

It's getting down to the wire

Tension was high and the atmosphere sizzled as teams in the Men's Indoor Soccer League completed the first round of the Colbeck Realty playoffs Sunday at E.C. Drury.

Walter Eadie and Trevor Preddy of the Referees Association did a fine job of dousing potential hotspots, as was evident in one game which saw a two-on-two situation for five minutes. All results were close with no vic-

torious team having an easy time of it.

In the first game MYSC Coaches doubled Dickens 2-1. Dave Hackett got the go-ahead goal for Coaches five minutes into the game from a free kick. The scoreline remained unchanged until Coaches went up 2-0 midway through the second half on a Dickens error. Glen Innes did the right thing in heading the ball back to goalkeeper Peter Moules to diffuse a

dangerous situation but Moules, not a natural keeper, failed to react to the backpass and the ball found the back of the net.

Les Tinsley fired in a late Dickens goal after Joe Lynn had set him up from a free kick but it was too little too late.

Although Realty World Phantoms blanked Abacus Scales 2-0, once again it was Sandy McLaughlin who

saved the Phantoms with his netminding skills.

Phantoms went 1-0 up in the first half as Al Murphy thumped the ball home after Tom Febers had set him up. Murphy returned the favour in the second half and fed the ball to Febers who netted from long range, to cement the outcome.

Next up were Hobo's and Otto's Chemical Lounge. Otto's missed a glorious opportunity to score when they were awarded a penalty but Stephan Jaap fired high. Then came the two-on-two situation for five minutes but neither team was able to take advantage of it.

It looked as though the game would end in a deadlock necessitating a shoot-out but it was not to be. Hobo's clinched it in the last minute of play. From a free kick, Ian Hamer fed the ball to Ronnie Wright who found the mark from a tight angle, giving Hobo's a 1-0 win.

The Frankel Steel-Gordon Carpets contest was a fine finale, requiring a shoot-out to decide it after the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

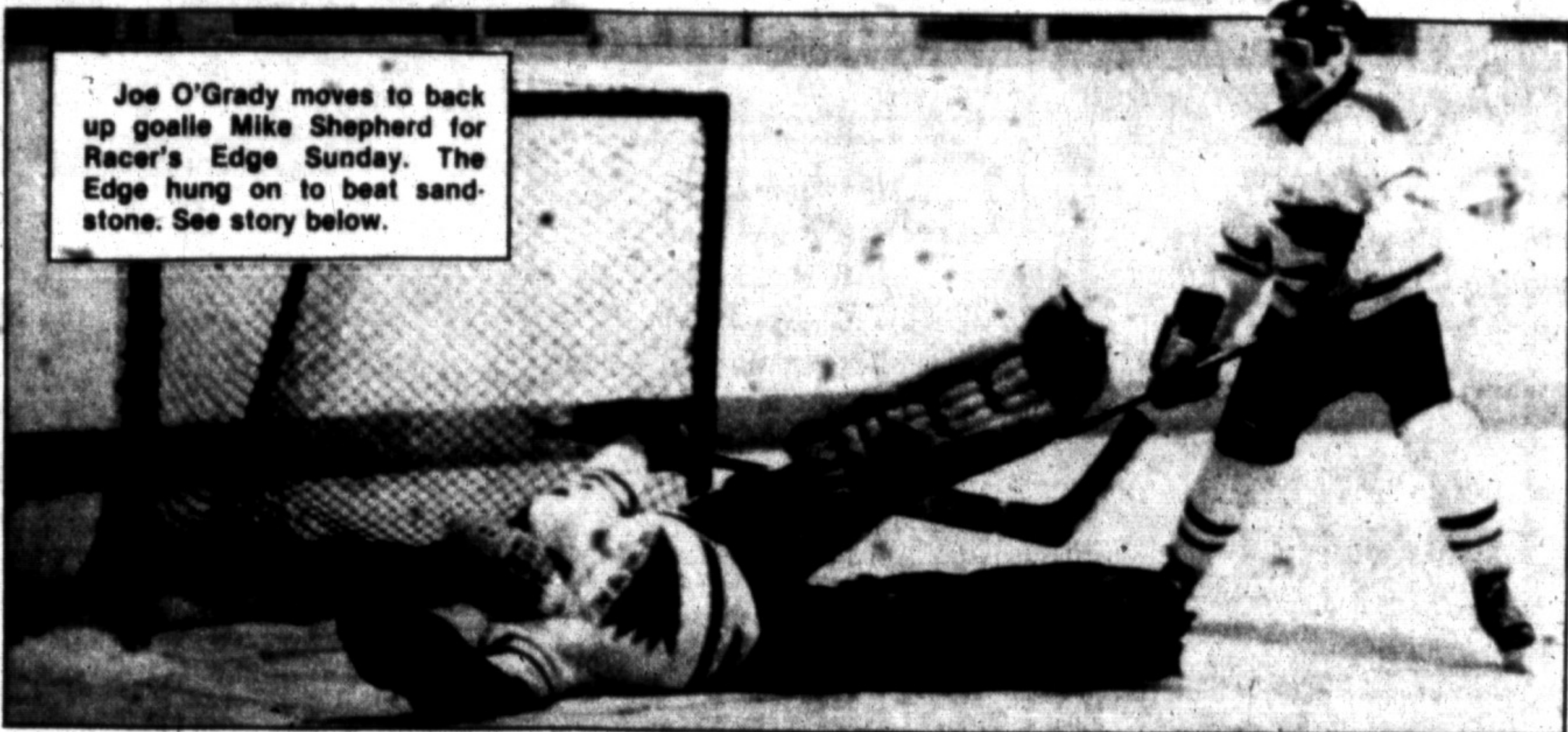
Danny Shields put Frankel 1-0 ahead in the first half when he headed home and this lead stood until early into the second half thanks to a Carpets miscue. Paul Reid could have levelled the score from a penalty kick but fired high.

