



BRIAN LARSEN drives in for one of four key Webster (35) watches for a possible rebound. baskets he scored in the second half. Dan (D. Gibbons photo)

Vikings bring home basketball honors to Halton county's biggest Little school

The biggest Little school in Halton County has won the North Halton schools basketball championship for Acton for the first time ever. Robert Little school Vikings edged Georgetown Centennial 21-20 in the North Halton championship game at Milton High school gym last Wednesday, just 24 hours after they polished off Stewarttown 24-12 in the semi-final. Both Centennial and

Stewarttown are senior schools. The Georgetown school has an enrollment of 700 students compared to 500 for Robert Little and approximately 150 more senior boys from which to choose a team. Matt Spehar and Brian Larsen, a pair of cage prospects, who already have North Halton high school coaches drooling spearheaded the Viking championship win by scoring 10

points apiece. Rick Van Fleet connected on an important free throw for the other Robert Little point.

Foul trouble
Vikings got into foul trouble early in the game and Centennial took the lead. Midway through the second quarter Spehar stole the ball and went in for easy layups on two successive plays to put Robert Little in the lead.

With Robert Little leading by three, Broadbent, a small but persistent Centennial guard stole the ball and hit on a jump shot just as the buzzer sounded, leaving Vikings with a slim 12-11 halftime lead.

Viking coach John Kavanaugh crossed up his opponents by moving Spehar, who scored 10 points in the first half away from the basket and allowing him to arch soft passes into Brian Larsen in the second half.

Larsen, the tallest player on the floor, finished off the plays in fine style, hitting on four field goals, as teacher Kathy Sanford led her cheerleaders and 100 Robert Little students in cheers of approval.

Screens important
Screens and picks set up by

Rick Van Fleet, Delphin Roach and Dan Webster enabled Spehar and Larsen to maneuver past Centennial defenders. The five starters played the entire game. Larsen scored the winning basket with 40 seconds left in the game. Vikings then stole the ball on the return Centennial attack and Matt Spehar dribbled and passed the ball around to Rick Van Fleet and Delphin Roach to kill about 25 seconds, finally drawing a foul.

Centennial called a time out following the unsuccessful foul shot attempt and Kavanaugh briefed his charges on defensive tactics for the final seconds. The Georgetown team brought the ball upcourt, but their last shot missed the mark and Rick Van Fleet pulled down the rebound just before the buzzer.

Mob heros
Robert Little supporters mobbed their heros, as the North Halton champs accepted congratulations from the game and sportsmanlike Centennial players.

Mrs. Sanford, now almost hoarse from cheering, had enough vocal chords left to assure students there would be no math homework, a promise she made earlier.



MATT SPEHAR

Vikings vs. Eastview for county cage crown

Matt Spehar spearheaded the Robert Little Viking attack with 16 points, as the surprising Acton cagers advanced to the Halton County schools championship by upsetting Burlington Tecumseh 28-25 in Milton Monday.

Vikings will play Oakville Eastview for the title at the Milton O.S.D. gym tomorrow (Thursday) night at 8. Eastview defeated Oakville Vanier 23-18 in the eastern semi-final game yesterday (Tuesday). Georgetown Centennial will play St. Joseph's of Burlington for the county girls' championship at 7 prior to the Robert Little-Eastview title game.

Spehar played an outstanding two way game, rising to the occasion particularly in the final

two minutes of the game to break a full court press by the Tecumseh team, after centre Brian Larsen and guard Marvin McNabb had fouled out.

Delphin Roach, who coach John Kavanaugh said played his strongest game of the season added eight Robert Little points. Brian Larsen and Dan Webster scored two points each and Marvin McNabb connected on an important free throw.

A cool first half of the free throw line by the Tecumseh team allowed Vikings to carry a 12-5 lead into the second half. Vikings increased their lead to nine points at the end of the third quarter, but were forced to play solid defence in the final quarter when Burlington outscored them 13-8.

