



Lisa Carter of the GDHS Rebels goes up for a shot during a senior girls' semi-final playoff basketball game against M.M. Robinson. The Rebels won the game easily, and advanced to yesterday's Halton final against the Nelson Lords. (Herald photo)

'Hoosiers, here we come ...'

Sr. Rebels looking to topple 'Goliath'

Moe Leeking is a pretty good natured guy.

But no matter what you do, don't ever... EVER... refer to Georgetown as "Farmertown".

That's not to say the Georgetown District High School's senior girls' basketball coach would physically accost anyone who tried his patience.

But you can bet he'd take that error in judgement and use it as ammunition to motivate his ladies on the court.

Last week, Leeking's squad dumped Aldershot 54-26 in a Halton quarterfinal game Tuesday, and then earned a berth in the final on Thursday, when they defeated M.M. Robinson 51-25.

During the contest with Robinson, a few Robinson partisans made some tasteless comments which didn't sit too well with coach Leeking. There was some reference to Georgetown being "an agricultural centre".

The win Thursday set up a confrontation with the best in the West, Nelson Lords, who downed Acton High School 42-28 in the other semifinal Thursday.

That Lords-Rebels' showdown was played Tuesday on Nelson's home court.

Many viewed the league final as a classic "David vs. Goliath" confrontation. "Big School vs. Little School". And Leeking didn't mind a bit.

"They say they're going to wait over us, their papers say they're going to wait over us," he said Thursday. "It's in their gym, on a smaller court, with clear fiberglass backboards. It's Hoosiers, here we come."

Leeking expected Nelson to try and neutralize the effectiveness of Lisa Mason who scored 20 points in the game against M.M. Robinson.

And at the same time, Leeking knew they would have to find a way to stop two of Nelson's top shooters, including centre Anna Gabler.

But when it came right down to it, Leeking felt he had a strong bench he could rely on, allowing him to go player-for-player with the Lords.

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Turnstile

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The key to the Rebels' success all season has been the strong support cast to back up the starters and while the Georgetown team had a relatively easy route to the finals through the playoffs, team strength could go a long way in determining their fate in the semi-final.

The role players who do the things that don't show up on the score sheet, Leeking said. "People like Jenny Melville and Alison Irvine, who quietly get their six to eight points a game."

In Thursday's game against M.M. Robinson, Leeking worked on a variety of different defences to get the players more comfortable with them prior to the final match-up.

And one admirer of the Rebels' team was duly impressed Thursday.

"Their ability to adapt quickly to the various defences he (Leeking) called from the bench, will be a key when they play the better teams," said M.M. Robinson coach Pat Long.

With from Mason's 20 points, Melville hit for nine, while Tara Purdy and Irvine had five apiece. Heather Lawrence and Lisa Long each had four, while Lisa Carter and Carolyn Stewart had two each.

Beama local led the M.M. Robinson scoring attack with 12 points, while Cathy Carter and Stephanie Lawrence had four apiece.

There was a little added motivation for Leeking and several of his players in the Halton championship final yesterday. Last year, it was Nelson and Georgetown in the league championship game, and Leeking was coach of the Rebels.

"Nelson knocked us off last year, and the girls are still quietly simpering over that," he said.

Winning streak snapped at six

Sabres suffering 'home ice jitters'

One of the few problems afflicting the Acton Sabres at this point in their Mid-Ontario Junior C hockey schedule has been isolated, and the prognosis looks good.

Quite frankly, every team should be so afflicted.

Last Wednesday night, the Sabres were dumped 6-4 by the visiting Caledon Flyers, for their first loss in seven starts.

Friday, Acton got back into the swing of things with a 4-3 decision in Alliston over the Hornets.

Caledon put together a good game Wednesday, but the Sabres didn't show themselves to be the same team that rebounded from a 1-4 start to move in on the league's kinglypins at seven wins and four losses heading into the game.

"So what happened?" "I think the players are scared, playing in front of the hometown crowd," says Acton general manager Jules Russiani.

"We've got some kids who have played Junior before, but many of them haven't. It's all new to them."

After drawing only mediocre crowds for their first few home games, the Sabres are beginning to find a following. Wednesday's was a good turnout, and a vocal one, at that.

Russiani feels as the season progresses, the young players with the Sabres will begin to feel more at home, and come to realize the fans are on their side.

The Flyers took a 3-1 lead after the opening period, and led 4-2 after 40 minutes, as the Sabres didn't seem as sharp as they have been in recent games.

Jeff Campbell did most of the damage for Caledon, scoring three times. Doug Rayner tallied twice for the Flyers, including an empty net goal with 20 seconds left, and Eben Wagnland added a single.

