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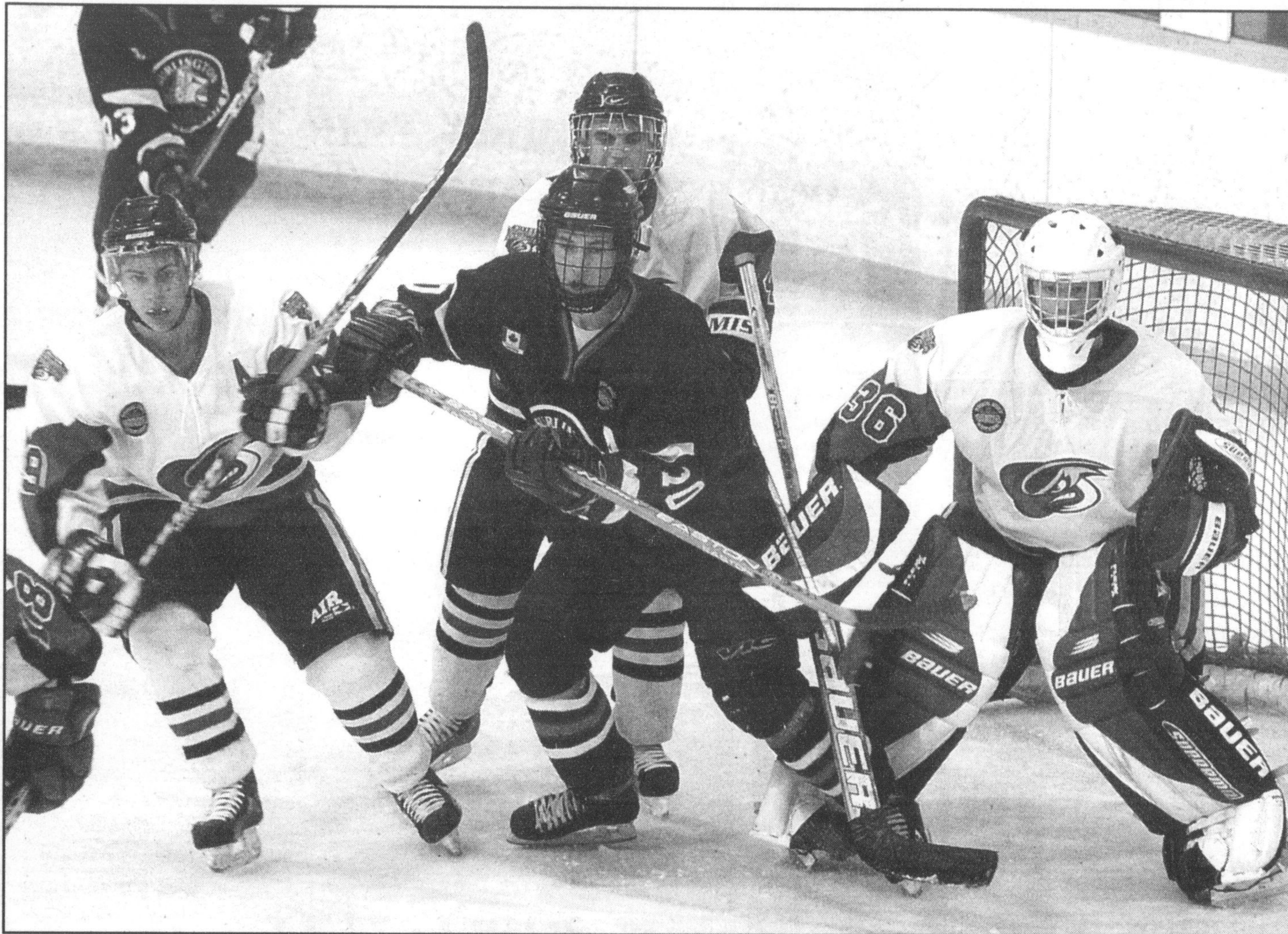


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Milton forward Jonathan Ornelas (left) and defenceman Ryan Bernardi keep an eye on Burlington's Spencer Churchill while IceHawks goaltender Jamie Flury watches the play during Milton's 7-3 victory over the Cougars Sunday afternoon at Memorial Arena. The IceHawks also edged Brampton 5-4 in overtime Friday evening and have lost only once on home ice since mid-November.

IceHawks continue home-ice supremacy

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

Two more home games, two more victories.

Milton's juniors continued their success at Memorial Arena this past weekend, knocking off a couple of lower-echelon opponents — one with a little overtime drama, the other in dominant fashion.

Having lost just once in their own barn since mid-November, the IceHawks kicked things off with a 5-4 sudden death win over Brampton Friday evening.

Brett Robinson provided the heroics, deflecting a Mike DeMarchi shot past Capitals cager Ryan Dickie 2:10 into the extra session to punctuate a three-goal night.

Fellow Bramalea Blue-turned-IceHawk Adam Pileggi tallied twice and drew an assist on goal number four.

Their combined efforts helped Milton prevail on

a night when structural defects — particularly evident in the defensive zone — allowed the visitors to erase a pair of two-goal deficits and steal a point for the overtime loss.

Steadily-improving blue-liner Ryan Bernardi picked up a couple of helpers in the narrow win, which lacked any kind of physicality or playoff-like intensity.

In net for the win was Thomas Lee.

Dump Cougars

Two days later, the IceHawks offered their family day fans something a little more up to par in toppling the Burlington Cougars 7-3.