In AIHL

Pressmen advance against mechanics

Blow Press scored a hard-fought 6-4 victory over Nielsen's Clothing Sunday night in the deciding game of a best of three AIHL semi-final series.

The pressmen, regular season Acton Industrial hockey league pennant winners will face Ken's Auto Service in the opener of a best of three final at the community centre Sunday night at 7.

Blow Press grabbed a 2-1 first period lead, but fell behind 4-3 at the end of the second stanza of Sunday night's thriller.

Bob Fitzpatrick's slap shot from the point eluded Craig Weldon for the tying goal. Dave Papillon combined with linemates Jim McDonald and John Goy on the winner and Jim

Kavanaugh scored into an empty cage in the final minute, after the clothiers lifted Weldon in favor of a sixth attacker.

Les King counted twice in the first five minutes of the game for Blow Press and Cyril Rees connected on a long shot in the second.

John Roberts, Ken Owen, Ron Mellon and Gord Mason were the Nielsen marksmen.

PLAYOFF SCORING

G	A	P
John Goy, B.	4	7
Jim McDonald, B.	3	6
Dave Papillon, B.	3	6
Fred Buchanan, B.	2	5
Bob Andrews, K.	6	0
Gord Mason, B.	5	1
Les King, B.	4	1
Dan Kavanaugh, K.	3	2

Mohawk opens Sunday night

By Bill Galvin
Mohawk Raceway Sunday night ushers in its second decade of night harness racing.

Since Mohawk first conducted its inaugural meeting, April 26, 1963, 2,576,673 racing fans have watched some of the world's best horses and drivers compete for \$8,248,395 in purses. Famous trotters like Fresh Yankee and Une de Mai have graced its five-eighths mile all-weather, limestone racing strip, which is rated one of the finest in the Dominion. Fresh Yankee, a \$900 yearling purchase who last year retired with more than \$1,250,000 in purses for owner Duncan MacDonald of Sydney, N.S., was undefeated here. She won the Campbellville Trotting Stakes in 1970 and 1971.

The sixth leg of harness racing's World Driving Championships, a unique first in world racing, was staged before a record crowd of 11,740 at Mohawk Raceway, April 18, 1970.

Legion

town league tallies

ATOM—St. Thomas, Guelph and Weston qualified for round robin championship play in the Legion atom house league by winning first round total goals series.

St. Thomas duplicated a 3-0 first game win over Dixie to win their series 6-0. Mike McRae scored all three St. Thomas goals with Ricky Smith assisting on each one.

Shutout goaltending by Tim Shields helped Guelph blank Brampton 4-0 and take their total goals series 7-4.

Tom McDonough potted a pair of Guelph goals. Scott McDonough and Barry McNabb added singles with Mike Stone and David Allen drawing assists. Weston downed Welland 5-2 to wind up their series with a final score of 5-2.

Mark Duval and Brad Manes paced the Dodger attack with two goals apiece. Bob Brouillard scored once with Duval assisting. Jeff Sargent netted both Welland goals and Stephen Watzek earned an assist.

NOVICE—In the first game of a round robin series, Hamilton and Niagara Falls battled to a 2-2 tie.

Chris Hudson scored twice for the Red Wings, with Ricky Goyers and Wilson Cochrane drawing assists.

Paul Campbell fired the first Flyer goal on a pass from Scott Finnmore. Ted James netted the second goal unassisted.

Fred Geng, Lance Alton and Dennis Kirton bulged the twine and Dave Anderson provided shutout goaltending for London in a 3-0 first round win over St. Kitts. Dave Swanston assisted on Alton's goal.

PEEWEE—Baltimore, Tidewater and Springfield qualified for the round robin series in the peewee group with convincing total goals verdicts in the first round.

Baltimore bombed Richmond 12-3 winning Saturday's second game 4-1. Dave Haverly scored twice and Bill Waites and Craig Sommerville added single goals for the Clippers. David Williamson earned an assist.

