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# Drury v-ball team wins trip to Halton finals

## Junior squad surprises Oakville-Trafalgar 15-11, 15-5 en route

E.C. Drury's junior boys volleyball team earned a trip to the Halton regional high school finals Thursday afternoon at Oakville Trafalgar, with a 2-0 semifinal victory over the powerhouse Red Devils. Despite home court advantage and a

first-place finish in the Volpe Division this season, OT had trouble penetrating the Spartans' defensive web and fell in 15-11, 15-5 decisions.

"We really focused on our defense, especially covering the hitters, during our last

two practices and it paid off Thursday," said coach Linda Bobor, whose squad finished 7-2 over the regular season and bumped off Burlington Central last Monday in quarterfinal action.

The Spartans and Devils were neck-and-

neck in game one up until the 10-point mark, when the visitors pulled ahead and took the early lead. From there, it was pretty much all E.C. — except for a couple of missed serves that allowed the home team a short-lived period of momentum.

Power Jeff Morgan anchored Drury's defensive efforts while middle Chris Hunt laid down the big hits and fellow middle Bobby Hicks showed great improvement at the net. Power Ross Smith and setter Mike Maynard were also effective at their respective positions while Brent Van Loosen stood out at the service line.

Kevin Houldcroft's senior Spartans weren't quite as successful in their playoff run — which came to an end Thursday at Oakville's T.A. Blakelock.

"We had beaten them (Tigers) twice this season, but we weren't deceptive enough and they blocked everything," explained Houldcroft, after his team's 15-10, 15-13 semifinal loss. The seniors were one better than their junior counterparts over the regular season, finishing at 8-1. They bested Nelsen of Burlington in two straight games during last Monday's quarter-finals.

Despite getting blocked on numerous occasions, middle Brett Lewis and power Steven Roy did lay down a few hits and helped Drury rally from a 14-7 deficit in game two. Unfortunately, their string of unanswered points ended at six when Blakelock decided to put the game — and the match — away.

Pat Paladino, Ryan Lawrence, Darryl Grimsey and Devin Richardson rounded out the starting six and all came up with some impressive efforts. Scott Tovey was the main substitute and was also solid.

## Fredriksson leads Drury's girls' rugby team to title

Emma Fredriksson opened and closed the books on a heart-stopping 15-10 victory for her E.C. Drury girls' rugby team recently in St. Catharines — the final hurdle at the Holy Cross High School Sevens Tournament.

Up against the host team in the championship final, she put her team on the scoresheet early with an initial try and fought through a nagging injury later on — sustained making a game-saving tackle — to produce the winning try with seconds left in double overtime.

Julie Price shared in Fredriksson's heroics with a try near the end of regulation time to prevent Holy Cross' all but certain victory.

The championship win followed a second-place showing in the Ontario Sevens Tournament two weeks earlier.

The Spartans went undefeated through round-robin play, besting Peel's John Fraser, Assumption 2 and Holy Cross. The turned aside Assumption 1's challenge in the semi-finals.

Price led Drury's offensive charge with eight tries and anchored her team to an 89-40 edge in scoring over their opposition. Vicki White collected five tries, with Fredriksson counting four and adding two conversions.

Also competing in St. Catharines were Brennian Dean, Michelle Gregory, Tiffany Kishita, Amy Ollerenshaw, Becky Paul and Imera Taha.