The Sabres certainly had their chances to get back in the contest, as the Flyers took a number of penalties in rapid succession in the third period, to leave them two men short much of the time.

Greg Yates, Chris Turner, Mark French, and Tom Fisher replied for the Sabres.

Acton had a few tense moments in the second period when goalie Tom Hill was struck in the face mask with a hard shot. He left the game and was replaced by Alex Piazza, but the blow just left him a little woozy.

In Alliston Friday, the Sabres led 3-1 after the opening period, and 4-1 after the second, before surrendering two goals to the Hornets in the final frame.

Paul Wilson scored the first Acton goal at 6:06, and Turner tallied on the power play at 17:16. Peter Cargill added another Acton marker at 18:38 to make it 3-1 for the Sabres.

Fisher scored what proved to be the winner on an unassisted effort in the second period.

For the Hornets, John Lyle, Rob Stinson, and Mike Lemire replied.

Piazza earned the win in net for the Sabres.

No league games were scheduled for Saturday, as Alliston hosted a game between the Mid-Ontario Allstars and St. Mike's Buzzers of the Metro Junior B loop.

The Allstars won the game 3-1, as Turner of the Sabres scored the winner.

This Thursday, Acton travels to Schomberg for an 8:15 p.m. game, and Friday they host the last place Grand Valley Harvesters for an 8 p.m. contest at the Acton Arena.

MID-ONTARIO JR. C HOCKEY LEAGUE Standings (as of Nov. 12)

Orangville 13 12 1 0 34

Acton 13 8 2 0 14

Bradford 13 6 7 0 13

Caledon 10 6 4 0 13

Alliston 13 5 8 0 10

Schomberg 12 5 7 0 10

Grand Valley 10 0 10 0 0

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M and M Sports rocks Stoney Creek

In only their second game of the month of November, the M and M Pro Sports Bantams hosted Stoney Creek Sunday and claimed their eighth win of the season, by a 6-5 margin.

The game began slowly, as a goal by Stoney Creek in the opening period was the only blemish on the scoresheet.

Things picked up considerably in the second frame, both on the scoresheet, and with a steady parade of players to the penalty box, which continued throughout the remainder of the match.

In all, Stoney Creek ended up with 25 penalty minutes, as well as a game misconduct for fighting, while Georgetown was assessed 24 minutes. It was a reduction of two minutes by each team in their penalty minute time over their last meeting.

In the second period, all the scoring belonged to Georgetown, as Rod Pasma scored from Rich Bond and Craig Cooper with just over eight minutes left in the period.

Wade Serjancanton scored on a shorthanded effort from Cooper and Mark Mininch a short time later,

and then Mininch scored a power play marker from Chad Bailey and Eric Long to give the locals a 3-1 lead.

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Chateau Bantams split weekend outings

The Chateau Restaurant Minor Bantams split a pair of games on the weekend, losing 4-3 to Brampton Saturday, but bouncing back for a top-sided 8-1 victory over Flamboro.

In Brampton Saturday, Georgetown goalie John Katsileris was pelted with 27 shots, as the Chateau squad was understuffed on defence, due to injuries.

With rourguards Mitch Butt and Peter Lee out of the line-up, there was a great strain put on the team, and as if that wasn't enough, Brad Tutt was out with the flu.

As a result, the Chateau team ran out of steam by the third period.

Duane Lewis, Mark McIntyre, and Trevor Ellnesky accounted for the Georgetown goals.

Sunday, Flamboro visited the Alcott Arena, and were entertained by the Adam Hills-Trevor Ellnesky show.

Hills had his best game of the season, scoring six times in the healthier Bantam team's victory.

Ellnesky finished the day with five assists as he and Hills led rush after

another powerplay opportunity.

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press, and with 6:25 remaining, they took advantage of some poor forechecking, and cashed in on a one-on-one situation to score the go-ahead goal.

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a low shot.

With 20 seconds left, Georgetown pulled their goalie in favor of an extra attacker, but they couldn't pull it off, as the score remained 3-1.

Johnson atoms lose game to Burlington

The Georgetown Johnson and Associate Major Atom B squad travelled to Burlington last Wednesday, and lost a close decision by a 3-1 margin.

Georgetown came on strong in the opening period, outshooting Burlington, and having the better quality scoring opportunities.

With a Burlington player sent off for hooking at the 4:27 mark, the Johnson and Associates' powerplay unit of Craig Blair, Stephen Yurichuk, Matt Lush, Andrew Ellnesky, and Shannon Morris managed to apply good pressure.

