

Rebels hand Redmen first basketball defeat



FAST AND FURIOUS—The action under the hoop is quite intense here as a Georgetown Rebel comes down with a rebound as two Acton High School Redmen try to gain possession of the ball. Georgetown was at Acton last week for an East Halton contest, and extended its unbeaten string to 6-0 with a 32-20 win. (Herald photo)

Lisa Mason's 19 points sparked Georgetown District High School Rebels past Acton Redmen 39-26 in an East Halton senior girls game played at the Acton gym Wednesday.

The win improved the Rebels' record to four wins and a loss this season while the defeat was the first for the Redmen in six games.

Mason started the Rebels off in good fashion with a three-point play to open the scoring in the first quarter. However, her most important offensive contribution came in the third quarter when she cashed in on three Acton turnovers which gave Georgetown a 27-21 advantage after the two clubs were involved in a

tight one-point game. In the final frame Georgetown was able to control the contest, which included running 54 seconds of the final minute down before a foul put Mason on the free throw line. Mason hit both attempts and then time ran out for Acton.

Georgetown led 16-13 at the half, in what was a very close two quarters. However, Acton's inability to score on layups cost the Redmen the lead after the first two periods.

Rebels' coach Meredith Smye was pleased with the win, and added many times Georgetown opponents don't pay enough attention to Mason.

"Lisa is so subtle that people don't realize just how valuable she is," Smye said. "She's so unassuming."

The win was also a big one for the Rebels, who were without starter Jenny Melville. Smye said the win is a confidence-booster for her club.

"It's a big win because we've always had a good rivalry with Acton. It was a confidence-builder because when we don't normally hit we lose the game, but we overcame that in this game. We definitely missed Jenny because we had trouble rebounding," Smye said.

Acton coach Lyn McLaren said he felt the key was the rash of turnovers his club had in the third quarter. Georgetown was able to turn the Acton mistakes into points which his club wasn't able to make up.

"They were breaking turnovers and they turned them into points and it was done then," McLaren said.

"That was a big game for us because it could end up costing us home court advantage in the playoffs."

Acton was without Sue Craig for the game as Craig wasn't at school the first three days of last week. McLaren said Craig's absence did make a difference for his team.

"Everyone wasn't sure who would assume the leadership role," with Susan not being there and sometimes we forced things," McLaren said. "With Sue not being there it loosens everyone (on opponents' side) up so they can overplay which is what Georgetown did tonight. When Sue is there opponents have to put two maybe three players on her and then she can pass to the open man."

Throughout the contest Georgetown applied man pressure on Acton which appeared to handcuff the Redmen. Exactly why McLaren doesn't know because this

wasn't the first time his club has faced such pressure and in other instances the Redmen have broken such attempts.

Both teams have games this week.

Georgetown hosted Oakville-Trafalgar Monday and also hosted E.C. Drury today. Acton hosted Queen Elizabeth Park Monday and is in Milton today.

Senior hoop squad loses heart-breaker

The Georgetown District High School senior girls basketball team lost a heart-breaker in the finals of a tournament played this weekend in King City.

The Rebels trailed North Toronto by two points with just six seconds left to play, and managed to tie the contest up at 31-31. However, their Toronto opponents took it one step further in scoring the winning bucket with just four seconds to play to take a 33-31 decision in the finals. However, Rebels' coach Meredith Smye was very pleased with the play of her troops.

"It was a hard one to lose but I was pleased with the way we played," she said. "It was our best game of the season."

Lisa Mason was named Georgetown's Most Valuable Player in the game and was also bestowed the honor of being placed on the tournament all-star squad. Chris Harris too gave a superb effort.

The Rebels made it to the final with a 41-31 win over Uxbridge in the semis. Jenny Melville was the MVP for the Rebels while Mason and Lori Book both led the way with eight points each offensively.

In Georgetown's first game the Rebels took on the host King City team and won the contest 30-27.

Acton closing in on third

A win today is imperative for the Acton High School senior boys volleyball team in its quest for a third-place finish in the East Halton standings.

Not only would the third-place effort be a good showing for the Redmen, who didn't have senior volleyball last year, but it would also keep Acton out of the tie-breaker playoff game. That is to be played Monday between the fourth and fifth place clubs in the league standings.

"I'd like to stay away from that playoff if possible," said Redmen coach Bruce Andrews.

The Redmen could have helped their cause a bit more last week with a sweep of the two league games they played. Monday Acton swept past Oakville-Trafalgar 3-0 (15-8, 15-13, 15-13), but lost a close 2-1 decision (2-15, 15-8, 15-11) to Perdue in what would have given Acton a 5-2 mark. Presently Acton is tied with Milton for third as both schools are at 4-3.

