

TOUGH REBOUND-Acton Redmen player Gord Tallifer (45) battles with a Milton player here for a rebound during their game in the Redmen Invitational basketball tournament played Saturday. Milton won this game 38-20, but the Acton juniors managed to take the consolation title, defeating E.C. Drury 27-22. Milton went on to beat Georgetown in the final. (Herald photo)

Gemini edge Cougars, but lose to Barrie Colts

Barrie Colts gave Georgetown hockey fans an indication why they're on top of the Central Ontario Junior "B" Hockey League standings Saturday.

The Colts were in town to do battle with the Georgetown Pontiac-Buick Gemini at the Alcott Arena. As with many good teams, Barrie showed it can turn the opposition's mistakes into quick goals, taking a 3-0 first period lead over the Gemini despite being outshot 18-7. Three giveaways by the Gemini defence resulted in the Barrie goals, the first of which came with the Colts shorthanded.

Scouts at Alcott

For the first time this season, the hospitality room at the Alcott Arena was standing room only.

The room, which is set up for team officials, media and invited guests, was busy Saturday as no less than a dozen hockey scouts took in the Barrie-Georgetown game at the Alcott Arena. Many were scouting the Pepsi-Cola tournament and dropped by while in the neighborhood. The scouts wouldn't say as to who they were watching. Representatives were from the Ontario Hockey League's Peterborough Petes, Windsor Spitfires, Kitchener Rangers, Guelph Platers, Hamilton Steelhawks and Central Scouting.

NOTES-Saturday's game was North Halton Sports night, with the local sports store donating a number of prizes. The grand prize of a CCM 10-speed bike was taken by seven-year-old Mike Kitchen. Visors, gloves, helmets, sticks were also given out.

Barrie added a goal in the second period and three more in the final frame to take a 7-1 win.

The Gemini loss came just 24 hours after Georgetown rallied for a big win over Burlington Cougars in Burlington. The Gemini never led in the game until Rick Floto scored late in the final frame to give Georgetown a 5-4 win.

The weekend action leaves Georgetown in sixth spot in league standings with 18 points (8-13-2). The Gemini trail fourth place Nobleton and Vaughn by six points while being five points up on seventh place Milton.

Gemini coach Gary Hudson said the giveaways were what killed his club against Barrie Saturday. He added even though the 20-2 Colts are on top of the league standings, they aren't unbeatable. But Hudson also said it will take a good club to beat them.

"You can't give Barrie anything," he said. "We had too many giveaways."

Rod McClure had the lone Gemini tally Saturday night, a power play goal in the second period. Friday in Burlington captain Wayne Morrow led the way with a pair of goals while singles went to McClure, Cole and Floto. Morrow had two assists while McClure had three.

The Gemini will play four games between now and Christmas and Hudson said those contests are important. Hudson said if Georgetown can come up with six points the Gemini will be in the thick of it standings-wise.

While the players might be looking to get a streak together before Christmas, another item on their minds could be the Jan. 10 cutdown date. At that time the Gemini must cut down to 19 skaters and two goalies, which means a few players currently on the club will likely have to be let go.

"The next series of games coming and the ones leading up to Jan. 10 the players will have to make the hockey club all over again," Hudson said. "Some guys will have to turn it all around."

Hudson said he feels the Gemini are slowly rounding into becoming a team to contend with. With 19 games left to play in the regular season, Hudson is setting his sights on finishing in the top four, a feat he feels is quite attainable.

"If we can get our six points we might not move up any but we'll be two or three points out of third and maybe two points out of fourth or fifth," he said. "If we only play .500 hockey the rest of the year I think we can be there."

The Gemini will play two games this week. Saturday the team is at home to play Oakville Blades and Sunday Georgetown travels to Barrie for a return game with the Colts.

NOTES-Hudson said he wasn't concerned about the fact that the Gemini Board held a vote of confidence meeting last week. He said general manager Bob Hooper has said he's happy with his performance and Hooper hasn't had anything derogatory to say. "Jules and Bob hired me and are my bosses. (The meeting) never bothered me." Glen Leslie played in his first game Saturday since being suspended for his part in the brawl with Vaughn recent-

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Major midgets continue with their winning ways

The Sunny Acre Farms major midget hockey team continues on its winning ways with three more wins in league games.

Thursday the team was in Dundas and came away with an impressive 7-3 win. Georgetown led 2-0 after the first period on goals from Tim Bennett and Mark Zebedee with assists going to Rory Kennedy. Terry Dixon added two more in the second frame with a pair of assists going to Bill Herman and a single to Mike Ross. Dundas came back with two goals as Georgetown led 4-2 after two

periods.