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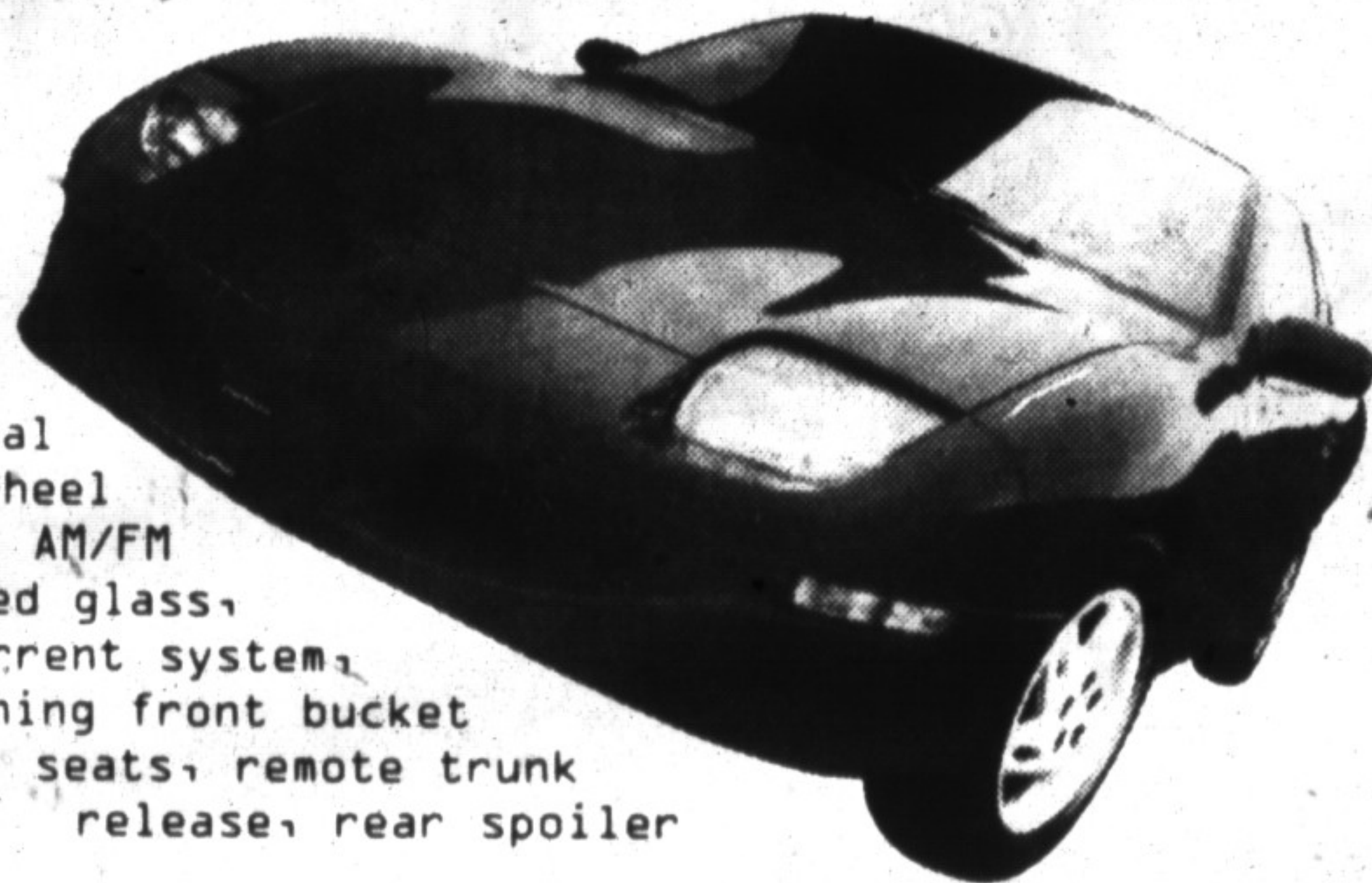
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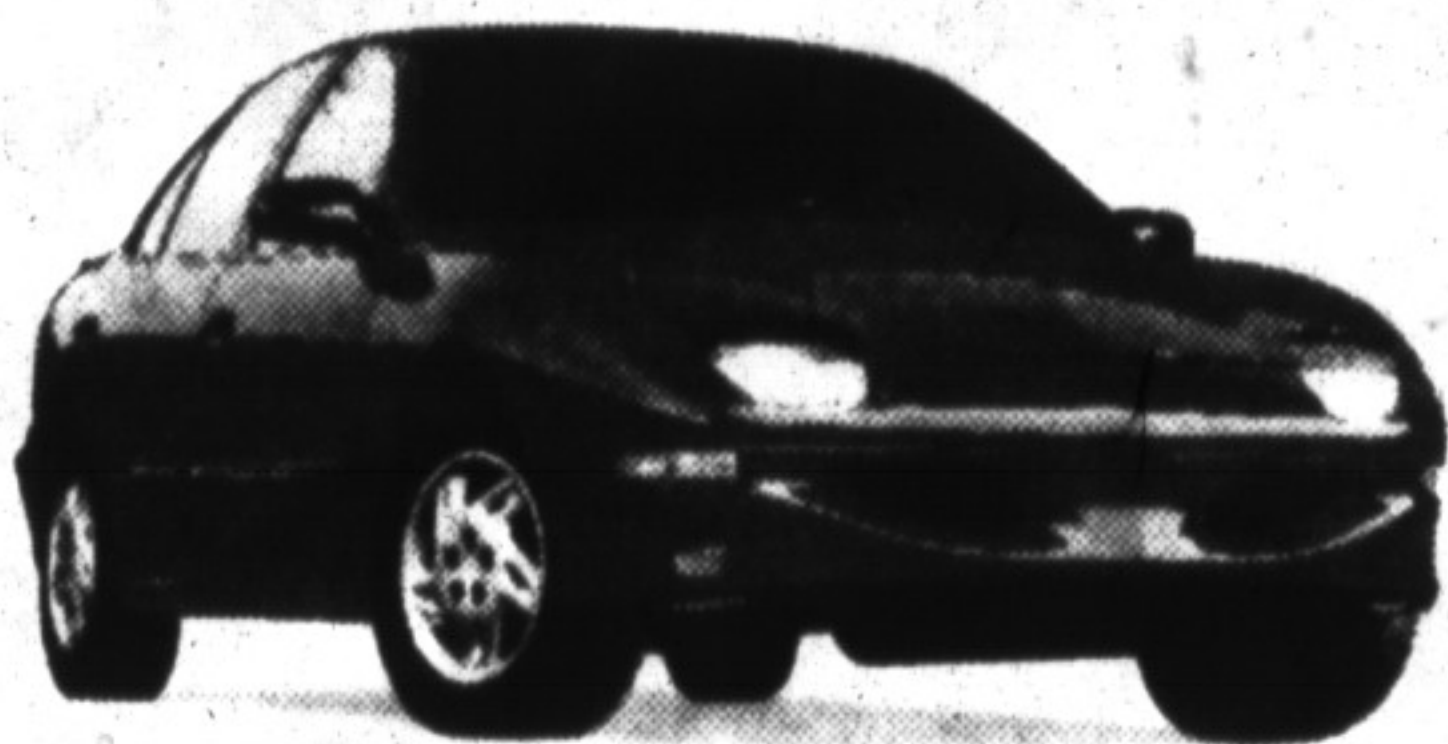


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