

Sports Scene

Siskins belt the Cents twice

Midland Stoneleigh Centennials started their best of seven Georgian Bay Junior C Hockey Playoffs on the wrong foot during the weekend by losing twice.

Friday night in Midland the Cents were blasted by Stayner Siskins 8-2. Midland played much better Sunday in Stayner but still came out with a 4-2 loss.

Friday night, Steve Walker handed Stayner an early lead before Rob Swanton made the count 2-0 at 5:37 of the opening period. Trevor Irvine scored 10 minutes later to keep the score close entering the middle frame.

With newcomer Kevin Pollock off for elbowing, Swanton struck again at 5:28 of the second. Bill Gourley upped the count to 4-1 at 15:42.

Brent Trott scored at 6:46 of the third only to have Brad Wadge reply assisted by Pollock a minute later. Walker connected for his second of the game 12 seconds later before Tony McIntyre and Sean Van Alstine put the game out of reach for the Midland squad.

The Siskins took advantage and built on every mistake that was offered.

Referee Brad Scharf caught Midland with 13 minor infractions while Stayner was fingered for nine minor.

Jason Murphy made 42 saves in the Midland net while Mark Dineen stopped 21 for Stayner.

On Sunday night, Irvine counted for Midland at 10:58 of the first with Richard Gauthier off for hooking. Chris Bales and Guy Jeannotte assisted.

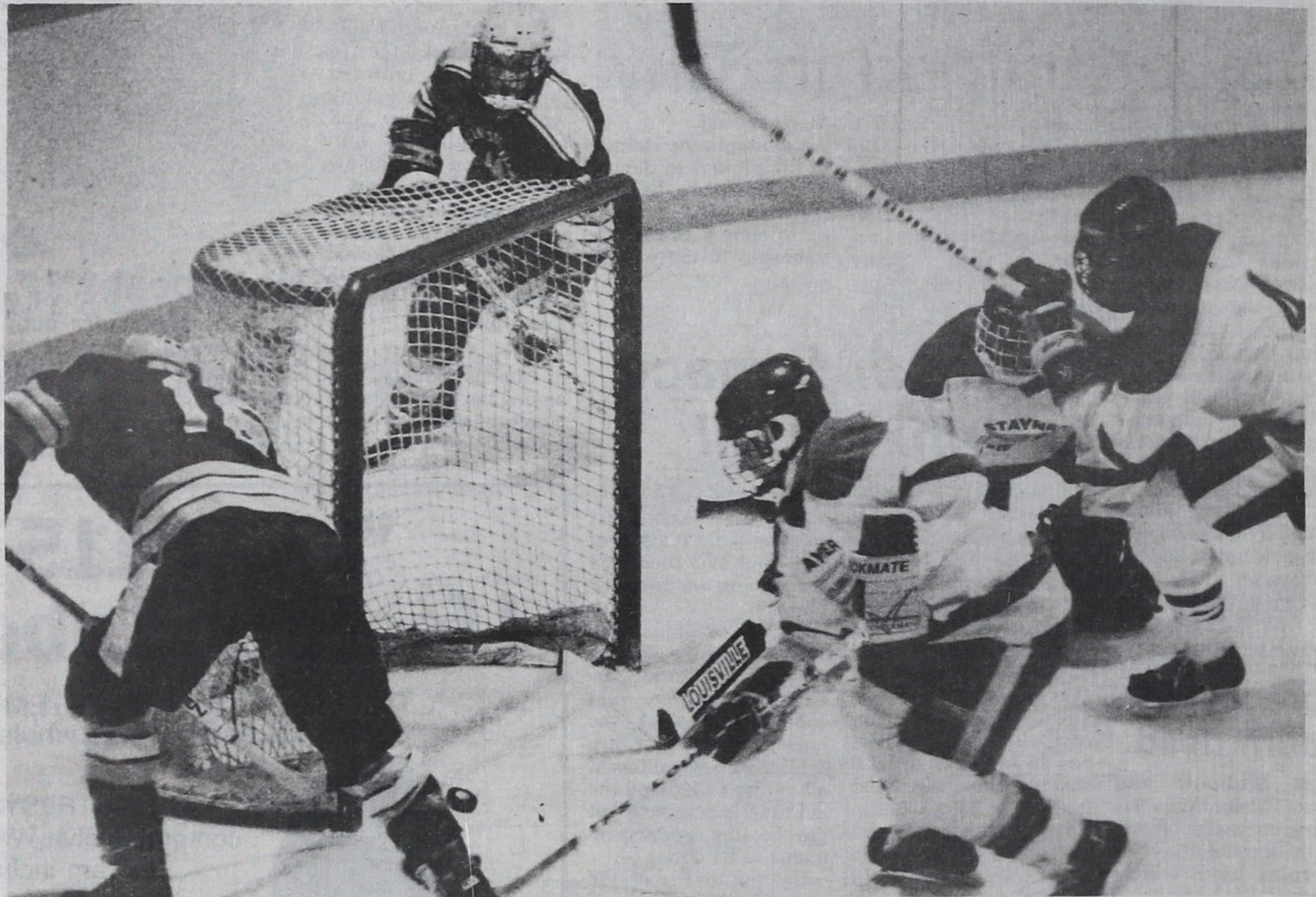
The Centennials were successful in keeping the home town Siskins off the scoreboard until the 14:59 mark of the third when Gauthier and Walker set up Bryan Trott for the first Stayner goal while Midland defenceman Jim McLaren was serving an interference penalty. Another power play marker at 6:07 by Gauthier gave Stayner a 2-1 lead.

Defenceman Rob Fortin drove the puck home after receiving passes from McLaren and Pollock with almost two minutes remaining for a 2-2 tie.

