

High school sports

Rebel cagers outlast Redmen in match-up

The Georgetown District High School Rebels fought off a late charge by the Acton Redmen to register a 70-57 victory in senior high school basketball action last Wednesday in Acton.

The win raised the Rebels' record to four wins and three losses in league play, while the Redmen slip to two and four.

Georgetown held quarter-time leads of 11-7, 29-17, and 50-37.

With about four minutes left in the fourth quarter, the Redmen managed to get within three points of the Rebels, aided by a two-shot foul awarded to Chris Burrell and back-to-back technicals against Georgetown coach Gary Southworth.

Burrell made both shooting fouls,

and three of the four technicals to make it 58-55 in favor of the Rebels.

With time running out though, the Redmen tried to force the steal and were caught by the breaking Rebels.

Andrew MacLeod and Anthony Larsen hit with a pair of field goals from inside and MacLeod sank a pair of free throws to put Georgetown in control from then on.

Southworth acknowledged his timing in taking the technical fouls was not the best, but he said he remained confident his team could carry the play. It was a case of venting his frustrations over the refereeing.

"It was the worst officiating I've seen all year," he said. "As long as it's consistent, I don't mind. At one point we had 19 team fouls to their 12. We get our fair share, but it

wasn't that bad."

Considering the fact that his team had not played for several weeks, because of the semester break, Southworth was pleased with the performance.

"I felt we controlled the game throughout. I don't think I would have taken the technicals if I didn't think we could have come back. The players showed some character by doing it."

Southworth was especially pleased with the way the Rebels fast broke the ball, calling it the best he's seen from them all season.

It was the first time the Rebels and the Redmen had met on the court to this point in the season, and Southworth said he was impressed with the way Acton performed.

Redmen coach Dave Boycott says inconsistency has plagued his squad several times throughout the current season, and was again evident Wednesday.

Al Scott, who is usually one of the

team's top snipers was held scoreless through the first half.

"I went to the fast break, hoping we could put some points up before they had time to set up," Boycott said. "But we certainly weren't hitting too well."

When the Redmen got to within three points of the Rebels, Boycott felt they were in the game, and could have overtaken their opponents.

"We had to change our strategy a little. They were going into a stall, so we went from a zone to man-to-man. We had chances to stay with them but missed a few baskets. Again, it was the inconsistency as far as shooting goes."

Boycott was pleased with the play of Burrell, who had been promoted to the senior squad from the juniors. Despite a knee ailment he suffered in a junior match the previous night, Burrell did not appear hampered by the injury, and led all scorers with 20 points.

Georgetown was led by MacLeod

with 19, while Ken Janssen added 18, and John Watts contributed 12. Larsen was good for 10, Brent Huff had seven, and Bruce Burwell and Rich Lawson had two each.

For the Redmen, other scorers included Jeff White with 18, Al Scott with seven, and Kevin Galloway, Walter Kozan and Greg Winlarz with four apiece.

The Rebels were missing starting guard Mike Hurley, who was sidelined with the flu.

Georgetown faces two stiff tests this week on home court, when they entertain Oakville Trafalgar on Tuesday and then host White Oaks on Thursday.

White Oaks is undefeated in the 10-team league, while Loyola is in second place with just one loss. Southworth says for the next positions there is "real dogfight" brewing.

The Senior Redmen will face Blakelock at home Tuesday, and then take on Loyola on Thursday.



The Georgetown Rebels and the Acton Redmen squared off in a high school basketball game last Wednesday, which was won by the Rebels 70-57. Here, a Georgetown defender goes up to block a shot against an Acton player. (Herald photo)

Bishop Reding prepares for tourney

The 1987 Royal Invitational Girls' Basketball Tournament is set to go next Wednesday, with six teams vying for the championship trophy.

The tournament is sponsored by Bishop Reding Roman Catholic Secondary School in Acton, and features local teams comprised of Grade 7 and 8 players, from the smaller "feeder" schools.

Teams taking part include St. Joseph's of Acton; Holy Cross and St. Francis of Georgetown; and St. Peter's, Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Victory from Milton.

Brian Arsenault, convener for the tournament, says the event serves an important purpose, in his opinion.

"In many ways, it really promotes our school," he says. "Instead of playing on a Saturday, when just their parents might be there to watch, it's done on school time. It builds a community feeling, and tells the younger students they're always welcome."

A similar tournament for volleyball teams was held in the fall, with excellent results, Arsenault says.

Many of the Bishop Reding students also get caught up in the excitement of the day, according to Arsenault, and vocally show their support for their former schools.

The teams in the tournament have been divided into two divisions and will play a pair of games each, in a round robin format. The squads with the best records after preliminary action will advance to the champion-

ship finals.

The opening game Wednesday features Our Lady of Victory taking on St. Joseph's at 11 a.m.

Then at noon, Holy Cross meets St. Francis, and at 1 p.m. St. Joseph's tangles with Holy Rosary.

Play continues all afternoon, with the championship final slated for 5 p.m.

The name of the winning team will be inscribed on the championship trophy, which remains at Bishop Reding, and the winners will take

home a keeper trophy to display at their school.

Each member of the championship team will also receive a medallion, while the finalists will receive special ribbons. Every player in the tournament receives a participant's ribbon as well.

Bishop Reding will also host the 1987 Royal Invitational Boys' Basketball Tournament on Feb. 27 at the school.

Reding skiers advance to OFSAA

This marks the first time any Bishop Reding student has earned a berth in the Ontario Federation of Schools' Athletic Association (OFSAA) finals for any sport.

A regional competition was held last Wednesday at Hilton Falls, which included participants from five schools in the Halton Hills and Hamilton area. The top 10 racers in each of the divisions advance to the OFSAA finals.

Anna Petrilli of Milton was seventh overall in the junior girls' event, and James Coyle of Georgetown was 10th in the junior boys' competition.

The junior girls' course was 2.5 km in length while the junior boys' course was 4.5 km.

The OFSAA finals are slated for Horseshoe Valley near Barrie on Feb. 23.

Two Bishop Reding Secondary School students have qualified for the all-Ontario cross-country skiing finals scheduled for Barrie later this month.

Reunion plans

Two Georgetown District High School reunion projects to mark on your calendar are a night at the races and the Old Time High School Hockey Tournament.

The night at the races will be March 27 at Mohawk. Look for details in the paper as the date gets nearer.

The hockey tournament is at Gordon Alcott Arena April 10. Enter by your year as a team or as an individual to be drafted by a team. Only limited skill is required for this tournament where fun is the goal. The hockey is non-contact, and to qualify all players must be former or current GDHS students.

Wayne King and Brian Lewis are co-chairmen of the event. Contact them for entry information. Other contacts are GDHS teachers Dale Law and Neil Cotton who can be reached at 877-6966.

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