



Bill Rivers (22) was named the Most Valuable Player in the West Hill Invitational Tournament which the GDHS senior Rebels won over the weekend. Above Rivers is shown taking a pass from Rick Fisher in the Rebels win here Monday.

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Basketball Rebels win West Hill tourney

The GDHS senior basketball Rebels emerged champions of the fourth annual West Hill Collegiate Invitational Tournament on Saturday.

It was the first time the Rebels had entered the tournament.

The Rebels began the tournament against Saugeen district secondary school and romped to an easy 77-32 victory.

Centre Steve Keslick had an excellent game scoring 19 points and also picking off eight rebounds.

The Rebels had three other players in double figures. Bill Rivers had 14 and Mark Nelstrop and Gord Miller 12 each.

In their next game the Rebels went up against Listowel district high school and came away with a narrow 52-48 win.

Nelstrop's key basket with only two minutes showing on the game clock tied the score for the Rebels.

Norm Ibuki fired the winning basket and afterwards John Karolidis and Rick Fisher sank key foul shots to ensure the win.

Keslick again led the team in scoring with 12 points. Ibuki

was right behind him with 10. Miller and Nelstrop had eight each while Karolidis scored six.

Ibuki pulled down 10 rebounds from the guard position and Keslick came down with eight.

In the championship game the Rebels faced Exeter's South Huron and had a much easier time than in the semi-final winning 76-52.

Miller and Keslick led the attack in this one pumping in 14 points apiece.

Karolidis scored 13 points and Bill Rivers had 12.

Karolidis was the top rebounder with seven and Nelstrop had six.

Coach Moe Leeking said that Mike Sherrard, Kevin Neill, Jim Allan and Bill Rivers all played important roles as substitutes in the Rebels winning it all.

Bill Rivers was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player for his strong two-way play and Ibuki was selected as a guard on the tournament's all-star lineup.

Leeking also said Miller had an outstanding tournament and should have received some recognition.

Midget Rebels beat Centennial

The GDHS midget Rebels thumped Brampton Centennial 76-36 in basketball exhibition action here Monday.

The game was relatively close in the first half with the Rebels leading by only a 31-24 score when it ended. However, in the second half the Rebels just blew their opponents off the court.

Andrew Brakel led the Rebel attack with 22 points. Twelve of those points came in the third quarter when the Rebels opened the game wide open.

Three other Rebels were in the double figures. Sean Hutt had 18 and Paul Karolidis and John Scott 10 each. Mike Ash also had a good game with eight points.

Redmen preview

By JIM VERNON
Herald Special

Acton and district high school junior basketball team has a big problem when it comes to competition with other Halton high schools.

The small size, only 746 students, of the Acton school makes competition tough with large schools, such as T.A. Blakelock of Oakville with 1,429 students and Lord Nelson of Burlington with 1,977.

The lack of a senior boys basketball team at Acton high this year is the result of Acton high's small size.

All senior players graduated last year and few juniors moved up to senior ranks, leaving Acton without a senior Redmen team for the 1979 season.

Rick McArthur, coach of this year's junior team, and coach of last year's senior team said the tough competitions with the larger schools in the Halton

league is "super for the development of basketball ability, but sometimes it's hard on morale."

However, the keen competition of the Halton league prepares the Acton Redmen well for tournaments, with schools of similar size, said Mr. McArthur.

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Rebels defeat Brampton

The GDHS senior basketball Rebels started off slowly Monday night, but came on to overpower Brampton Centennial 53-22.

The Rebels led only 17-16 after the first half. Coach Moe Leeking said Centennial controlled the pace of the game with their zone defense.

"They slowed the pace right down," said Leeking. "A slow pace is not our game."

To turn things around Leeking implemented a full-court press in the second half and also began to what he calls, "run and gun."

With the pace picked up Centennial was simply no match for the Rebels.

John Karolidis had an outstanding day scoring 11 points and also pulling down eight rebounds.

Centre Steve Keslick had nine points and came down with the ball on six occasions.

Bill Rivers had eight points and Norm Ibuki and Mark Nelstrop six each. Kevin Neill pulled down five rebounds.

Today the Rebels play in Erin and they will not be back in action until after the holiday season.

"Not only did Gord score an average of 12 points a game, but he was also guarding the other team's top shooter in every game," the coach said.

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