

Summer netters win despite worst game in long time

Despite hammering out a narrow 68-61 victory, Fred Harris, player-coach of the Georgetown Braves entry in the Etobicoke Summer Basketball League, feels that game was among the worst the team has played in years.

"Not only was our shooting off but our passes were sloppy and our ball control wasn't as tight as it normally is," Harris said. "They only had six guys to our ten, we should have been able to run them into the ground. Instead they played a smart zone and we failed to generate any offense."

"Very little was dropping in for us," Ted Darcy of the Braves said. "And they had some very good outside shooters."

Both the Braves and their opponents, the Suns, played sluggish basketball in the first half.

"The game was extremely slow with neither team developing any continuity," Harris commented. "Both teams took a high number of fouls which resulted in a stop and go type of game. It's hard to get a lead in a game like that especially when the other team stays in a zone. Most teams in this league play man-to-man defense which makes for a faster game. This week we came up against a team in a zone and it stumped us. If they had had two more players we could very well have been on the losing end of that score." Darcy, a former varsity player at Waterloo, had another fine game scoring 17 points and pulling down numerous rebounds.

The score at half time was 32-32 with neither team dominating the proceedings. In the second half forwards

Bruce Cartwright and Rick Gourlie had strong games. Cartwright had 14 points for the game and Gourlie had 7.

FOULED OUT

With the teams tied and only a minute and a half left to play, two members of the Suns fouled out leaving them with only four players to the Braves' five.

The Braves didn't fail to capitalize on the situation, scoring 9 points in the last 40 seconds to the Suns' 2 to give them a seven point lead and the game.

"It's a tough way for any team to lose, but staying out of foul trouble is part of the game," Harris said. "We were lucky this game. We had three of our four big guys with four fouls on them. One more and they could have been out and the game would have had a different completion."

"I suppose our one strong point this week, if we had one, was our foul shooting."



Ted Darcy tries unsuccessfully to block this shot by an opposing Suns player. The Georgetown men's team, the

Braves, managed to squeak out a narrow 68-61 victory over the Suns in the Etobicoke Summer League game. (Herald special photo by Dave McDonald)

Harris said. "Last week we made one shot in 16 tries at the foul line. This week we hit 10 for 17, which still isn't good but it's a marked improvement. Foul shots are supposed to be freebies."

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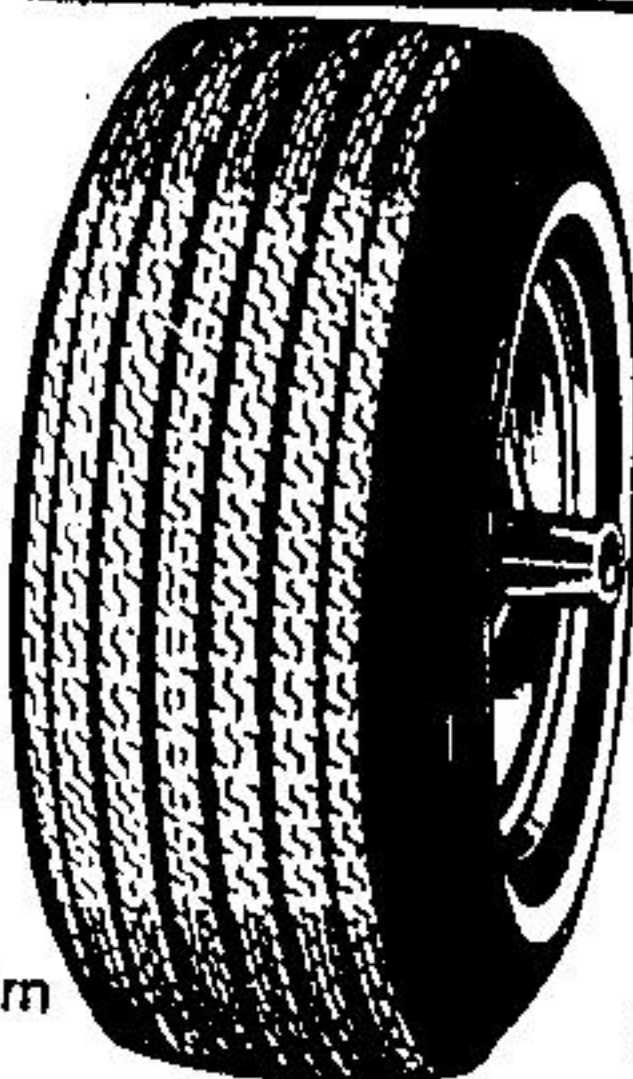
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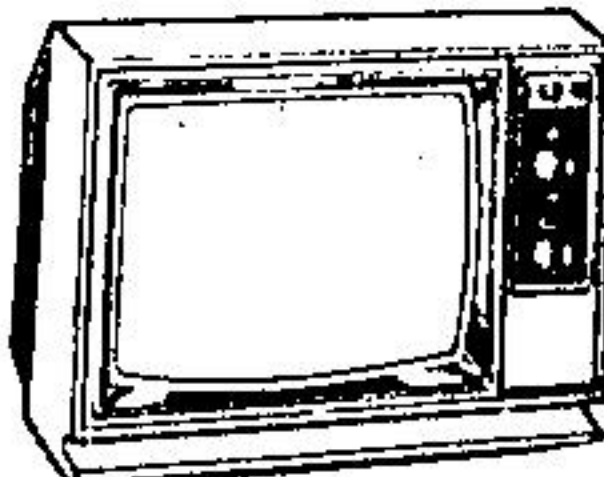
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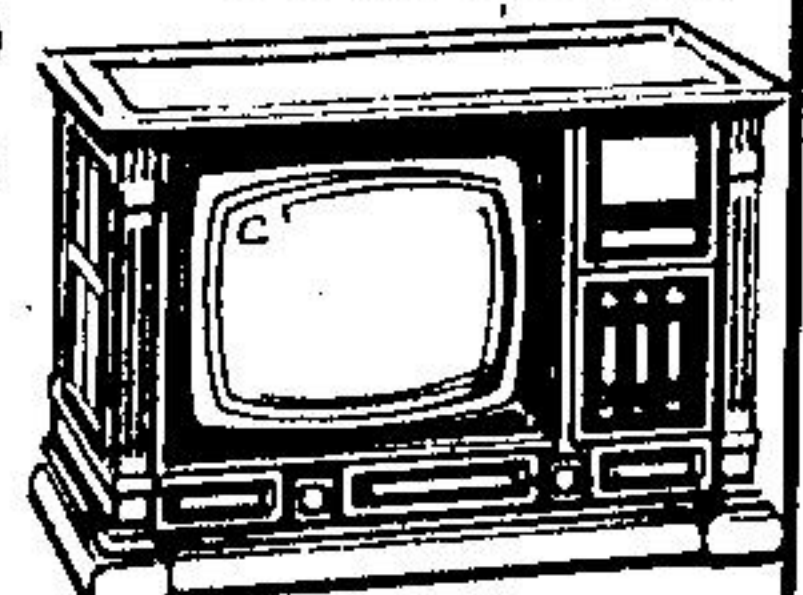
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