

Raiders rally to edge Axemen

The Ajax Axemen are fighting for their playoff lives and have been causing problems for the rest of the Central Ontario Junior B Hockey League, especially the Georgetown Chrysler Raiders.

The Axemen, a new entry in the league this season, started out slowly but have been picking up points of late as they are trying to catch the Burlington Cougars for the final playoff spot.

The last time the Raiders visited Ajax, the Axemen stole a pair of points and it looked as if they might get another on Tuesday evening.

The Raiders relied on a goal from Scott Humber with just 3:09 remaining to break a 3-3 deadlock, and the local hockey heroes claimed a 5-3 win to keep them in third spot.

Ajax got on the board first but the Raiders got the equalizer before the period ended, as Trevor Brandt lit the lamp from Todd McKee and Charlie Humber.

The middle stanza belonged to the

Raiders as they counted the only two goals. Mike Wilson gave the Raiders a 2-1 lead from Steve Weishar before Charlie Humber connected from Trevor Elinesky to give the locals a 3-1 margin.

Ajax fought back in the final frame, notching the equalizer with just 4:58 remaining, setting the stage for the Scott Humber marker. Andy Pearce assisted on the goal. Any Ajax hopes were dashed when Todd McKee found the range from Kevin Rutledge and Scott Humber with just 51 seconds remaining.

The Raiders will keep their hopes of catching Oakville and Milton alive this weekend when they tangle with Burlington and Streetsville. On Friday night, the Raiders travel to Burlington and Saturday they host Streetsville in an 8:30 p.m. start. The home contest will start one hour later than normal to allow the allstar players, Rob Doucette, Todd McKee and Carmelo Giurleo, time to return from the All-Star Game in Orillia.

Acton juveniles fall in Walkerton final

Acton and Erin had to travel all the way to Walkerton to claim local area bragging rights over the holiday season.

The two area juvenile squads proved themselves to be among the best in the province as both sides battled their way to the Walkerton Christmas Tourney championship, winning three games each before meeting for final bragging rights.

Erin earned those rights with a convincing 10-4 win, but only after the Acton Rotary Club crew had turned in some solid efforts against some good juvenile squads.

Acton opened the tourney with a 6-4 win over Listowel and then edged Teeswater 5-4 and Ripley 5-2 for the opportunity to meet Erin in the final.

In the championship game, the Rotary squad never got on track, falling behind 3-1 after one period and 7-2 after two frames. Jeff Koprowski, Kelly Jupp, Chris Reichard and Mike Gair scored for Acton, while Paul Westaway, Wayne Bousfield and Mike Kinnon earned assists.

In their opening game against Walkerton, the Acton squad rallied from a 2-0 first period deficit to score a 6-4 win. Jupp and Westaway each

scored twice in the win, while Koprowski and Reichard netted singles. Bousfield earned two assists while Kinnon, Jupp, Chris LeBlanc and Gary Heinz picked up single helpers.

Westaway held the hot hand against Teeswater, scoring four times in a 5-4 Acton win. The two clubs scored twice each in the opening frame. Neither side could find the net in the middle period, while the Rotary squad outscored Teeswater 3-2 in the final stanza. Sean Sears netted the other Acton goal while John McLean earned three assists. Marc Jarbeau helped on two goals while Eric Heagle and Koprowski earned singles.

