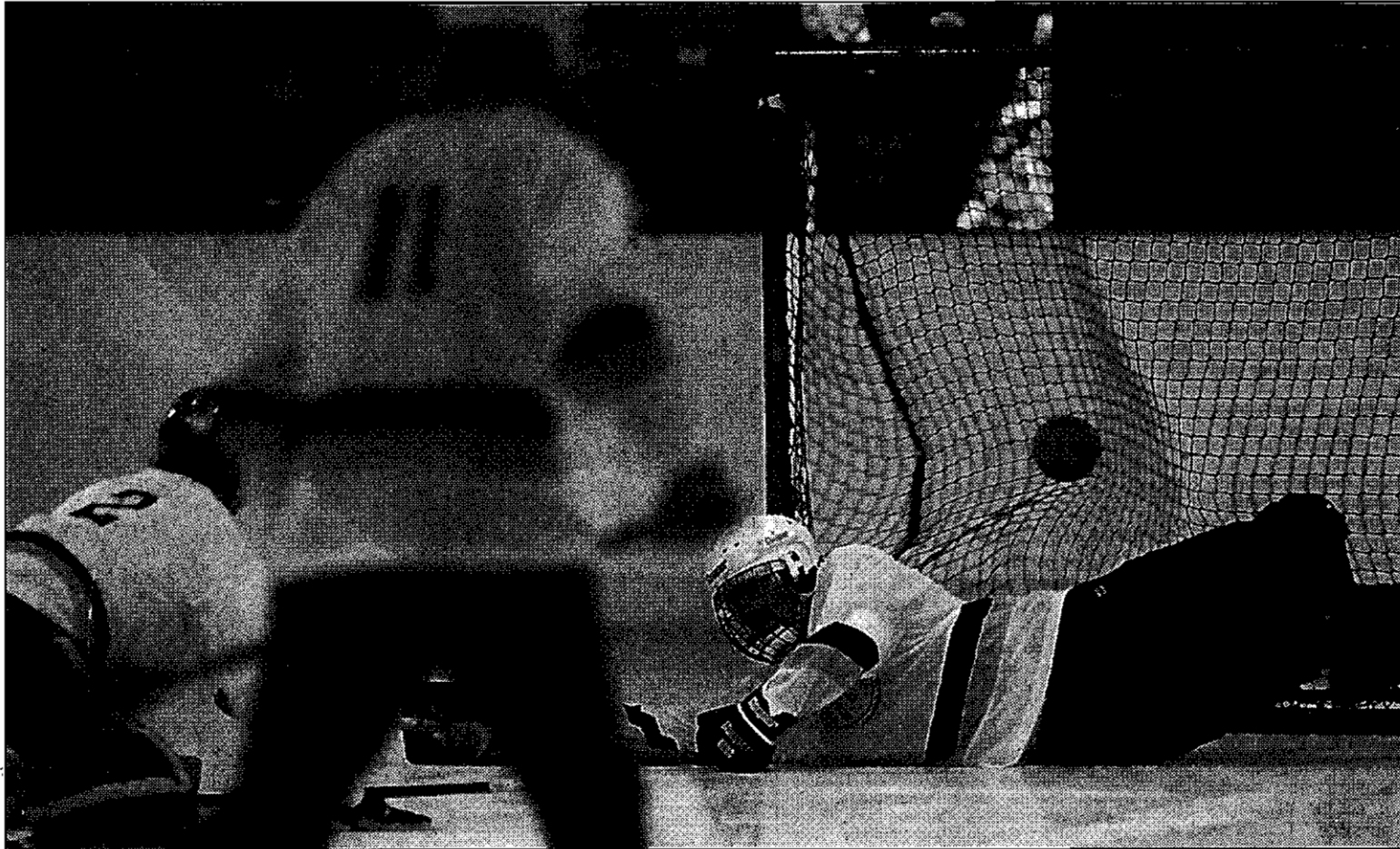


Active broomball draws good crowds



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ACT Team Four goalie Dave Chadwick fails to stop this shot in his team's 3-all tie with ACT Team One at the Phillip Ice Rink this week.

Broomball is one sport in the Active Australia Games which is benefiting, in terms of crowd sizes, from its involvement in the Games. Broomball spokeswoman Vanessa Muller said yesterday crowds at matches at Phillip Swimming and Ice Skating Centre had been bigger than for normal ACT club fixtures. The two out-of-town teams in the seven-team Games competition arrive in Canberra today for two hectic days of competition. The five ACT teams have been playing off for the past week and the visitors, from Sydney and the Gold Coast, will have to play catch-up very quickly in order to fulfil their complete match commitments. The finals will be played tomorrow night. The Games competition is for mixed teams and does not allow for body contact.