

Short-handed Haggart holds on

Bulls almost break losing string

For a few fleeting moments Sunday night, it appeared West End Bulls were on the verge of capturing their first win in Milton Hockey League action.

It's been 26 games (counting last year) since West End entered the league as a last-minute replacement for Lou's Place Hawks and for 25 consecutive times, West End has gone down to defeat.

Despite its promise, number 26 was no different.

B.W. Haggart Crane Service, which played the entire contest with just three players, won a hard-fought battle 4-3 extending Bulls losing string. The win was a major accomplishment for Haggart which completed the final 3:32 with no substitutions after three players from each team were expelled for fighting.

In other games, Straight Line Fence maintained its grasp on first place with a 4-2 win over SuperChoice while Sandstone Transport remained in the hunt with an 8-4 win over Century-21.

B.W. Haggart and Bulls engaged in an uninspired contest for much of the match. B.W. Haggart's inspiration took the form of perspiration from the lack of substitution while Bulls were full of exasperation at having squandered so many good scoring chances.

Rick Bridgman was the lead offensive player for B.W. Haggart with three goals while Gary Dance added one. Peter Rota picked up two assists.

For Bulls, Jeff Reddef, Bill Goencz and Greg Orpen netted one apiece.

The game was marred with two brawls involving six participants. Since the

MHL highlights

league has become no-contact, a new rule states that any player who picks up two majors is expelled from the league. All six players now must play the rest of the year without a major or face ejection from the league.

Straight Line scored four second-period goals and then killed 10 minutes of short-handedness in the final frame successfully to secure the win over SuperChoice.

After a scoreless opening period, Straight Line got goals from Don Habkirk and Bills Lyons for a 2-0 lead. SuperChoice bounced back with a goal from Robin Bourbonnais but Straight Line scored twice in a 27-second span late in the period to take a 4-1 stranglehold on the game. Rob

Champoux and Habkirk scored.

In the final period, SuperChoice made good on just one of six power-play opportunities, by Rick Chapman, but couldn't convert more to draw them closer to Straight Line.

Sandstone Transport broke a 3-3 tie with two goals a minute apart late in the second period for a lead it didn't relinquish the rest of the way.

Ron Armstrong and Joey Gaezon paced Sandstone with two goals apiece while Ed Loeprich, Richard Shannon, Ivo Zulian and Kirk Mauro added one each. Duane Stark, Wayne Broughton, Mike Kalapaca and Earl Sheppard replied for Century-21 while Bob Baker was ejected from the game for conduct no resembling a hockey player.

Notes: There are no games scheduled for Sunday in light of the Grey Cup football game.



Such was the fate of West End Bulls Sunday as even golden opportunities like this failed. B.W. Haggart denied Bulls their first win of their two-year history in the Milton Hockey League with a 4-3 win.

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Steamers' efforts pay off dividends

Employing a well-disciplined attack, Milton Steamers ran its unbeaten string to three games with a well-earned 4-2 win over Vaughan Raiders Friday at Memorial Arena.

The string ended the next night in Mimico when the host Monarchs humbled Steamers 7-1.

The exchange of points leaves Milton with a record of 7-6-2 although a Milton win against Burlington has been successfully protested and the points awarded to Burlington.

Subsequent examination of Burlington's roster found some illegal players and the points were taken away with Burlington and given to no one. That decision has since been appealed by both Burlington and Milton with a final result expected later this week.

The controversy concerns Milton's Trevor Erb and several improperly registered players with Burlington. All were affiliated players (AP) cards and the OHA failed to pass them.

In the games, Milton clearly dominated Vaughan and were in not for some bad luck around the goal by Steamers' Bobby Landry, could have run up the score much higher.

As things stood, Landry scored twice and added an assist but also hit two goalposts with the goalie beaten and came close on numerous other occasions.

Steamers took control of the first period netting the first goal just two goals into the contest when Landry scored from Rick Stachura.