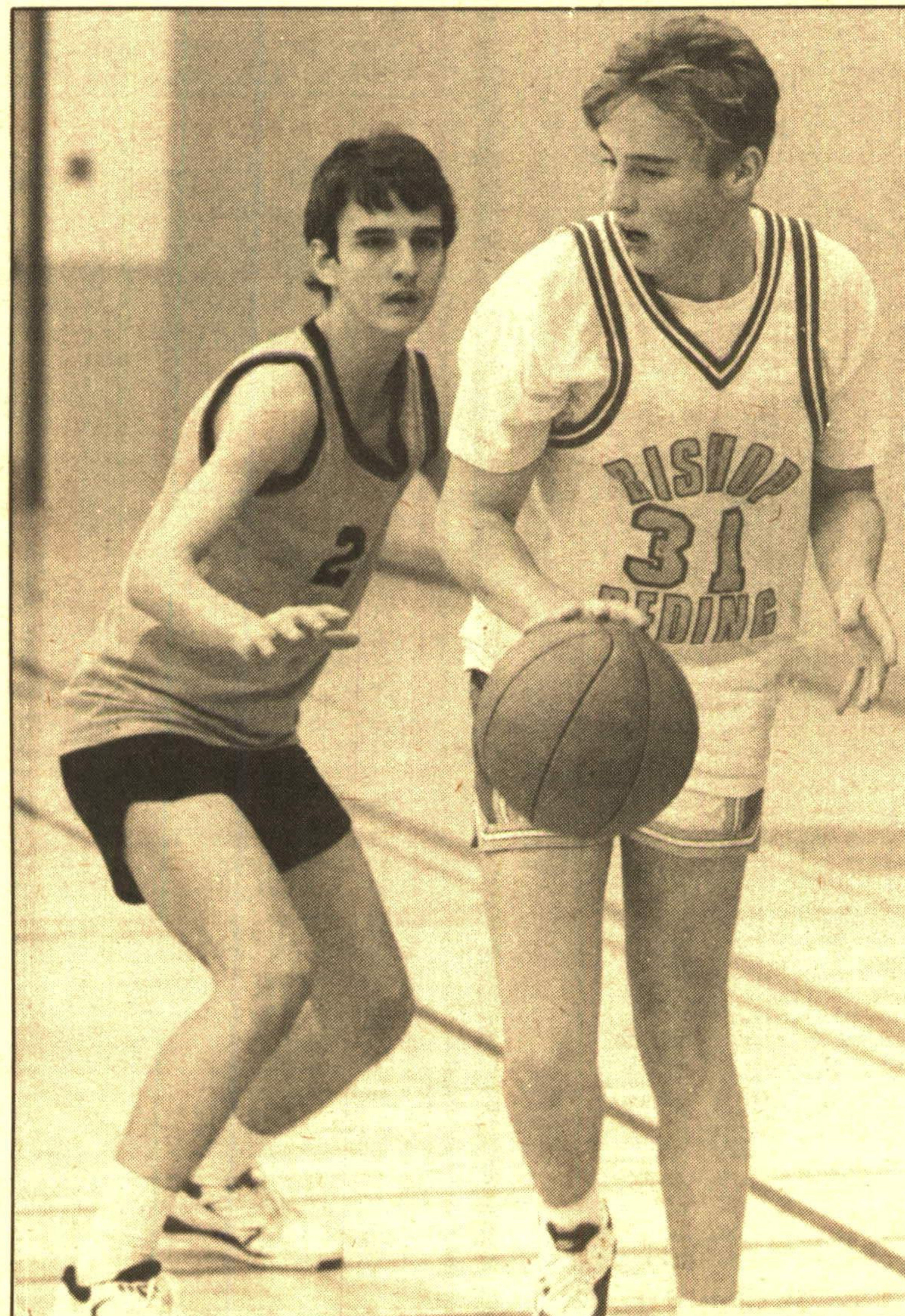
Against Ripley, the Rotarians scored early as they built a 3-0 first period lead before coasting to a 5-2 win. Westaway notched two more in this outing, while Derek Robson, Heagle and Bousfield netted singles. Bousfield, Westaway, Gair, Reichard, McLean, Heagle and Paul McLeod picked up single assists.

The Rotary Juveniles will now return to league play. They currently post a 9-8-3 record in the tough Tri-County.



Kyle Turford, 10, receives a few pointers from instructor Andy Orr at the Halton Hills Rec Department Power Skating classes, held Wednesday afternoons at Memorial Arena, Georgetown.

TED BROWN Halton Hills Weekend



Brampton Centennial's Zoran Rnjak (22) keeps close tabs on Bishop Reding's Andy Wyman during the final game of the Bishop Reding Invitational Junior Boys' Basketball Tournament recently. The two-day tournament saw eight teams battle it out to the championship game, which Brampton won by a 57-48 score.