"Perdue isn't as bad as their record indicates but still we didn't play very well," Andrews said. "We were leading 9-5 in the third game. The kids were very upset at the way they played."

"One of our starters wasn't there because he was on a field trip, which can upset the balance a little bit. But I don't want to use that as an excuse," Andrews added.

Still the Redmen coach is pleased to have a winning record to date.

The progress his club has made has even surprised Andrews somewhat.

"For me my kids are playing a lot better than I thought," he said. "I didn't think we'd be that high in the standings. We're playing catchup but it's coming."

The junior squad too split its two games this week. The Redmen just to Oakville-Trafalgar 3-0 (15-3, 15-12, 15-10), but Acton rallied to defeat Perdue 2-1 (8-15, 15-13, 15-11) for the Redmen's second win of the year.

Jr. Rebels unbeaten with win over Acton

The Georgetown District High School junior girls basketball team extended its unbeaten string in East Halton play to 6-0 last week with a 32-20 win over Acton Redmen.

Rebel coach Moe Leeking had praise for his Acton opponents. Leeking said Lyn McLaren's young team should benefit this year and be something to reckon with next season.

"I tip my hat to them. They've improved a lot since our exhibition game with them," he said. "They played well defensively. They weren't giving us much room to walk in. I think Anne Andrews has done a good job for the Acton team this year. She is one of the most under-rated coaches in our league."

Heather Lawrence led the way with 15 points for the Rebels while Lisa Carter chipped in with eight in the half-game she played. For Acton both Jennifer Scott and Melissa Corson led the way with eight points each.

Both Georgetown and Acton had prior contests last week. The Rebels took on Loyola and came away with a 35-12 win. No one player dominated the scoring statistics as Leeking was

able to substitute fairly freely. Leeking did say this game was his club's weakest of the season. It came one day after the Rebels notched a tournament win and Leeking said his club was drained after the tournament victory.

Acton took on Oakville-Trafalgar in its prior contest but came out on the short end of a 44-36 decision.

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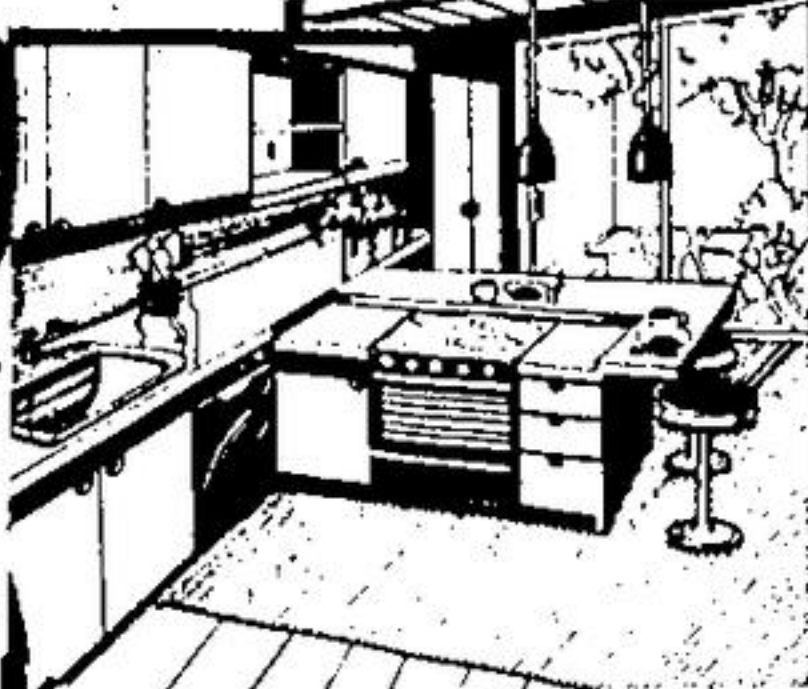
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ATHLETE OF THE MONTH

BLAINE McCAULEY



Blaine McCauley has been named the Herald Athlete of the Month for September. McCauley, 10, was a member of the Etobicoke Eclipse Novice "A" Lacrosse team that won the Ontario Provincial Novice "A" championship recently. In Etobicoke's four games McCauley netted 11 goals and had seven assists to lead his team in scoring. That included the four goals and two assists he notched in Etobicoke's 7-3 win over Hamilton in the finals. The Herald congratulates Blaine on being a part of the championship squad, as well as for being named its Athlete of the Month. (Herald Photos)

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