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Deregulation of hydro in Ontario still alive: MPP

*'Unforeseen circumstances'
 forced reaction, Klees says*

BY JEFF MITCHELL
 Staff Writer

The Conservative plan to cap hydro rates until 2006 raises the question: Is Ontario's deregulation experiment dead?

Definitely not, according to Oak Ridges MPP Frank Klees, a minister in the Tory government at Queen's Park.

"This is not about compromising on the issue of deregulation," Mr. Klees said of the consumer relief package. "We are still committed to ensuring there is competition in the marketplace. What we are doing is responding to unforeseen circumstances."

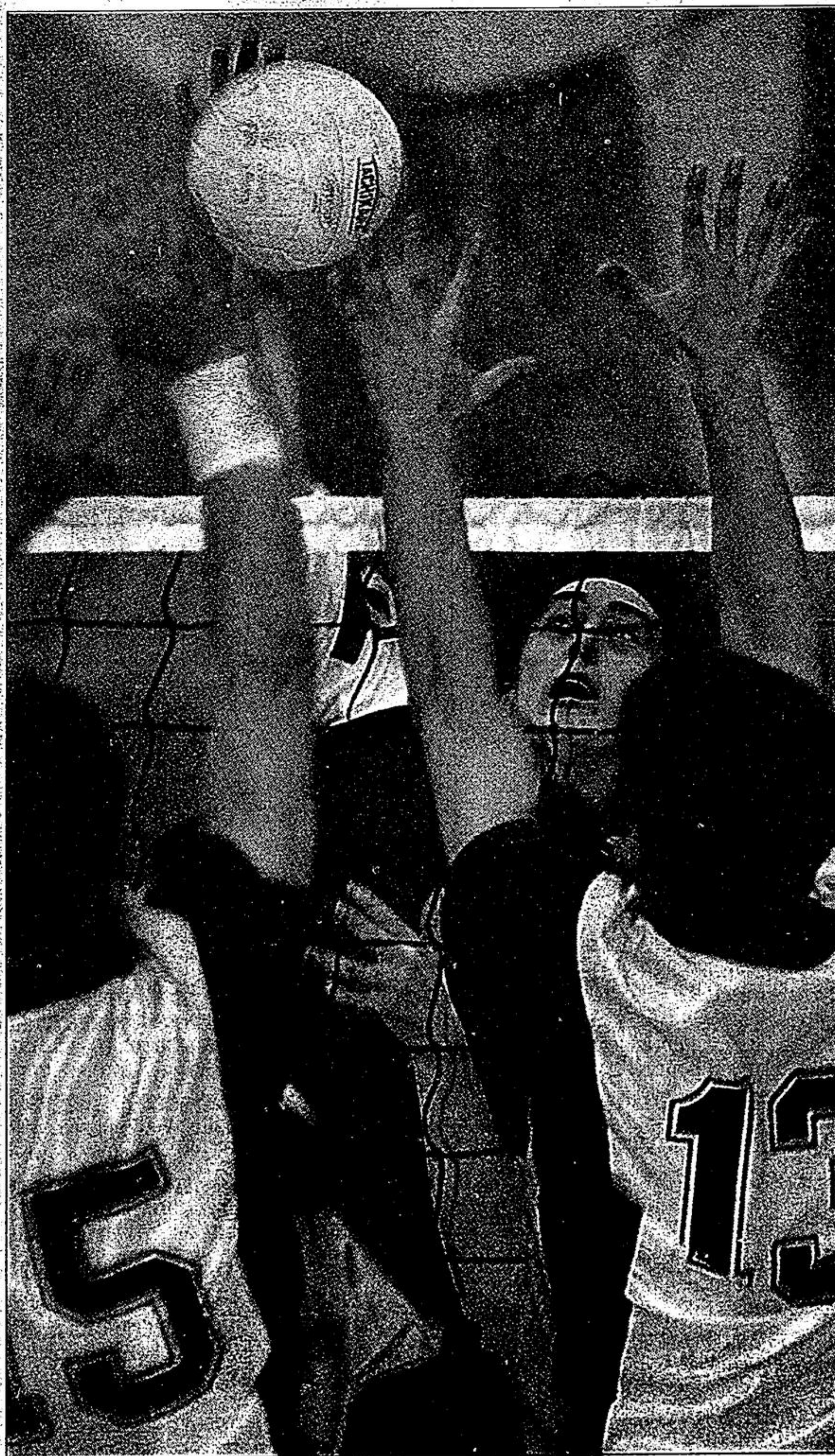
But one analyst argues the government's response — stepping in to impose restraints on a market it had thrown open to competition six months ago — has effectively killed the concept of deregulation.

"Deregulation is dead for the foreseeable future, I believe," said Ian MacLellan, vice-president of Energyshop.com, an online energy brokerage.

The government's response to consumer anger over higher hydro prices is likely to create a long-lasting chill among private companies that want to be assured of a stable market before entering it in the future, Mr. MacLellan said. Those private players are needed to build the generation plants necessary to

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A SMASHING GOOD TIME FOR SDSS



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Stouffville District Secondary School's Nick West smashes one by Oshawa's Dr. F. J. Donovan Collegiate's Drew Bajda (left) and Jake Turowec in AA high school volleyball action at SDSS on Tuesday. SDSS won 3-1 and advances to Ontario AA finals next week in Goderich. See story on page 19.

Stouffville rallies around cyclist injured in B.C.

*University graduate
 being flown to
 Toronto hospital*

BY JOAN RANSBERRY
 Staff Writer

An air ambulance will transfer a Stouffville man, critically injured in a mountain bike accident in British Columbia, to a Toronto hospital shortly.

On Oct. 27, Luke Anderson, 24, broke his neck and sustained other spinal cord injuries after he misjudged a jump and plunged down a steep hill near Nelson, B.C.

An emergency medical rescue team spent close to two hours reaching Luke. Another cyclist witnessed the accident and went for help immediately, said Luke's father, Bill Anderson of Main Street.

"The rescue team had difficulty reaching Luke," said Bill. "They had to cut their way through (brush and trees) with chain saws to get to him. And, they had to use the saws to cut their way back, carrying Luke."

While Luke waited to be found, he didn't know the full scope of his injuries, said his father. "But he did know it was serious."

Luke was taken to hospital in Nelson where he was



LUKE ANDERSON: Stouffville man seriously injured in mountain bike accident last month.

assessed and stabilized. The next morning, he was air lifted to Vancouver General. There, Luke underwent surgery. Meanwhile, his father, mother Chris and sister Logan were notified of the accident and flew to Vancouver to be by his side.

"We are optimistic about his future," said Bill. "We hope Luke's strength and determination will help him meet this most difficult challenge."

As Luke continues to make progress, a transfer by air ambulance to a hospital in Toronto will be arranged,

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