

Acton meets Fergus in first playoff round

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Acton Sabres defeated Fergus 7-1 Friday on the road in what wound up as a warm-up game for the playoffs.

Due to Schomberg securing second place on the weekend, Sabres were scheduled to begin the first round of post-season play yesterday (Tuesday) at Fergus, which finished in sixth place.

This year, the two top junior teams (Orangeville and Schomberg) got a first round bye. Acton finished third, earning the right to play the basement dwelling Fergus team. Sabre coach Ken Steen explained why the team played the first game on the road instead of at Acton (results unavailable at press time).

"We have a tight schedule and we couldn't get ice time at Acton soon enough. We'll be playing at home on Wednesday (tonight at



Jamie Curran

7:30 p.m.) and Friday (at 8:00 p.m.). The fourth game will be at Fergus on Sunday (at 2:00 p.m.)."

Steen said the team started out a bit slow against Fergus after scoring their first two goals in the opening period.

"The guys kind of figured it would be no problem to win. After Fergus scored (to make it 3-1) in the second, we picked things up more."

Assistant captain Jamie Curran scored the first goal just 27 seconds into the game. Paul Larsen followed that goal up with a shorthanded effort at 4:38 to make the score 2-0.

Curran scored the second shorthanded goal of the evening for Sabres at 6:37 of the middle

frame, earning his second goal of the evening. After Fergus scored at 10:43, Acton tightened up to end the period 3-1.

Jeff Shevalier, who has been filling opponent's nets with pucks since he joined Sabres, scored the first of his two markers 40 seconds into the third period to get the team moving.

Steen said one of the reasons for the lethargic start was the absence of a few players who play a large role in Sabres game plan.

"Adam Hilts is hurting, along with Mark Brommersma. John Van Dam was serving a suspension for fighting in the Orangeville game. Van Dam will be back for Wednesday, while Brommersma should be ready

Friday."

Steen would not specify the injuries Hilts and Brommersma have suffered and was unsure when Hilts would be able to return to the lineup. The coach said one new face is likely to be seen on the bench in the near future, but said he wouldn't release details until the Fergus series had gotten underway.

Other scorers for Acton included Rob Boyle at 2:13 of the third, followed by Shevalier with his second marker just under two minutes later. Rich Bond got the final goal at 12:16.

Both goaltenders, Greg Powell and Jim Mantione played in the game, with Powell starting and Mantione coming in halfway through the match.

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Major Novice

Lumbermen still alive in playoff with Lions

Georgetown Beaver Lumber AA Major Novice hockey club staved off playoff elimination by tying Orangeville Lions 2-2 with 2:11 left in overtime Jan. 31 at Memorial Arena.

The second period found Brent McClung in close with a high shot to the glove side which was turned away by a very steady Orangeville goaltender at the 11:07 mark.

Matt Hotham had a good scoring opportunity at the 14:48 mark, with Ryan Bobor eagerly looking for the rebound. Scott Ellis, Matt Hotham and Trevor Cash combined on a rush at the 12:29 mark. The second period ended 0-0.

The third period saw Ryan Bobor score assisted by Dan Smith. Bobor shot from the top of the faceoff circle and it appeared to hit the Orangeville defenceman and go into the net.

Orangeville came back at the 11:36 mark to tie the game.

