

Sports Scene

Russ Howard

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earlier experienced some discomfort and was forced to make several trips to a rest room.

Glenn felt that Carstairs symptoms indicated that he (Kent) was about five hours behind him.

After the Saturday match, Carstairs made a trip to the hospital. Larry Merkley took over from Carstairs late in the Friday night match and played the entire game Saturday afternoon, performing admirably.

Unofficial team doctor, Midland resident James Small, paid a visit to the sick team members. Whatever he did for them must have worked because they certainly curled well in Sunday's finale.

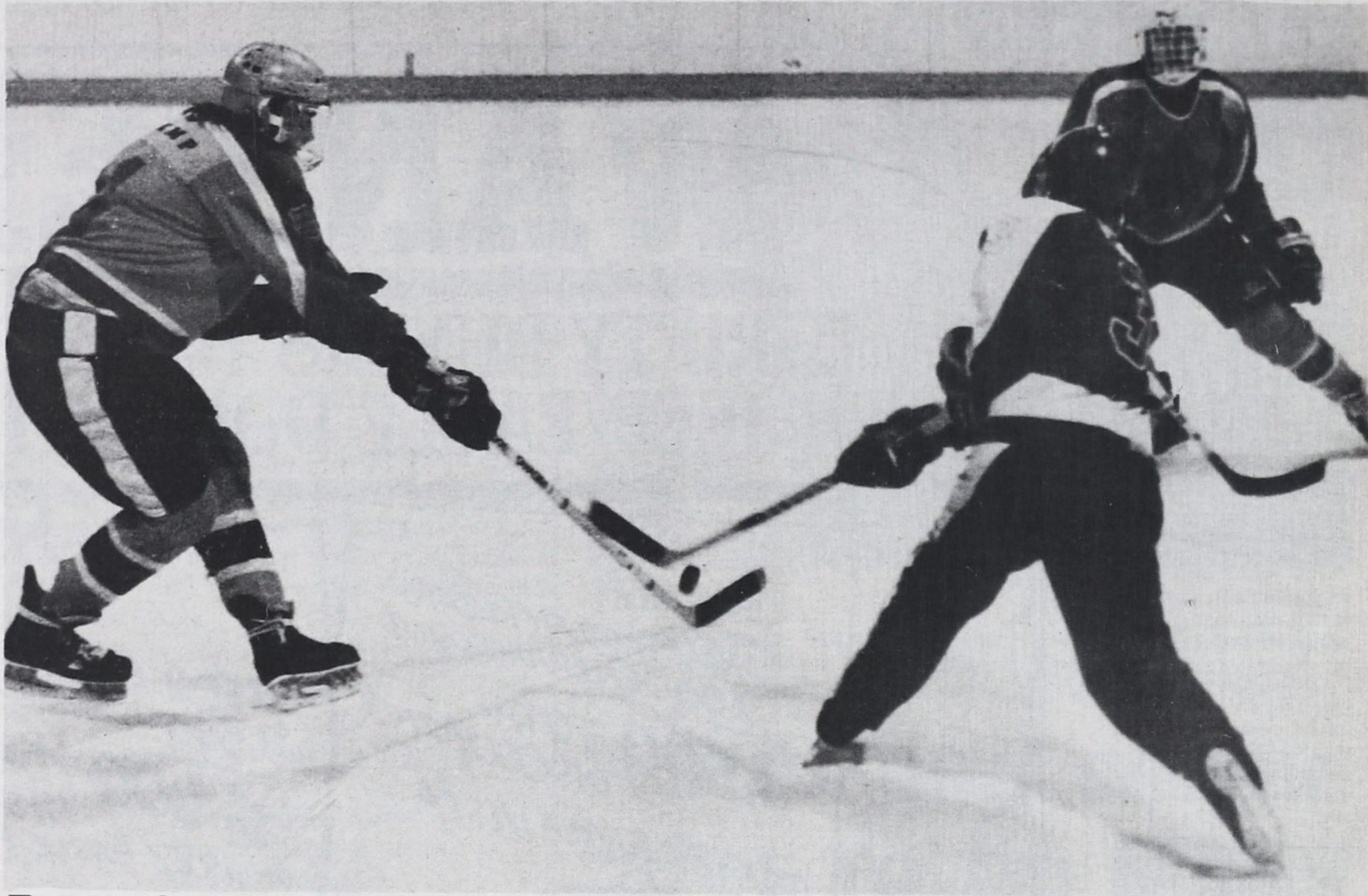
Russ lost his voice Friday and it became increasingly difficult for him to shout instructions to his teammates.

Russ had to resort to a lot of sign language as his throat became quite raw at one point.

"Glenn made some very good sweeping calls," Russ explained. "We've been together for so long and the fact we're brothers helps in situations like that," said Russ.

The Howard rink will represent Ontario at the Brier in Saskatoon March 5-12. It will be the fourth such appearance for Russ and the third for the current team.

Howard claims it will be one of the toughest Briers in recent history. At least five former Brier winners will be



En garde

A Kings player and Huntsville opponent cross sticks as they battle for the puck. The Kings lead 3-0 early, but were victimized by the Huntsville power play, losing 5-3. Photo by Robert Risk



A shot

A student from Monseigneur Castex (19) comes in for the shot while a Victoria Harbour student attempts to block his path during the weekend basketball tournament held at Sacred Heart school in Midland. The Monseigneur Castex Cavaliers edged Victoria Harbour Hawks, 52-50. (Photo by Jennifer Crow)

Kings hang tough before losing 5-3

by Robert Risk
Staff Writer

After two crushing defeats at the hands of the Huntsville Blair McCanns, the Penetang Kings managed to keep the score close, but still lost 5-3 at home Friday.

The Kings scored the first three goals but couldn't hold on as unnecessary penalties cost them three powerplay goals, all in the second period.

The first goal came at 4:42 of the opening period on a two-man advantage for Penetang.

Defenceman Dave Lovering slapped a low hard shot past Huntsville goalie Mike Fountain's stick side, who was screened well by Pat McGowan.

The next goal came just under a minute later, while Huntsville still had a man in the penalty box. Another effective screen play, executed by captain Wayne Desjardins, saw Tim Ansdell's shot from the right wing elude the goalie on the left side.

In the second period, Penetang again took the action to the Huntsville end, scoring in the opening minute.

Desjardins banged this one in on a scramble in front of the net. Jim Cascaden and Pat McGowan were credited with the assists.

Huntsville ace Matt Hoffman scored his team's first goal unassisted, eventually finishing with five points for the night.

Hoffman skated down the left side and fooled Penetang goalie Jim Roberts with a shot to the stick side.

Penetang's Jordy Hulland cost his team a goal a short time later when he hauled down a Huntsville player from behind while heading into the Huntsville zone.

Hoffman struck again while Hulland and another Penetang player cooled their heels in the box, lifting the puck over a sprawled Roberts.

Huntsville also scored the next two on the power play, while Penetang continued to sap their strength with penalties.

Huntsville's Scott Evans got the last marker at 12:53 of the third on crisp passes from Hoffman and Kirk Evans.

The fourth and possibly final game of the best of seven playoff is tonight (Wednesday) at 8:30 in Penetang.

Schmidt-Foster second in Finland

Midland's Angela Schmidt-Foster placed second in the 10 kilometer classic style cross country skiing competition during the weekend. The event was held at Valkeakoski, Finland.

Tuuliki Pyykkonen of Finland placed

first with a time of 31 minutes, 22.1 seconds. Foster was 35 seconds behind. The next highest Canadian was Lorna Sasseville of Ottawa, who finished eighth overall with a clocking of 33:35.1.

No other details were available at press time.