

Sports Outlook



The Georgetown District High School Rebels have continued their undefeated ways in the Halton Senior Basketball Conference playoffs. Tuesday, the Rebels defeated Aldershot 54-26, and advanced to the semi-finals, where they were to host M.M. Robinson

Thursday, for the right to go on to the finals. Above, a Georgetown player works the ball out from double coverage during an earlier playoff game between the Rebels and the Milton District High School Mustangs, which GDHS won easily, 68-12.

Colts, Cougars lead Central loop

The top teams in the Central Ontario Junior B Hockey League are beginning to pull away from their weaker counterparts, as the schedule heads into the second third of the season.

As of Wednesday, the Burlington Cougars were atop the West Division, while the Barrie Colts held a commanding lead in the East Division.

The Cougars, last season's league champions, were in first with 23 points, on an 11-3-1 record, while Streetsville (9-4-2) was second with 20, and the Etobicoke Capitals (9-5-1) were third with 19 points.

These teams were followed by Oakville, Milton, Georgetown and Mimico.

The Colts, last season's regular schedule champions, remained undefeated through their first 18 games with a record of 14-0-1, good for 32 points.

In second spot was Aurora (9-3-4) with 22 points, followed by the Vaughan Raiders (8-5-3), with 19 points. Rounding out the standings in the East are Richmond Hill, Orillia, Newmarket, and Markham.

Not surprisingly, the Barrie Colts hold the lead in the goals-for department, for the entire league with 130. Their closest rival was Burlington with 93.

The Georgetown Gemini had given up the most goals, allowing 107 in their first 16 games.

But the dubious distinction of having the worst goals-against average goes to Markham. They allowed 100 goals in their first 14 games for a 7.14 average.

On the local front, the Gemini had a record of 3-12-1 heading into a game Wednesday night against the Mimico Monarchs. Two of Georgetown's first three wins came against the Monarchs (2-11-2).

Last night (Friday), the Gems were to entertain Orillia in a division crossover game, and tonight they host the Oakville Blades for a 7:30 p.m. start at the Alcott Arena for a divisional battle.

CENTRAL ONTARIO JUNIOR B HOCKEY LEAGUE Standings (as of Nov. 11)

Team	West Division					East Division				
	W	T	F	A	PTS	W	T	F	A	PTS
Burlington	11	1	1	91	51	23				
Streetsville	9	4	2	90	44	20				
Etobicoke	9	5	1	81	56	19				
Oakville	6	7	8	69	41	15				
Milton	5	8	2	68	37	12				
GEORGETOWN	3	12	1	72	107	7				
Mimico	2	11	2	69	97	6				
Barrie					130	54	22			
Aurora					90	59	22			
Vaughan					81	19				
Richmond Hill					71	15				
Orillia					72	12				
Newmarket					70	12				
Markham					100	4				

NBA 1987-88

Boston, Atlanta look good

By George Robinson

NEW YORK (NEA) — The National Basketball Association, despite the threat of a mid-season strike, is beginning its 1987-88 season at the peak of prosperity.

Here's what to expect in the Atlantic and Central Divisions.

In the Atlantic Division, the predicted order of finish in 1987-88 is: 1. Boston Celtics; 2. Philadelphia 76ers; 3. Washington Bullets; 4. New York Knicks; 5. New Jersey Nets.

The Atlantic used to be the best-balanced division in the NBA, albeit dominated by Boston. Suddenly, however, the Atlantic is unraveling. There are a lot of old men here, a lot of incomplete teams.

The Celtics won 59 games last year and finished 14 games ahead of Philly. Cause for joy? The 59 victories were their fewest in four years. This is a club decimated by injuries and threatened by age. Bill Walton is gone for the season; Kevin McHale, for the opening month. Robert Parish is 34, Dennis Johnson 33 and Larry Bird almost 31. Only Danny Ainge, 28, is in his prime. If Red Auerbach and Jan Volk don't work some magic, this could be the last Celtic season in first place for years to come.

With Julius Erving retired, the 76ers have a new team leader, Charles Barkley. Barkley is not a center (even though his 14.6 rebounds per game led the NBA). He can do just about everything else, though.

The Sixers are as injury-riddled as Boston. Roy Hinson and Andrew Toney are both coming off drastically shortened seasons. Jeff Ruland's knees forced him to retire early. And first-round pick Christian Welp is a long way from being an NBA center.

Bullets GM Bob Ferry is turning them into a circus sideshow. His first-round draft pick, Tyrone Bogue, is the shortest player in NBA history at 5-foot-3. Backup center Manute Bol is the tallest at 7-foot-7.

Bogue can play offense, but on defense his height may kill the Bullets. The key to Washington is the Ma-

lone Connection. Moses Malone is still one of the game's most dominant centers, averaging 24.1 points and 11.3 rebounds per game last year. But he is an old 32. Jeff Malone is a one-dimensional player at off-guard. That dimension: 22 points per game. John Williams will help, if his shooting percentage improves.

In the Central Division, the predicted order of finish in 1987-88 is: 1. Atlanta Hawks; 2. Detroit Pistons; 3. Chicago Bulls; 4. Milwaukee Bucks; 5. Cleveland Cavaliers; 6. Indiana Pacers.

The Central is the most competitive division in the NBA. Although the Pistons chewed up the Hawks in the playoffs last year, these two are well matched. In fact, Milwaukee could get back in the race as well. Chicago, Cleveland and Indiana are all a year or two and a player or three away.

The Hawks have something to prove. Kevin Willis wants to be recognized as one of the NBA's better power forwards. Tree Rollins wants to show he can still play at 32. Doc Rivers' ego needs a championship ring. Adding Dallas Comegys and Ken Barlow, you have a team that can bang up front. The backcourt is thin, though.

The Pistons came within five seconds of going to the NBA finals last year. Whether they make it this year depends on Bill Laimbeer's knees and William Bedford's psyche. If Laimbeer (the most efficient NBA rebounder at .335 per minute) stays healthy and Bedford spells him effectively, then Detroit will go all the way. With a cast led by Isiah Thomas, Joe Dumars, Adrian Dantley, a slimmed-down Rick Mahorn and Dennis Rodman, this teams is loaded.

Chicago only has two real gems — but Michael Jordan and Charles Oakley are almost a complete team. The centers, Artis Gilmore and Dave Corzine, have been in the pros for a combined total of 25 years. Without major contributions from rookies Scottie Pippen and Horace Grant, the Bulls will slip.

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A Look Back
QUESTION
 In what year did the Industrial Football League hold its first awards banquet?
ANSWER
 1972. The Alpine ball club were league champions and won the first trophy.

Three Sabres with Allstars

The Acton Sabres will have three representatives on the Mid-Western Junior C Hockey League Allstar team when they face St. Mike's Buzzers tonight (Saturday) at the Alliston Arena.

St. Mike's is the second-place team in the Metro Junior B Hockey League's Fullan Division, and second overall in the 12-team loop.

Players from each of the seven Mid-Western Junior C teams have been selected to comprise the Allstar team, which takes to the ice at 8 p.m. for the exhibition match against St. Mike's.

Representing the Sabres will be goalie Tom Hill, Centre Chris Turner, and centre Tom Fisher.

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