Georgetown just failed to capitalize on an excellent centring pass by Ellnesky, but they finally got on the scoreboard when Lush tipped in a shot by Blair.

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Lords humble Acton

Chances for an all-Halton Hills Senior girls' basketball final fell by the way Thursday, as the Nelson Lords upended Acton High School 42-28 in a Halton semifinal playoff match-up.

Nelson advanced to the championship game yesterday against Georgetown District High School Rebels, who downed M.M. Robinson 51-25 in the other semifinal Thursday.

The Acton team did a good job of subduing Nelson's run-and-gun game plan, but couldn't outgun the Lords on the scoreboard.

Injuries played a prominent part in Acton's demise, as they were without point guard Marjorie Parker who suffered a hand injury in their 51-17 quarterfinal victory over Lester B. Pearson Tuesday.

Forward Jen Scott was lost when she sustained a sprained ankle in the third quarter.

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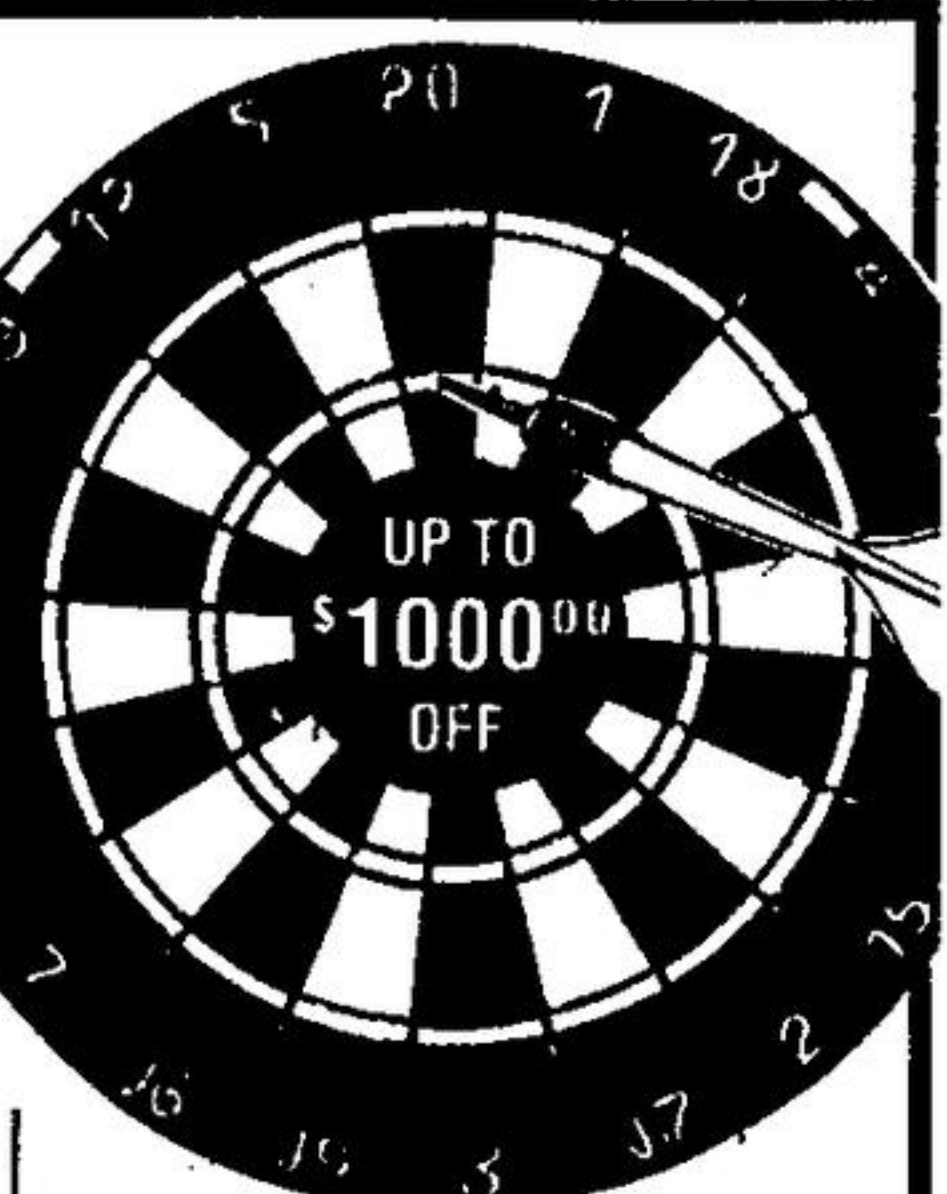
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