However, Gary Metcalfe made amends when he notched the equalizer after a fine individual run to make it 1-1. Since the game ended in a tie, a shoot-out ensued, with each team taking five penalty shots.

The future looked grim for Frankel as they missed their first two spot kicks and trailed 2-0. However, Carpets missed all three of their remaining shots while Frankel netted theirs, giving Frankel a 3-2 margin in the shoot-out and the final playoff berth.

The four losers from Sunday's game will join Maplehurst for the Keiso Travel consolation trophy. This will be kicked-off next Sunday with an elimination contest between Abacus Scales and Maplehurst at 11:25 a.m.

The various trophies form the indoor league will be awarded by Dale Barnes on Friday May 2. Tickets for the award banquet can be acquired from either Eric Allsop or Al Lucas.



Joe O'Grady moves to back up goalie Mike Shepherd for Racers' Edge Sunday. The Edge hung on to beat sandstone. See story below.

Two upsets in MHL semifinals

Last year's champions and this year's first-place finishers both lost their opening playoff games in Milton Hockey League action Sunday at John Tonelli Sports Centre.

Sandstone Transport, last year's champs, lost 4-3 to a determined Racers' Edge squad. Haggart Crane Service, the top finishers this year, were cuffed 8-5 in what most saw as an upset by Straight Line Fence.

Fencers have a lot of shift workers on their team but those people have made it their business to be available for hockey over the series. They came out with a full squad Sunday, and for Straight Line coach Gary Sim it was a chance to prove what his club could do when all the warm bodies turned up.

"Tonight we had all our players out. We played tonight like we could have all season if everyone had come out. It made all the difference. You can't play with one line."

Fencers built a 3-0 lead before Haggart came back with a goal late in the first.

"It was good to get an early lead on Haggart because it's tough to play catch-up with them," Sim pointed out. Asked if he was surprised about taking the lead in the four-point series Sim replied, "Not really. We'll play them to our fullest."

Bruce Allworth led the winners with a hat trick while Ralph Serafini collected two goals. Don Habkirk, Mark Whitten and Joe Todd scored

the other Straight Line goals. Straight Line had a 3-1 lead after one, and a 5-3 lead after two. Pat Haggart led Haggart Crane Service with two goals while Roger Delnin, John Arnold and Guy McGinnis had one apiece.

George Trencs, Willy Ceelen, Joe O'Grady and Mark Haskett scored for Racers' as they forced the fast-breaking Sandstone club to play catch-up throughout the game. Richard Murray scored twice for Sandstone while Ivo Zulian scored the other Sandstone goal.

Action moves to Memorial Arena next week as Racers take on Sandstone at 8 p.m. and Haggart Crane Service goes against Straight Line Fence in the late game.