Six minutes into the second period, Kef MacDonald completed a fine two-on-one with Landry carefully deflecting a goalmouth perfect pass into the goal. Kevin Holmes also assisted.

Steamers' third goal of the game six minutes later was the prettiest of the night. Centreman Dale Dawe, skilfully carried the puck over the Vaughan blue line while fighting off some tenacious checking.

Dawe dropped the puck near the blue line to defenceman Mark Duval whose low hard slapshot was deflected by Erb into the goal.

Steamers upped their lead to 4-0 three minutes into the third period. Vaughan goalie Bill Stewart came flying out the goal attempting to smother a loose puck out near the blue line. Although he broke up the rush, Stewart neglected to cover the puck and Landry, ever the opportunist, picked up the loose puck and calmly deposited the disc into the vacated goal.

Vaughan made a game of with a goal just one minute later and a short-handed tally with 1:19 remaining but got no closer.

Mimico put six goals up on the scoreboard before Steamers broke Gord Terry's shutout bid. Mimico led 3-0 after one period and 5-0 heading into the third period. Perri Hood scored Milton's lone goal from Stu Anderson and Dawe.

Off the Track: The OHA has launched a major investigation into the signings of all players in the Central Ont. Jr. B League.

Several early squabbles concerning player eligibility with several clubs has forced the OHA to open the books on all nine COJBL teams.

In keeping with player eligibility, Claude Bertrand, who last year was voted Steamers' most valuable defenceman, remains in limbo. Hamilton Kilty Bs, of the Niagara and District League have refused to release Bertrand.

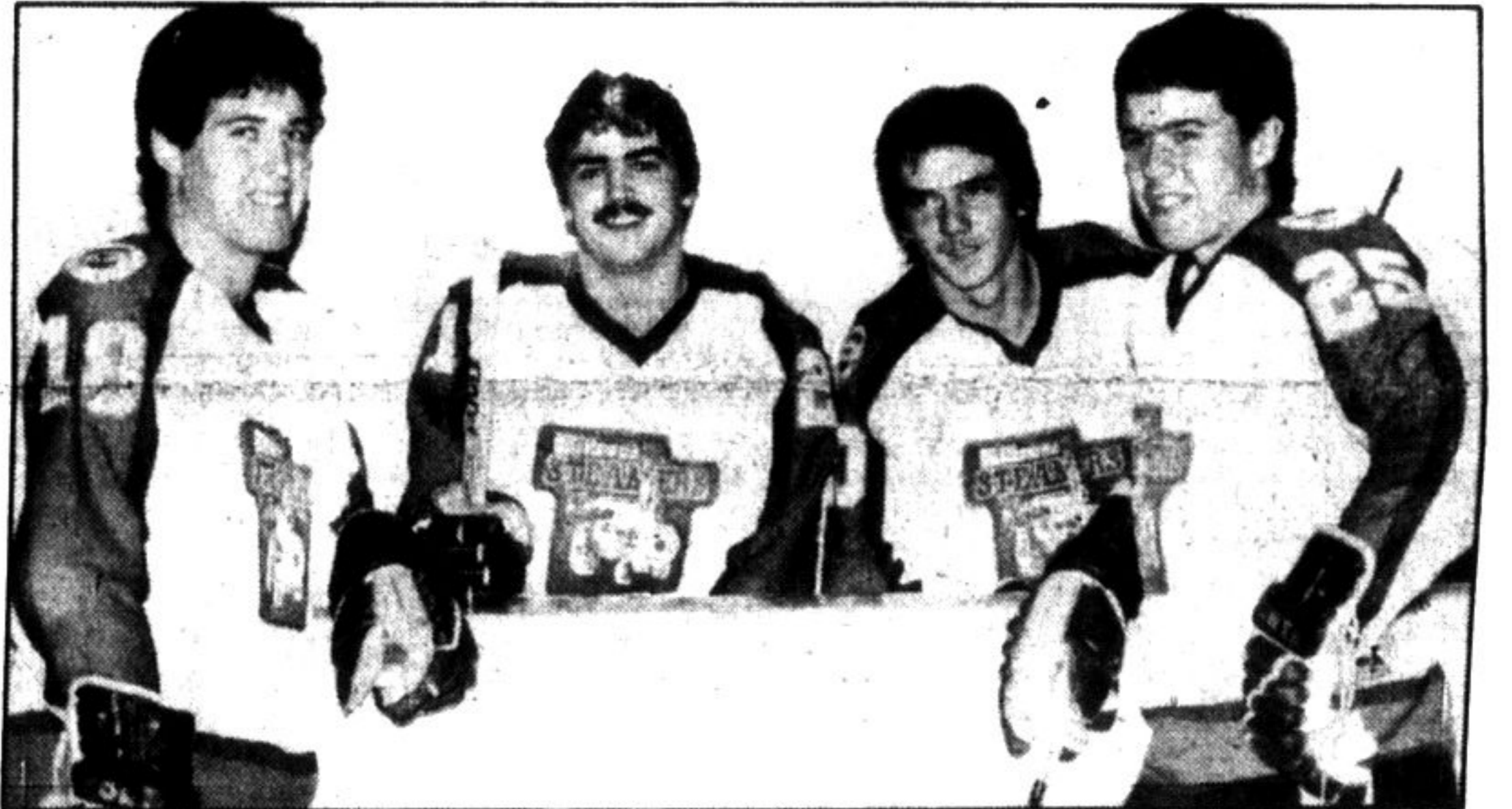
bands Friday in honour of assistant coach Mike Kushner who died. Steamer general manager Grant Turner said a final decision concerning Bertrand should be re-



