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WHAT GOES UP, COMES DOWN: McKenzie-Smith's Rob Huisman positions himself underneath the backboard in an effort to block his Winston Churchill opponent's attempt during tournament action last Thursday at Williams Parkway Collegiate in Brampton. Teammate Jamie Birrell, right, looks on intently during the game, which saw the Mustangs notch their only victory by a 46-27 score. (Irene Birrell photo)

Mustangs find winning touch in weekend basketball tourney

BY JAMIE BIRRELL
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The McKenzie-Smith Boys' basketball team travelled to Brampton on Saturday to compete in the Williams Parkway basketball tournament. Playing in three tough games, the Mustangs managed to be on the winning side once.

In their final contest, the Mustangs played their best game and defeated Winston Churchill 46-27.

Successful rebounding coupled with precision passing contributed to a convincing victory for the locals, who desperately wanted the first win quickly.

"The first win is always the hardest," said Mustang coach Bob Armstrong.

The Mustangs opened the tourney against a tough team from Darcel School. The Mustangs put forth a valiant effort, but could not stop Darcel's exceptionally strong offence and failed to penetrate their defence to any significant degree.

The locals also had trouble in the rebounding department which

proved to be fatal as they were annihilated 70-22. This loss put them in the consolation category of the tournament.

The second game was crucial to the Mustangs as a victory would vault them into the consolation final, but a loss would mean participation in only one more match.

Unfortunately, the Mustangs had to play a competitive Centennial squad. They played well but seemed to be intimidated by their opponents' strength and ability to move the ball, falling 57-22.

Although the team lost two of three, every player saw action.

Strong players in the tournament were Rob Huisman and Jamie Birrell for their heads-up play. Mike Morrow, who netted some of his first baskets of the season, played a good game as did Jeff Birrell, who got a chance to play and made good on setting up plays.

Girls defeat Brookville for first win of season

Last Thursday, the McKenzie-Smith Girls basketball team played

a tight game against Brookville and came out on the winning end of a 19-16 score.

Coach Dave Walker was pleased with his team's first victory of the season.

Stars of the game for the McKenzie-Smith Girls were Denise Katsilieris, Kelly Homes and Dianne Allan.

Boys travel to Brookville, lose shocker 39-19

In other play Thursday, the boys basketball team travelled to Brookville and suffered a shocking 39-19 defeat.

Swim season underway, with over 30 members

The McKenzie-Smith Swim team has started their season and have completed two practices.

Currently the swimming team has more than 30 members and coaches George Morrow, Sheila Eleit and Lyn Fountain are hoping this year will again be another winning one.

Galvcast Sabres grab series lead with two victories against Fergus

BY DOUG HARRISON

After a shaky start to open the OMHA playoffs, the Acton Galvcast Atom Sabres rebounded by posting two straight victories last week against Fergus, to grab a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five series.

On Sunday in Fergus, the two clubs played a scoreless game until Shawn Weatherall, who potted two goals in the previous game, decided to pull the trigger during the third period.

Sandy Chapman set him up to get the high flying Sabres into gear.

Scoring then became contagious as Jason Christopher added

Acton's second of the period after completing a three-way passing play set up by Greg Barens and Ryan Young.

This would be all the scoring the visitors needed as they shaded Fergus 2-1 in the series' third game.

Acton goalie Thomas Wolfer was brilliant in the Sabre net in game two on Feb. 2, as he frustrated his opponents on every occasion and earned a well-deserved shutout in his team's 3-0 verdict to get Acton back in the series.

Shawn Weatherall led in the scoring department as he scored the Sabres' first and third goals of

the game, which was played at the Community Centre in Acton.

Scott Monaghan and Greg Barens drew assists on the opening goal before Weatherall added his unassisted effort in the third period.

Daryn McIntyre added a third period marker with help from Ryan Young and Kyle Artem.

Things weren't so rosy in the series opener, though, as the vaunted Sabre offence was shut down completely, suffering a 3-0 loss on the road.

Game four of the series was played here last night.

Luede records shutout in Sterling effort

PEEWEE

David Lajeunesse fired two goals and Sterling Luede registered his third shutout in four playoff matches as Acton IGA beat Milton 2-0 last Thursday in game four of OMHA Pee wee play in Milton.

Luede has allowed a mere one goal during post-season play.

It appears his concentration has been at a level where he's getting ready for a junior career. Acton coach Mitch Lajeunesse feels his goaltender could be ready for the junior ranks as early as two years from now.

Lajeunesse's first goal in the physical contest came from a perfect breakaway pass from Mike Palmer. He made a fantastic deke that had the Milton goalie going the opposite way to where he deposited the disc.

The score remained 1-0 until late in the third period when Lajeunesse stole the puck from the home side's defence at centre ice. He went in all alone and blasted the puck between the Milton netminder's legs.



However, IGA lost one of their steadiest players on the second shift of the game. Chris Brading had to leave the game because of a possible concussion.

The next game will be played tonight in Acton. Game time is 8:30.

TYKE

In a hard fought Tyke game on Jan. 30, goalie Steven Boychuk played outstanding in net as his Goy Cartage team battled A & S Engraving to a 3-3 tie.



FANTASTIC EFFORT: Marg Louttet, right, of Acton and her son, Ron, middle, present a plaque in memory of her husband Bob Louttet, to Oshawa captain Mike McGee on Sunday for his outstanding play in the 23rd annual Acton Legion Maple Leaf Pee wee tournament. The plaque is in honor of Bob's service and dedication to Acton hockey. He was also the co-founder of the tourney. The plaque will remain in Acton and be on display at the arena. (Mike Albano photo)