In the final frame three more Georgetown goals ended any of Dundas' comeback hopes. Flynn had two goals while Chuck Peebles had the other. Harris notched three assists and Peebles and Zebedee had singles.

Thursday night Georgetown hosted Flamboro and it was sweet revenge time for the locals as Flamboro is the only team to have beaten Georgetown in league play this year. The majors notched an 8-3 win to make up for that prior loss. The visitors led 3-2 after the first period

as Zebedee and Denis Doucette scored for the locals. Dixon, Peebles and Doucette had assists. In the second and third period Georgetown scored five unanswered goals as Dixon had a pair while Doucette, Kennedy, Cooper and Munro had singles. Harris had two assists while singles went to Cooper, Bennett, Ross, Munro and Dixon.

Saturday Dundas was in town and Joe Balson had the shutout in Georgetown's 6-0 victory. Goals from Nicolucci and Harris, with assists from Ross, Dixon and Kennedy saw the locals lead after the first period. The locals added four more tallies in the second frame as Dixon had two while Bennett and Zebedee had singles; Kennedy, Ross, Nicolucci, Bennett and Peebles assisted.

Jr. Rebels defeated for top cage honors

The Georgetown District High School junior boys basketball team made it to the final of the Acton Redmen Invitational tournament before bowing out to rival Milton in the championship.

The Rebels fell behind by eight points in the first half, but came back to make the score a close one. In the dying moments Dave Harris had a chance to tie the score, but his shot rolled around the hoop before falling out and the Rebels had to settle for the silver medal in the game as Milton won 34-32. No Georgetown scorers were made available.

The Rebels made it to the final with a 45-32 win over Lord Elgin. Georgetown was down by eight points early and switched from a man attack to a zone setup. That change proved to be the turning

Redmen capture hoop title

The Acton High School junior boys basketball team captured consolation title honors at the annual Redmen Invitational tournament held Saturday at Acton High School.

The Redmen met up with Milton Mustangs in the first game of the tournament and dropped a 38-20 decision. Chris Burrell led the way for the Redmen with eight points while Gord Tallifer had four points.

Acton then met up with Dundas in the consolation semi final and came away with a 28-23 win. Gerry Turple led the way for Acton with nine points while Burrell, Kevin Priestman and Scott Williams all had four points.

That win pitted the Redmen against E.C. Drury in the consolation final. Turple held the hot hand, netting 13 points as the Redmen took the game 27-22.

point as Georgetown's height came into play and the Elgin club couldn't adjust.

Georgetown opened tourney play with a 48-38 win over E.C. Drury as Dave Harris was the leading scorer for the Rebels but his point total wasn't available.

The Rebels opened league play Thursday with a 44-34 win over E.C. Drury and again no scoring totals were available. Thursday the team travels to Oakville-Trafalgar.

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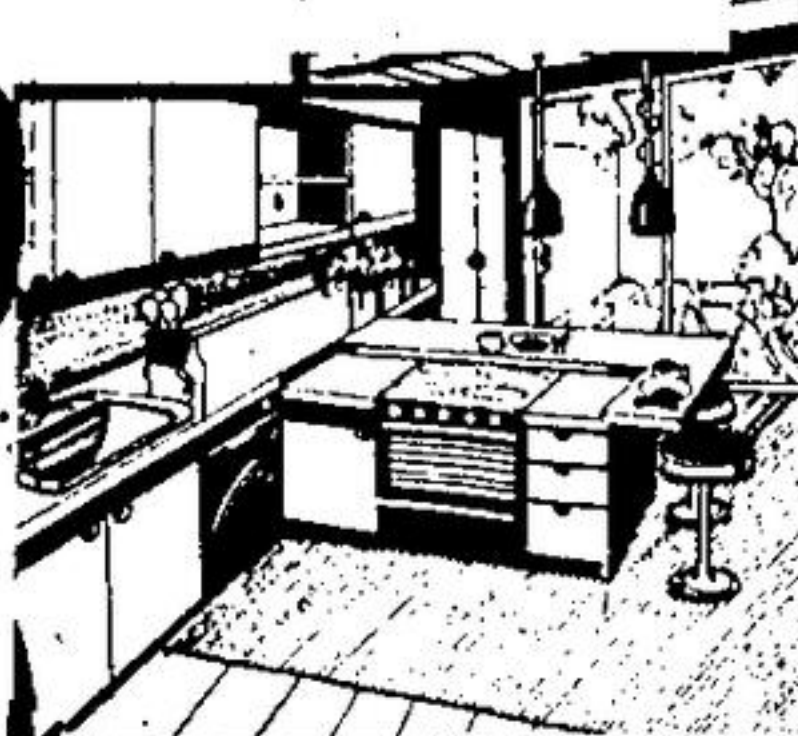
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