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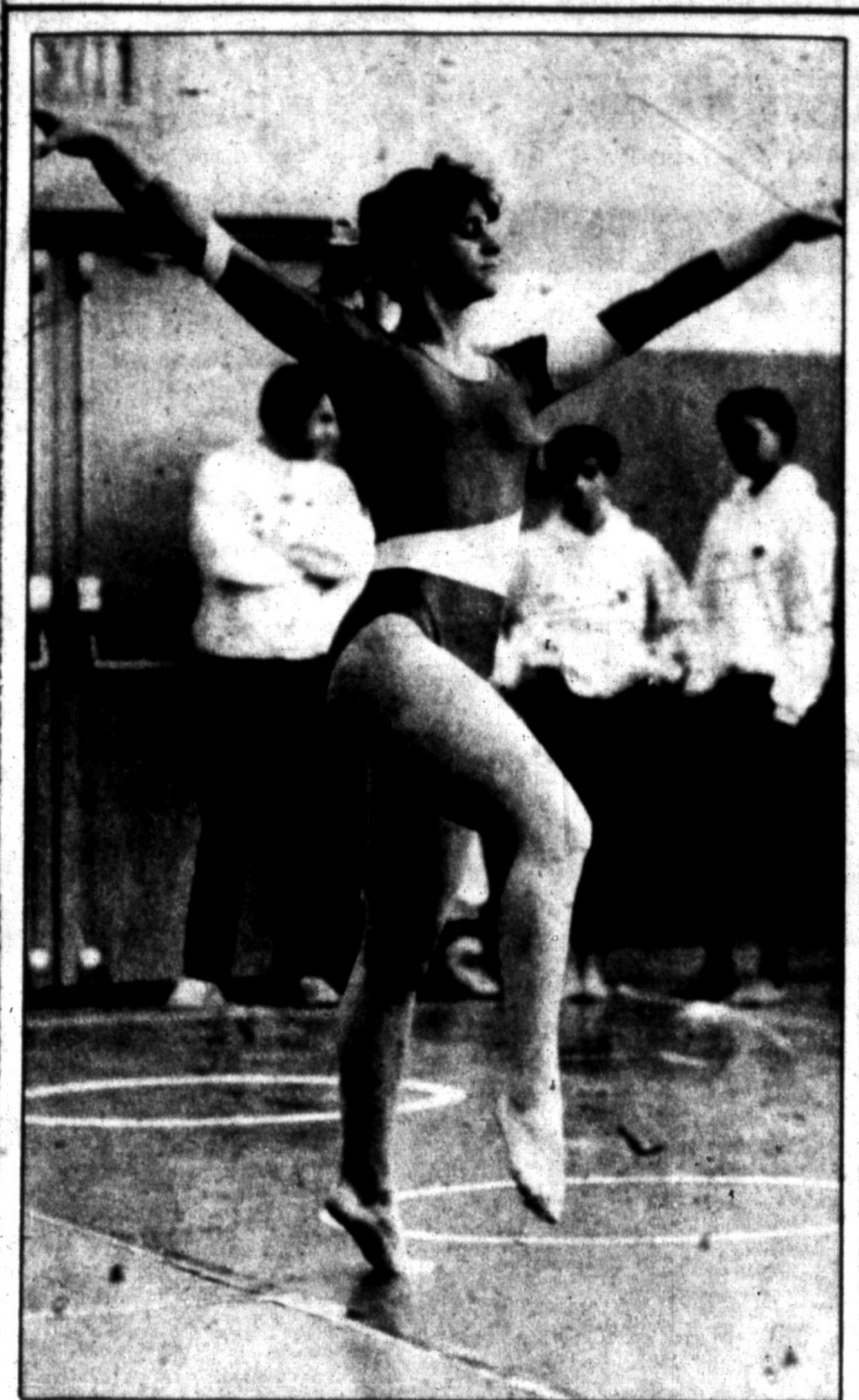
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French takes first three advance

Tammy French took first place overall in Club C gymnastics competition at the Peel-Halton high school finals, leading her three-member Milton District High School team to three berths in the provincial finals.

Milton's Joanne Keyworth took second place in Club B competition while Katrina Sipkes was third overall in Club C. The top three competitors in each category move on to the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) championship Saturday April 12 in Kitchener.

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