solved this week. Raiders players wore black and white during a heart attack Thursday night. Among the players suiting up for

Vaughan was one Murray Hood who is no relation to Steamers' shareholder and timekeeper of the same name. It would have been interesting had Perri Hood, Murray's son with the Steamers, and Vaughan's Hood engaged in coincidental penalties. Announcer Hood would have had his hands full.

Steamers host Barrie Colts Friday at 8 p.m. in the club's lone game of the week. It's Family Night at Memorial Arena for the game and fans are encouraged to arrive early and bring ear plugs.



Milton's Brampton connection (left to right) Kevin Holmes, Ken MacDonald, Rick Stachura and Pete Jeffrey have played a key role in Steamers' resurgence this year. The foursome played together last year with Brampton's AAA juvenile team which won the OMHA championship.

Four stick

Brampton connection nets Steamers gold mine

Often times, junior team managers spend countless hours watching hockey games every night hoping to find a player who might just be able to help them.

When Milton Steamer general manager Grant Turner took to watching Brampton's AAA OMHA championship juvenile team, he got more than he bargained for.

While most managers are content to find one good hockey player from a diligent search of several teams, Turners picked up a gold mine when he lured four members of the Brampton side into the Milton fold.

Rick Stachura, Kevin Holmes, Ken MacDonald and Pete Jeffrey were all signed at various times to cards by Steamers either before or just after the season started and all four have stuck with the club.

Originally, MacDonald and Stachura took the short drive down Highway 401 and attended Steamers' training camp virtually from the start. Holmes followed a few weeks later and when Jeffrey signed a card three games into the season, the airlift was complete.

Last year at the juvenile level, all four players echoed MacDonald's comments that it was the most enjoyable of their minor hockey careers.

"That was the best year ever I've had in hockey," said MacDonald. "Everyone enjoyed it. We walked away with the league (21-3

and then we went 14-1-1 in OMHA playoffs to win it all."

The team did some travelling as well going to St. Louis, Mo., taking on older first-year college teams. Brampton advanced to the final in the tournament losing by a single goal.

Stachura was the first to make the trek to Milton. His father and Turner are friends. He talked MacDonald into joining him.

Although the foursome fit in with the Milton side, they say there are a few differences in the different brands of hockey.