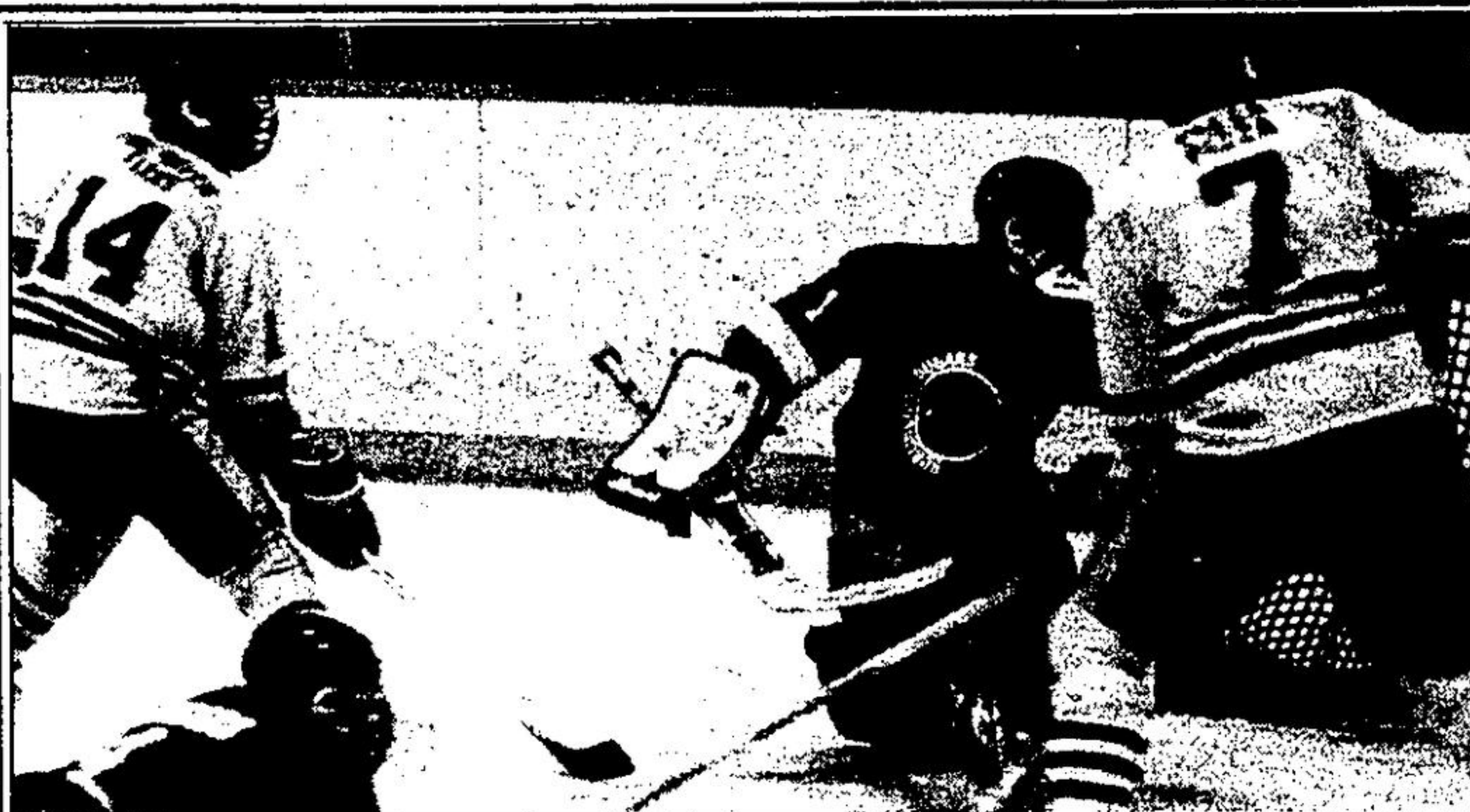
Pearce had made the save, but fell back in the net with the puck and Orangeville was awarded a goal.

Georgetown came back at 12:36 with Jay Hayes taking a good clean shot on net with Hotham looking for the rebound. Georgetown continued to press but the period came to a close with the score tied 1-1.

In overtime, Pearce made two big saves in the opening minute, to keep the score at 1-1.

Orangeville scored with 2:52 remaining to take the lead 2-1. Georgetown clawed and scratched to tie the game 40 seconds later when Brent McClung hit the net with a high backhand shot after Dan Smith and Scott Ellis dug the puck out from the corner. The game ended 2-2.

The fifth game of the series was played in Orangeville on Feb. 3 but results were unavailable at press time.



The brotherly duo of Scott (left) and Charlie Humber combined on this play to score Georgetown Raiders' first goal against Burlington Cougars at Alcott Arena Saturday night. Though they had taken the lead, Raiders lost 5-2 on Friday. At home, Georgetown beat Streetsville 6-5. (Herald photo by Robert Risk)

Raiders manage to split weekend games at Alcott

Brothers may have differences, but the tandem of Scott and Charlie Humber were on the same wavelength last weekend, netting a total of eight points in two games.

Out of eight goals scored by Raiders (6-5 win over Streetsville at Alcott on Friday and a 5-2 loss at home against Burlington on Saturday), the Humber brothers combined on three goals, with Scott being fed by Charlie each time. Charlie also scored one goal and assisted on another.

Raider coach Gary McFadyen said there wasn't anything intentional in how the scoresheets wound up after the weekend was completed.

"Charlie is a defenceman, so he doesn't regularly play on a line with his brother. I'm definitely not complaining about the result."

McFadyen said he wasn't happy with the loss to Burlington Saturday, but pointed out the game was kept fairly close since Cougars scored their fifth goal into an empty net.

"Both Sirota and (Jason) Nicholson played well (stopping 32 shots in each of their starts). We just weren't putting the puck

past them. We outshot Burlington (47-37) but they still beat us."

Even though Raiders defeated Streetsville 6-5 Friday, McFadyen said he wasn't satisfied with the close outcome of the game. Derbys almost tied it up after getting two goals late in the third period.

"We managed to tighten things up in time, but it shouldn't have come to that. Again, we had plenty of chances to be up 8-3, but we kept missing the opportunities."

The coach had praise for the players who managed to bury the puck in the twine, such as Corey Ames, who scored one goal and assisted on two others Friday.

The hard working Ames got involved from the start against Streetsville, notching a powerplay goal at 14:10 of the first period on an assist from Marty Savoy to bring the team to within one goal.

The Humber brothers connected before the end of the frame to tie it 2-2 at 18:08. Scott Humber got the honors, assisted by Charlie Humber and Dan Fournel.

Raiders took the lead at 1:50 of the second when John Williamson took a feed from Savoy and Ames. Fournel increased the gap

at 6:23 with help from Charlie Humber and Bill McDonald, but Derbys got one back before the end of the period.