Curlers eye berth in Provincial

Playoffs start tomorrow (Sunday) in the Halton HJM Insurance Major Curling League, with the winning team bound for the Provincial showdown in North Bay next month.

Acton Curling Club is hosting the annual Halton playoffs for the league sponsored by the HJM Insurance Brokers (Ontario) Inc.

The format is double knockout and the total cash prizes this year are \$2,330.

Graham Gair's foursome, with Terry Waldrum, Don Coghlan and Mike Koyanagi, comes into the competition top-ranked with a 5-2 record.

Randy Mould skips the second-place rink of Lockie Wye, Jim Preston and Craig Phillips, while Glen Christie's crew of Dave Carruthers, Brian Scott and Kevin Watchhorn holds third spot. Both teams have 4-3 records. Fourth, also at 4-3, is Peter Vidler's rink of Joe Brown, Scott Brown and Jim Lindsay.

At 3-4, Ron Rowley skips the fifth-ranked squad of Sheldon Leonard, Jim Burnside and Robert Tummin; Ken Armstrong leads Gary Whalen, Chris Thompson and Barry Shephard; and Bill Cripps rolls the rocks for Bruce McArthur, Darrel Greenly and Dave Laton.

Rounding out the four-man declarations the rink of Scott Bailey, Matt Hains, Dave Oldford and Dave Hanon, with a 2-5 record.

Fridgidare steals win

The 1992 recreational curling season kicked off at North Halton with two upsets to begin the new year.

On the early draw, Steve Cartwright's Fridgidaire rink squared off against number two team Work That Body. Both clubs traded rocks through the seventh, with Fridgidaire up 4-3 going into the final end.

Looking for the steal, Cartwright filled the house with rocks, forcing Ken Irwin to draw through some well-placed guards to tie. Irwin's last rock wrecked out front, giving Fridgidaire four and an 8-3 win.

At 9 p.m., Brian Reynolds and the Ruby Begonias took it to the league-leading Senators. Up by three in the fourth, the Begonias stumbled briefly and allowed the Senators back in with three in the fifth.

After that, it was no contest. Reynolds won the remaining ends to post a runaway 8-3 victory.

In other curling action, Ken McCormack's 3 Men foursome jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first end over La Guys, but had to scramble the rest of the way, taking two in the eighth end to win it 7-6.

Paul Barber's Challengers had an equally tight game against the Hogliners, with Barber's steal in the third turning out to be the difference in his 5-4 victory.

The 8 Enders, skipped by Scott Russel, stole the last four ends for their 7-4 win over the Sign Shoppe and Dave Ashbee's Jaws had similar success, doubling the Kendale Hackers 8-4.

Brad Smith and the Wingnuts waited 'til the last end to break a 4-4 deadlock with the Rink Hounds. The Hounds without the hammer got burned for four in the eighth and took an 8-4 loss.

Barry Dunlop's Rockers welcomed the Rolling Stones into the new year with an unwelcome 9-3 thumping.

Powderpuff registration

Registration for the Georgetown Ladies Powderpuff League takes place Jan. 19, starting at 10 a.m., at Gordon Alcott Memorial Arena. Registrants must be at least 19 years of age; I.D. is required. The fee is \$50.

Ice fishing banned

The Grand River Conservation Authority is banning ice fishing this winter at three of its major reservoirs.

The reservoirs are Belwood Lake east of Fergus, Conestogo Lake south of Drayton and Guelph Lake near Guelph.

The Authority explained in a press release that it wants to prevent depletion of breeding stock. The ban was requested by the Belwood Lions Club and individuals interested in improving recreational fishing.

During winter, the reservoir

Sports

Shorts

levels are reduced to make room for springtime flood storage. Fish concentrate in the low winter holding pools, and it is believed that over-fishing can occur.

Enforcement of the winter fishing ban involves prohibiting the activity under the Trespass to Property Act.

Aquatics lessons

Get off the couch and get in the swim this winter. There are still some spaces left in the Town Recreation Department's aquatics lessons at both the Acton (853-3140) and Georgetown (877-7721) indoor pools. Call the pools between 6 and 8 p.m. for details.