Returning from a short hiatus, Jamie Flury was a bit rusty between the pipes early on, but was gen-

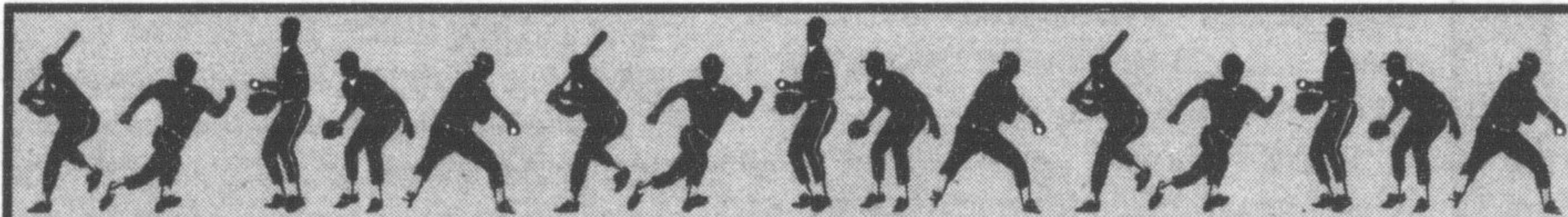
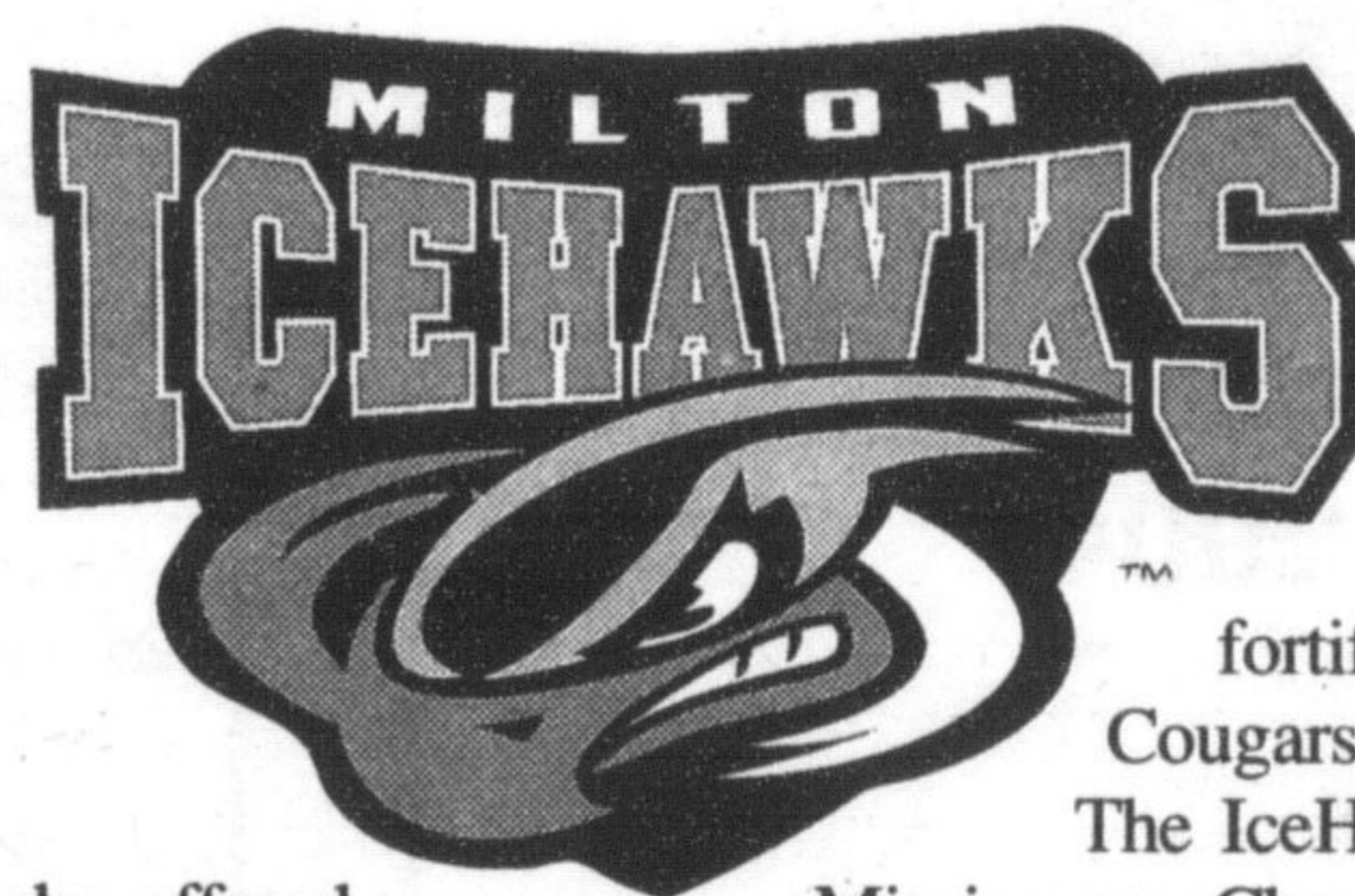
erally steady in earning the victory.

Brad Snetsinger capped an impressive weekend with two goals, while chipping in singles were Bernardi, Dean Strong, Ryan McInerney, Julian Sarraino and Jonathan Ornelas — whose team-leading goal total now stands at 35.

Milton coughed up an early lead with some less-than-stellar play, but quickly fortified its efforts to turn back the Cougars.

The IceHawks are now set to face the Mississauga Chargers — led by former Milton skipper Rick Bince — in first-round play, starting this weekend.

Before that they'll close out the regular season tonight in Streetsville.



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