But Van Alstine netted the game winner less than a minute later at the 52 second mark and popped in an empty netter with 12 seconds on the clock for the

4-2 win. Midland outshot Stayner 42-33.

The third game was played last night (Tuesday) in Midland. The fourth game will be back in Stayner Thursday night.



Good shot

Trevor Irvine opens the scoring in Sunday night's game in Stayner with this open net shot. Midland led 1 - 0 after two periods and were tied at 2 - 2 with less than a minute to play

in the third period. Stayner struck for a pair including an empty net goal to win 4 - 2 and take a two game lead in the best of seven semi-final. Photo by Jennifer Craw.

Crusaders win the tournament and championship

St. Theresa's midget Crusaders won the North Simcoe girls volleyball championship last week.

In their first match, the Crusaders defeated Barrie St. Joseph's 15-5, 15-7. St. Theresa's passed serve well to set up the attack. Strong serving resulted in a quick point coupled with the inability of St. Joe's to mount an attack.

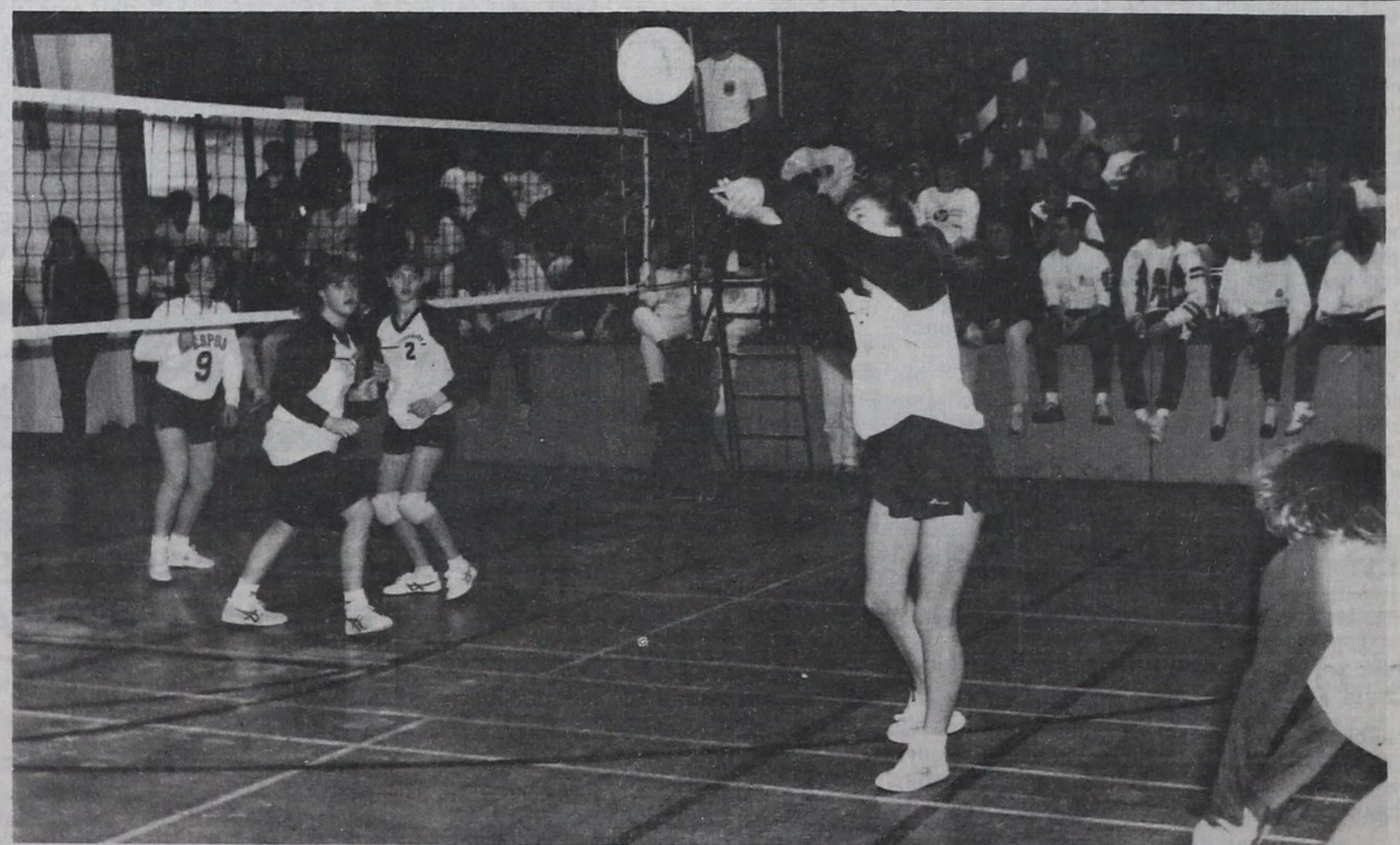
The Crusaders met the Penetanguishene Secondary School Redskins in the championship match.

In the first game, St. T's went ahead early but the Redskins came back to make the game close. St. T's emerged with a 15-13 win.

Penetang established an early lead in the second game only to have the Crusaders mount a comeback to win 16-14.

Inconsistent serving by the Crusaders allowed Penetang many rallying opportunities. Strong blocking by Jennifer McGregor and Deidre Henne helped shut down the Penetang attack.

Leanne Hrizo and Cindy Quesnelle led the Crusader attack with their hitting while Shelley Finalyson and Sherry Langley were the sparkplugs for their strong defensive play and setting.



Cannon volley

Deidre Henne of St. Theresa's High School volleys the ball over the net in North Simcoe High School Midget Girls Volleyball action. St. T's won the title by defeating St.

Joseph's of Barrie, then Penetanguishene Secondary School Redskins in a close championship final match.