Mike Nicholls scored an unassisted goal for Richmond in the second period.

Tidewater downed Cleveland 6-1 to rack up a 14-3 score in their series.

Nick Humenluk and Rick Gibson both scored twice for the winners. Jim Upton and Danny Porter tallied single goals. Humenluk and Gibson notched a pair of assists each. Single

helpers were picked up by Danny Porter, Dorsay Mitchell, Barry Billings and Jim Ferguson.

Russ Allen scored the only Cleveland goal.

Springfield goalie Paul Bowen did not allow a goal in his team's series against Rochester. The Kings coasted to a 9-0 win in Saturday's second game.

Ricky Widmont, Tom Ryan and Simon Wilson were two goal men for Springfield. Ralph Bowen, Steve Tremblis and Duncan Waldie added single markers.

Scott Inglis picked up a pair of assists. Robert Rowe, Steve Tremblis, Simon Wilson, Duncan Waldie, Tom Ryan and Ian Berry picked up one each.

BANTAM—Ford Alton's second goal of the game with 10 minutes to play gave Alberta a 6-5 win over Quebec in the first game of a round robin playoff series.

Jim Matthews also scored twice for the Oilers, while Carl Gidden and Rick Van Fleet connected for single goals. Alton had a pair of assists. Kevin Broostad, Matthews and Ed Ensing all earned single assists.

Jim Gentles counted two goals and an assist and Randy Upton a goal and two assists for the Nordics. Steve Daigle and Ray Marshall shot single goals.

Ottawa scored three times in the final period to upset Winnipeg 6-5 in their first game.

Ray Kingsmill paced the Nats' attack with a hat trick. Joe Schuts bagged a brace and Dave

Moore connected once. Schuts, Brian Moore and Cliff Britton earned assists.

Scott Oakley with two goals and Bill Romanovich, Paul Logan and Mike Morris with singles replied for the Jets.

Dave Logan earned a pair of assists. Single helpers went to Scott Oakley, Kevin Hills, Rob Widmont and Lorne McGregor.

Round robin series will continue for the next two weeks in all age groups, leading to the first annual Day of Champions, slated for Saturday March 31 at the community centre.

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 17

Peewee
6:30—Rochester-Richmond Exhibition Game
7:40—Cleveland-Baltimore Exhibition Game
8:40—Springfield-Tidewater First Game Round Robin

Novice
9:30—London-Niagara Falls Second Game Round Robin
10:20—St. Kitts-Hamilton Second Game Round Robin

Atom
11:20—Dixie-Brampton Exhibition Game
12:10—St. Thomas-Weston First Game Round Robin
1:00—Guelph-Welland Exhibition Game

Bantam
8:10—Ottawa-Quebec Second Game Round Robin
7:10—Winnipeg-Alberta Second Game Round Robin

March 18: Montreal vs. Vancouver

Midgets start league playoffs

Acton CFAW midgets open a best of five Waterloo-Wellington league playoff series in Orangeville tonight (Wednesday). Second game is set for Acton Saturday afternoon at 2:25, with the third game in Orangeville Sunday.

Exeter will provide first round opposition for the midgets in the Wingham tournament, Tuesday, March 20 at 7 p.m.

Firefighters to face Amerks

Acton Firefighter bantams face a team from East Rochester, New York in the first round of the Georgetown International bantam tournament Saturday morning at 10. Acton has been moved up from the "D" series to "C" competition this year.

In an exhibition game here Saturday, Firefighters bowed 5-2 to Erin Lions. Joe Gardin and Marvin McNabb were the Acton marksmen.

Acton Firefighter bantams dropped a 5-2 decision to Milton minor bantams in an exhibition game at the community centre last Tuesday night.

Gord Toth and Fred Allen scored the Acton goals.

The Milton team is made up entirely of first year bantams.

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