

High school sports

Senior finals set to go

The Georgetown Rebels will have to contend with a height disadvantage in this weekend's senior high school basketball championships, but coach Gary Southworth is going into the sudden death tournament with a feeling of optimism.

Much of Southworth's optimism comes as the result of two good showings his team put in last week, even though they lost a pair of outings.

Tuesday, the Rebels were edged 55-51 by Oakville Trafalgar, and on Thursday they came up on the short end of a 66-60 decision against White Oaks.

"We lost, but we played really well in both games," Southworth said. "White Oaks is undefeated this year, and in the game with Trafalgar, there was no more than five points difference the whole game."

The Rebels finish in sixth spot in the 16-team conference, with a record of four wins and five losses.

Tuesday against White Oaks, Georgetown led 28-26 at the half, and received 19 points from Andrew MacLeod and 10 from John Watts.

Global gets rights

Global Television has been authorized to broadcast one of the divisional playoffs in the third round of the National Hockey League playoffs and 50 per cent of the Stanley Cup finals.

Network President David Mintz made the announcement from the company's head office in Don Mills earlier this week.

Global's transmissions of the game will be in Ontario only.

Global Television will be responsible for the production of the games, as well as the selection of the broadcast hosts, who are yet to be named.

The rights were obtained from Carling O'Keefe Breweries Ltd., and the Global-produced games are expected to be aired on independent stations across the country.

The CBC will broadcast the other half of the third round games and Stanley Cup finals.

Thursday's match went right down to the wire, as the Rebels trailed by two points with 30 seconds remaining, but were unable to turn the tide in their favor.

Brent Hutt was the top scorer for Georgetown against Trafalgar, as he rolled up 22 points. Watts chipped in with 14.

In Tuesday's game, Southworth ran a man-to-man defence, while in the match with Trafalgar he went to a two-three zone. He says the players executed well in both set-ups.

Offensively, the Rebels were especially effective against the top-ranked White Oaks squad.

"We ran the ball really well," Southworth said. "We broke the press nicely against White Oaks and got a lot of easy lay-ups."

Southworth says much of this week will be spent reviewing strategies with the players, in preparation for the finals this weekend which are being held at White Oaks in Oakville.

The tournament opens Thursday night when the bottom four teams play off to determine the two quarter-finalists which will advance to further action.

Friday and Saturday the remaining eight teams will continue to be pared down until the two finalists are decided. The championship game is scheduled for Saturday night.

The Rebels are slated to open their weekend of competition Friday night when they tangle with the third place Queen Elizabeth Park team at 8 p.m.

Georgetown dropped a match-up with QEP earlier in the schedule, by 10 points, according to Southworth.

The Rebels have a distinct height disadvantage, in comparison to many of the other teams, but Southworth isn't ready to be counted out of the running just yet.

"We're hurting in height, but I think we have as good a shot as anyone," he says. "When we play well, we're as good as any team. With a couple of breaks we could be right there."

Running attack is key to Jr. Rebels' success

The Georgetown District High School Junior Rebels rounded out their regular season last week with a pair of victories to finish with a record of six wins and three losses.

Tuesday, the Rebels dumped Blakelock 62-28, while Thursday they rolled to a 55-41 victory over White Oaks.

The Rebels were awaiting the outcome of further league action yesterday (Tuesday) to find out where they would finish in the standings.

Coach Rick Redshaw expected the team would either be in third or fourth once the dust had settled.

The top three schools in the 16-team eastern division receive a bye to the quarter finals. To determine the other quarter finalist, the sixth team will square off against the fifth place squad, and the winner will then advance to a showdown with the fourth place team.

Once the final four are determined, they will play a cross-over quarter final match with the top four Burlington teams of the western division. The winners there will then advance to semi final action to determine the league finalists.

The Junior Rebels were in top form Thursday against White Oaks as they held quarter-time leads of 2-7, 40-17, and 47-28.

Marc Murnaghan led the scoring attack with 16 points, while Dave Harris chipped in with 14, Rob Jickling had eight, and Mike Dyer had six.

Offence is a big part of the Rebels' game according to Coach Redshaw, and the team is at its best when the players are running hard.

"When we're on, we're capable of scoring 60 points every game," Redshaw says. "We have a good fast-breaking team. If we stand back and let the other team set up, the guys aren't in the game as much. We have to keep running."

The Rebels have five players over 6-ft., which is tall in comparison to many of the other teams. Several of the Rebels' guards are also good jumpers, so Redshaw says they can play an inside game as well, without any problem.

The Rebels' only losses came at the hands of Queen Elizabeth Park, Oakville Trafalgar and Loyola. Aside from the contest with QEP, their losses have been close decisions.

If the Rebels finish in fourth place, Redshaw expects they will be back in action again next Wednesday to take on the winner of the fifth-against-sixth game.

Should they finish in third, the Rebels are expected to be back on the court for their quarter final match next Friday.



Dave Harris of the Georgetown Rebels' junior basketball squad is in a crowd as he goes up for a shot against White Oaks Secondary School in high school basketball action last week. Harris had 14 points as the Rebels rolled to an easy 55-41 win over White Oaks. (Herald photo)

Hockey Rebels end season

The Georgetown Rebels dropped a pair of decisions in high school hockey last week, losing 5-1 to Oakville Trafalgar Tuesday, and then getting bumped 8-1 Thursday at the hands of Queen Elizabeth Park.

The Rebels have one win and one tie to their credit with one game left in their regular schedule. That match was scheduled for Tuesday against Nelson High School of Burlington.

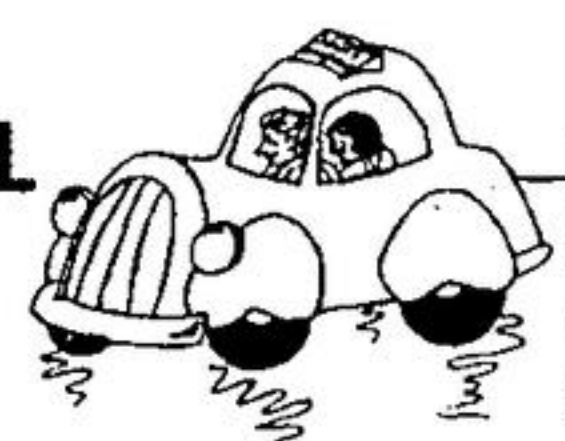
Bob Anderson had the lone goal in the game Thursday.

Georgetown coach Nell Cotton says that despite the one-sided scores last week, his team had been playing well. "Up until recently, we've done well in terms of holding our own," Cotton says. "But I suppose it's kind of natural to have a let-down at this point in the season."

The Rebels will finish the regular schedule in sixth spot in their seven-team division, ahead of Loyola.

The top four teams in each of the two divisions advance to the playoffs.

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