"It's a lot tougher here," said Jeffrey, a defenceman. "But the competition of some teams is equal to the top juvenile teams we played against last year."

Stachura, a leftwinger usually placed alongside Bob Landry, said "They move faster in junior. There's a little more body contact but there aren't as many goons here as there were in juvenile."

The added roughness to the league isn't anything Holmes, a rightwinger can't handle. He's known for his physical approach to the game.

"It's closer checking here and the pace is faster. There's good competition this year. The teams seem evenly balanced."

MacDonald echoed his teammates, "it's faster and rougher up here but it's not anything we don't think we can't handle."

Two heaters on their way

Parks and recreation director Larry Arbic has ordered two new heaters for Memorial Arena.

The heaters were ordered Nov. 5 and should arrive in two to three weeks. Money for the heaters was found in the recreation budget by buying a smaller than planned commercial fridge for the Lions Hall.

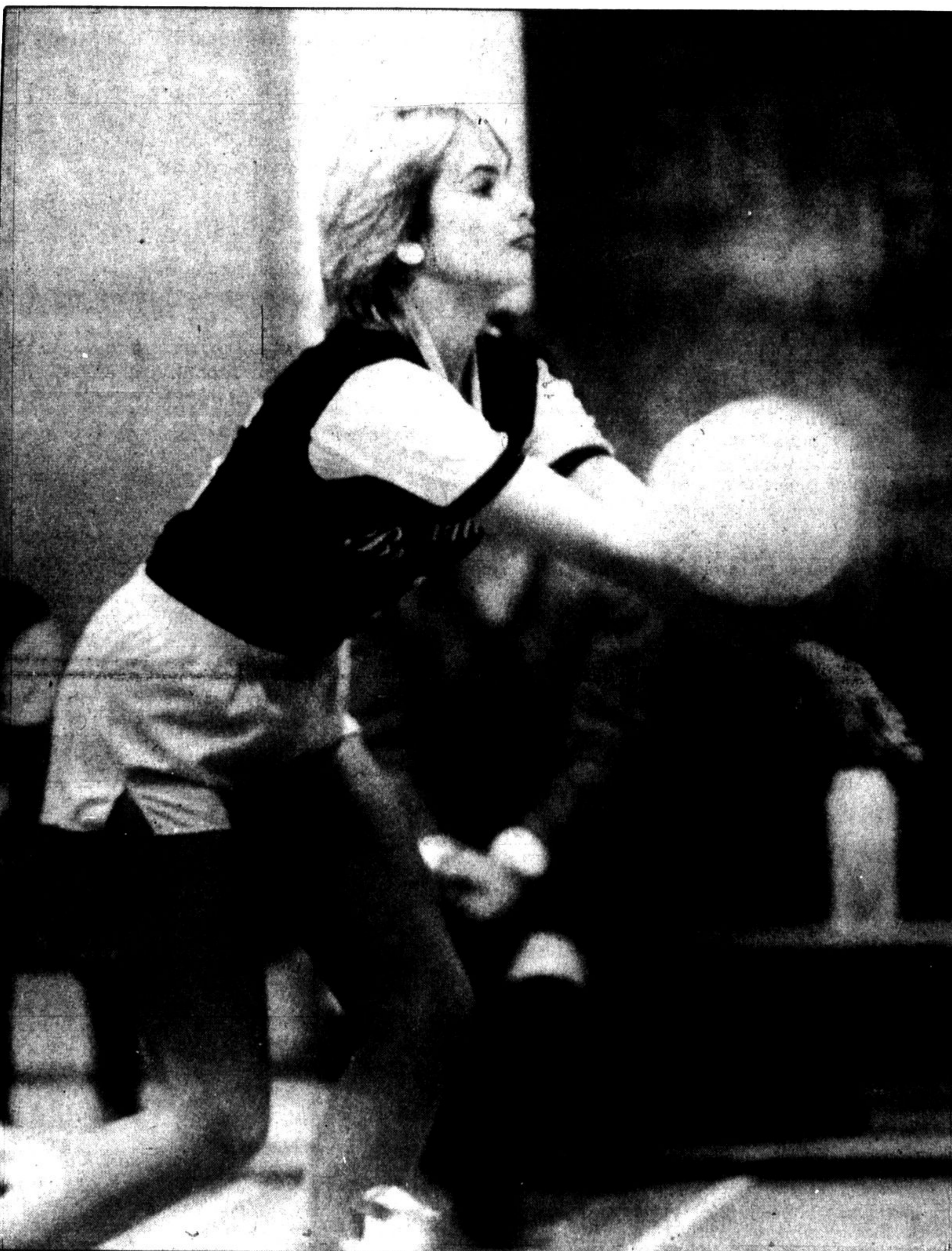
However, there is a drawback. The heaters will be used to warm two sections each. Normally one