Charlie Humber combined with Williamson and Ames for Raiders' fifth goal, followed by Charlie Officer who got the winner, assisted by Duane Lewis at 13:36 of the final period.

In Saturday's contest, the Humber boys connected for two goals, but it wasn't enough as Burlington took two points home with them.

Raiders played Streetsville Tuesday but results were unavailable at press time. Georgetown's final two games of the regular season are at home against Peterborough on Saturday.

CENTRAL JUNIOR B West Division Standings

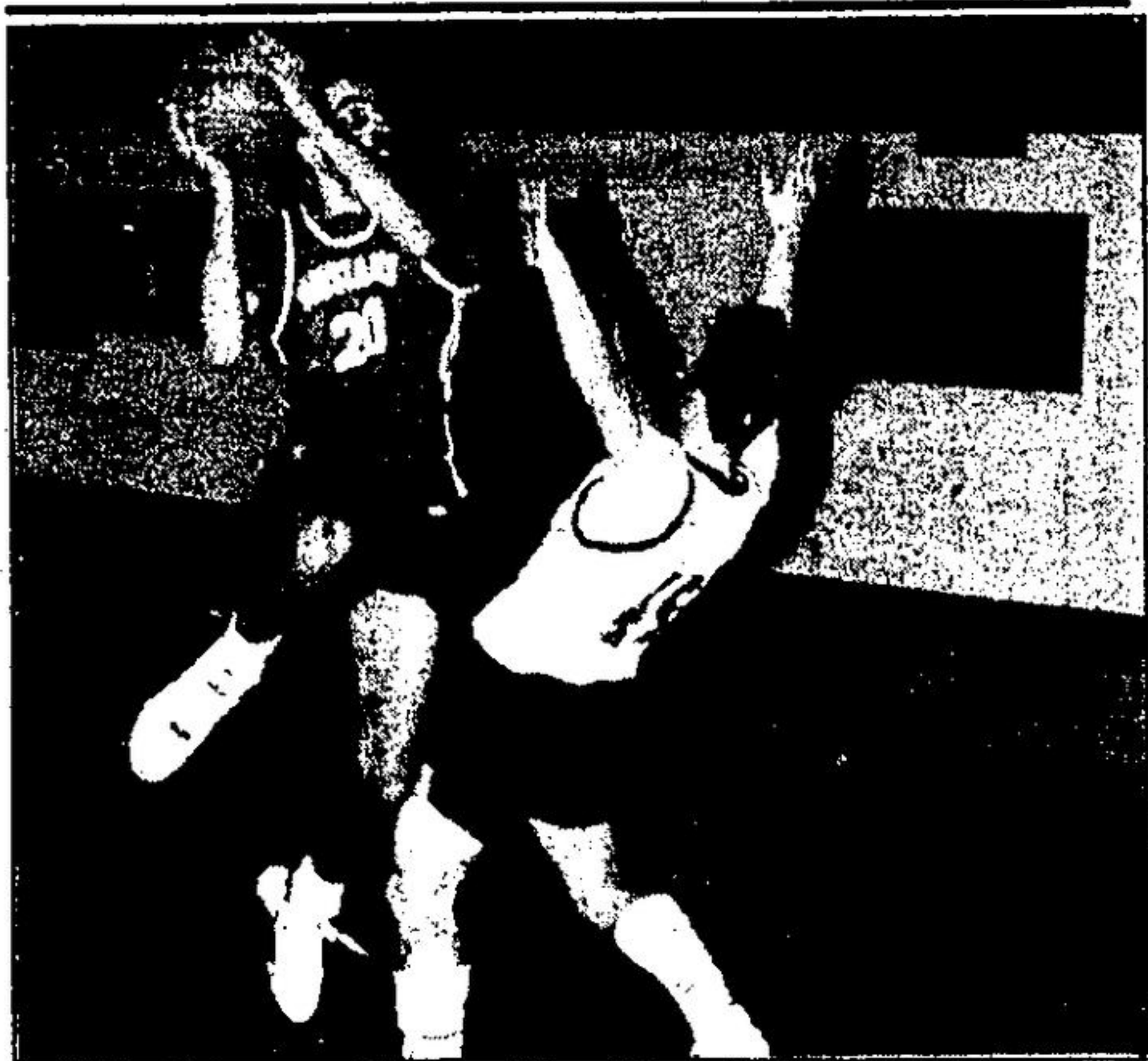
TEAM	GP	W	L	T	Pts.
Oakville	40	25	7	8	58
Milton	41	24	10	7	56
Brampton	40	24	13	3	51
Burlington	39	20	16	3	43
Streetsville	40	13	17	5	41
Georgetown	38	11	27	1	23
Peterborough	39	3	36	1	7

Friday's Results

Georgetown 6, Streetsville 6

Saturday's Results

Burlington 6, Georgetown 2
Oakville 7, Peterborough 4



Senior basketball

Georgetown District High School Rebel senior basketball player Dave Page bars the way for the Milton Mustang player during their game at GDHS on Monday. Rebels couldn't always stop Milton as they lost 48-38. Rebel midjets did just that in their game with Milton, winning 53-30. (Herald photo by Robert Risk)