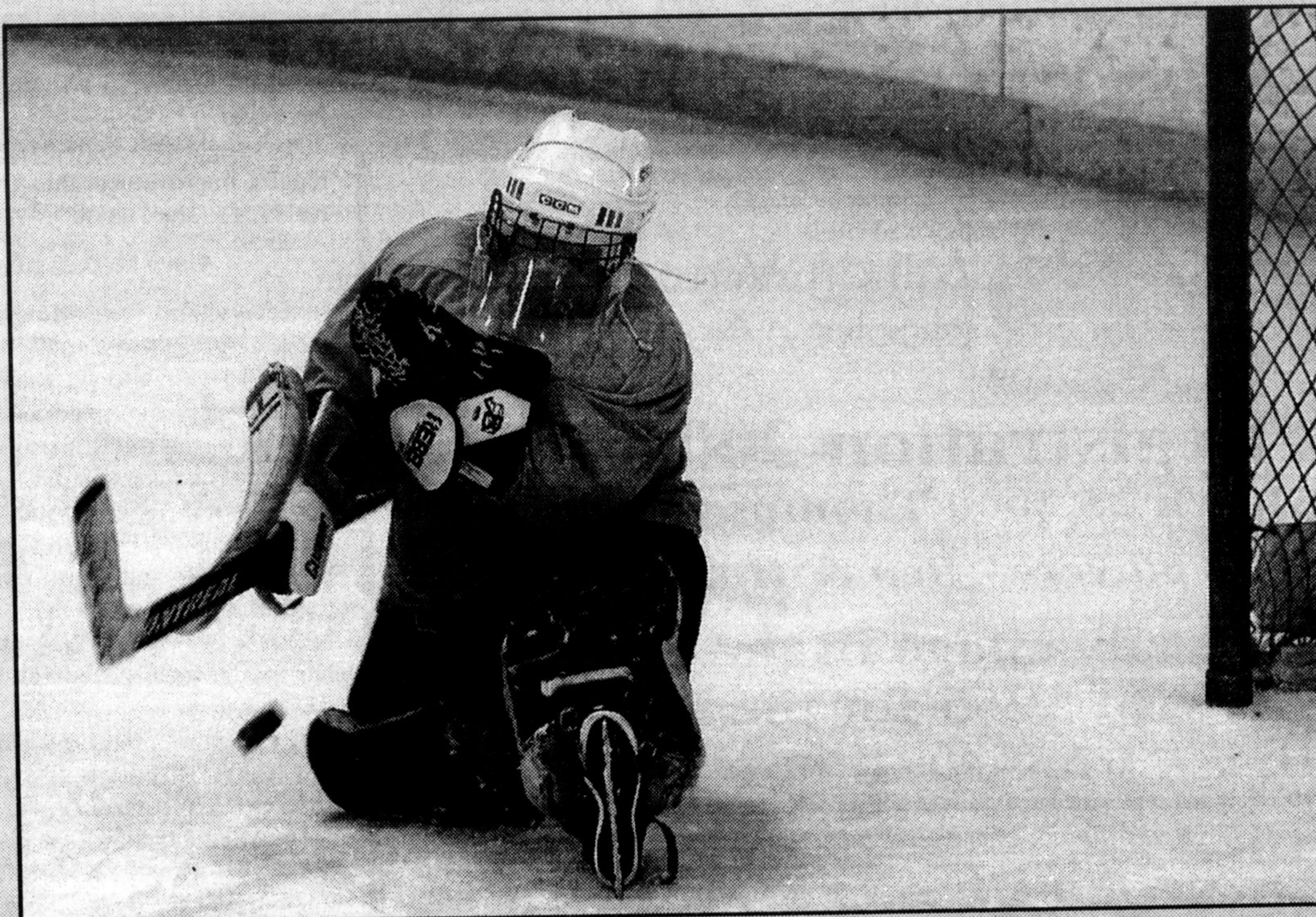
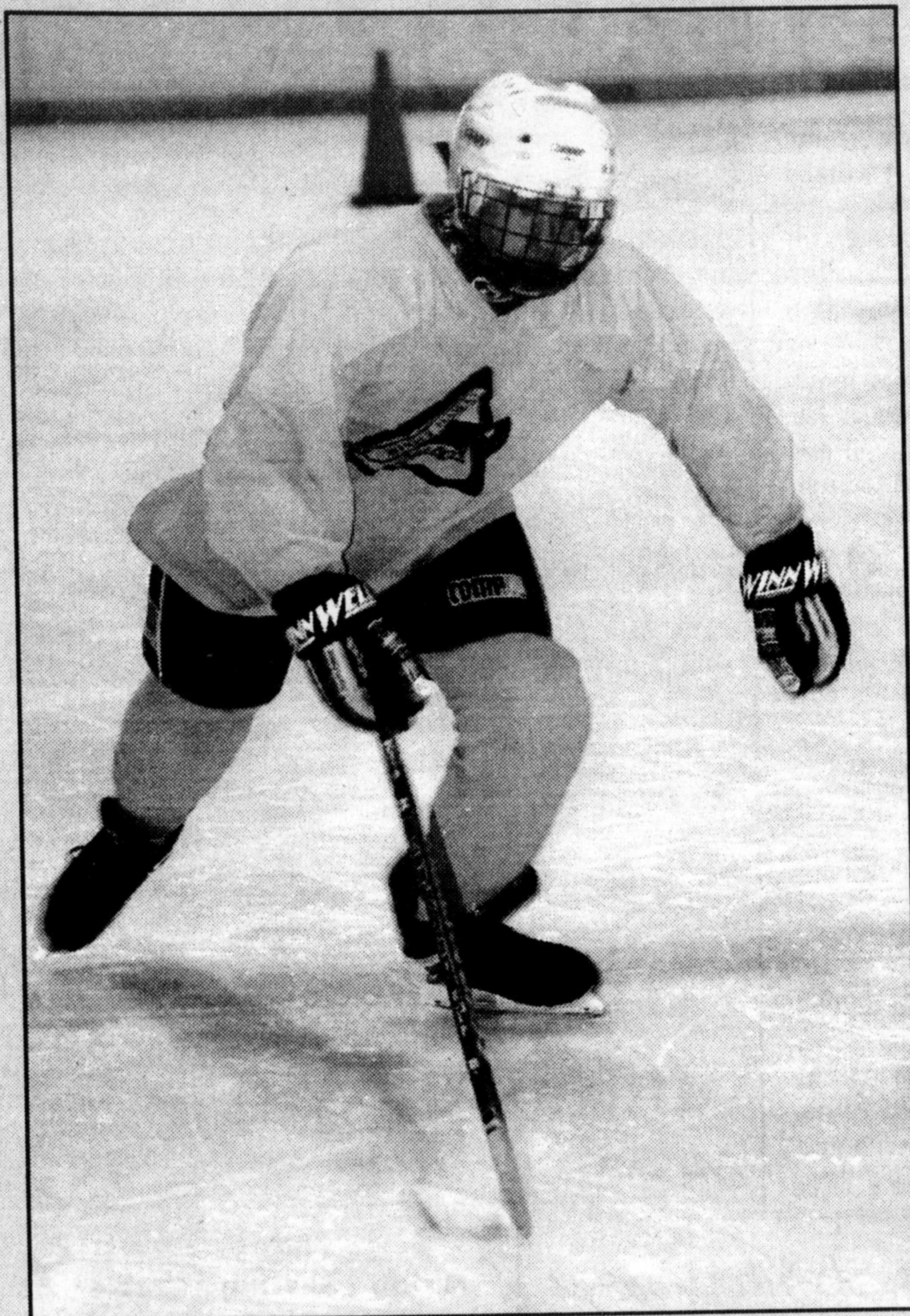