heater is used to warm one section. There are eight sections.

Mr. Arbic said the heat will be on in section 1-2 and 3-4 at the west end of the arena.

He said he has requested money for the remaining six heaters be allocated in his 1985 budget.

The heaters have been out of operation because they were found to have burned through their canopies and constituted a fire hazard.



Self serving

Brookville Bengals went down to defeat last Tuesday to W.I. Dick although it wasn't because of the fine efforts shown here. The grade 7-8 girls volleyball team lost 15-8, 15-13. Brookville's boys' volleyball team squares off with Sam Sherratt School in the Milton semi-finals today at 3:15 p.m. at Sherratt.

Four gold medals

Skaters shine at Keswick

Milton Figure Skating Club members performed well in a recent competition at Keswick, Ont. Of 44 clubs represented in the competition, Milton finished third

overall in club standings.

The host Keswick club tied with Newmarket for first with Milton a close third. Twenty-three skaters

from Milton participated in the competition with 14 finishing in the top five and eight winning medals.

Kristi Canestraro won top honours by placing first in her flight and winning the gold medal in her division final. Also Jodi Zanetta won a gold medal in her flight and placed fourth in the finals.

Other medal winners in their flights were Sherian Heath with a silver and Andrea Defrancesco, Laurie McDonell, Karen Aplin and Tina Hanneberry each with a bronze in free-skating and Julie McDuffe a bronze in senior interpretive.

Natalie Clark, Sheena Wrigglesworth and Nancy McDonell placed fourth in their flights while Sonja Kennedy, Tracey McDuffe and Nives Zappas placed fifth.

Representing Milton also were Laura Mearns, Lisa Nichols, Letitia Wilson, Wendy Brunelle, Amber Wilson, Kelly Tiralongo, Kim Bahman, and Robyn Scobie. All skated well and can be congratulated for their great team effort.

Indoor soccer league

kicks off opening season

The Milton Men's Indoor Soccer League kicked off its season in the gym at E.C. Drury High School Sunday. It is believed to be "a first" for such a league in Milton with the credit going to Eric Allsop who has organized it.

The League consists of eight teams, each having a squad of up to 10 players. A mixture of hockey and soccer rules are used in an effort to maximize playing conditions and keep injuries to a minimum.

The major rules are that: there are six men (including the goalkeeper) from each team on the playing area at any one time; changes are made "on the fly"; if the goalkeeper goes outside the six-yard semicircle around the goal, or if any other plays enters this area they are penalized.

Michael Spagnuolo and Vittorio Rosiello of the Milton Referees Association are donating their time to referee.

Games are scheduled Sunday mornings at 9:45, 10:5, 10:45 and 11:15. Each team will play every other team three times for a total of 21 games. It is expected the season will end with a round of playoffs. The gym can seat 200 and spectators are welcome free of charge.

The game results, standings and one game report will be published each week. Sponsors are still needed for some of the teams and anyone interested should contact either Eric Allsop (president) at 878-9497, Jim Reid (secretary) at 878-3978 or Al Clucas (treasurer) at 878-9370.