

Redmen season ends with tourney win

The Acton high school junior Redmen closed their season in impressive fashion taking the championship in the Georgetown Invitational tournament.

Earlier in the week however the team suffered a heart-breaking loss as M.M. Robinson defeated them 63-59 in overtime to win the Halton semi-final match.

Robinson then went on to lose by only three points to a very strong Milton squad in the Halton final.

"We felt like we had them throughout the game," said coach Rick McArthur. "Then they'd sink some incredible basket and stay in the game."

HOME COURT

The coach said that the fact that the game was played in Burlington as opposed to Acton was the difference.

"They had that little edge with the home court advantage," he said. "I think it would have been a different story if we had played them

in Acton." The Redmen lost only two games in Acton during the season.

"To force the best team from a big centre like Burlington into overtime is still very satisfying," the coach said.

Although the game did go into overtime, McArthur said his squad was not at the top of its game. "We just didn't play our game away from home," McArthur said. "At some points in the game we just could not buy a basket."

Martin Oss, the team's leader throughout the year, was again the leading scorer with 21 points. Glen Van Rigg had 11 and Ted Nadhazi and Rob Lenizky 10 apiece.

The Redmen have been a tough tournament team this year. They won four championships and took the consolation crown on another occasion.

It was no different in the Georgetown tournament as the Redmen romped to three wins.

Their toughest match actually came in the first game against the host Rebels.

The Rebels had the Redmen, the pre-tourney favorites, on the run in the first half as they led 24-26.

WORST HALF

"The first half was the worst basketball we have played this year," McArthur said. "We just were not doing anything right."

The Redmen pulled together in the second half and scored 43 points to take a 57-43 victory.

Oss was the top shooter again with 29 points. Chris Lysholm had 16.

The next game was a rout as the Redmen thumped King City 79-35.

"We were all over them," McArthur said. "We couldn't do anything wrong."

Bob McClure led the scorers on in this one with 21 points. Lysholm had 16 and Osso 15.

In the final the Redmen

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Rob Lenizky tries to control the ball while dribbling up court against M.M. Robinson in the Halton semi-final. The Acton Redmen lost a heartbreaker as they were eliminated in overtime. They came back over the weekend to win the Georgetown Invitational tournament.

(Photo by Sue Lehn)

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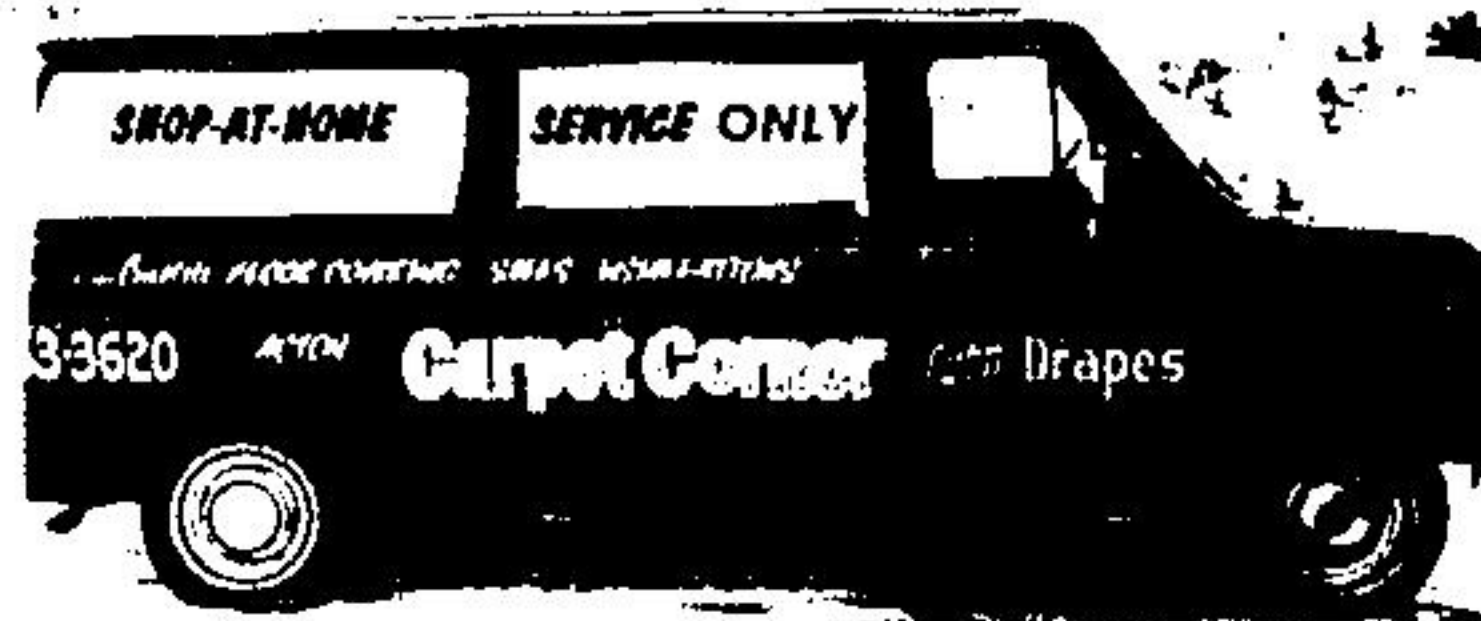
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