SPORTS

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

FRIDAY MARCH 24, 2000



✓ Skillful showcase

House league major peewees -- including (above) Patrick O'Reilly, (top right) goalie David Eiselle and others waiting on the bench -- were among those who took part in the GoodLife Fitness/MMHA Skills Competition at Memorial Arena Saturday.

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✓ AA midgets knot championship series

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

From road kill to road warriors.

After being completely whitewashed up north last weekend at the Ontario Winter Games, Milton's AA midgets proved they can still score — and even thrive — outside the confines of Memorial Arena.

They did both at Burlington's Appleby Ice Centre Tuesday evening, during game two of the Tri County championship finals.

The Spectrum Airways Winterhawks put the

brakes on a lengthy scoreless stretch away from home less than three minutes into the contest and maintained the upper hand all night en route to toppling the Eagles 5-2.

This knotted the best-of-five series, which continued last night in town, at one win apiece.

Crafty cage work

Goalie Josh Arnold delivered a convincing campaign as Milton's MVP. Flourishing under pressure with key stick checks and remarkable pad saves, he blanked the hosts for more than

two periods and remained rock solid when they finally did make a comeback bid.

Evan Jeans came through with a dynamite defensive effort while big brother Jordan and Rob Day each tallied twice.

Contributing a goal and two assists was Derek Mewhinney.

The 'Hawks led 1-0 and 2-0 by periods. They capitalized on two of four powerplay chances, and overall exhibited a fair amount of grit — despite missing a couple of regulars.

One night earlier at home in the series opener,

they were shortstuffed — with several players being benched for missing curfew up north — and eventually edged by Burlington 4-3.

Netminder Chris Kovachik kept them within striking distance while goals were registered by Mewhinney, Kris Beal and call-up Julian Ricci — who offered an impressive effort, as did Day.

Game four will be held at Burlington's Central Arena Sunday. If necessary, a fifth and deciding game will be played at Milton Memorial Arena Monday.

Game time will be 9 p.m.



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