

Girls basketball

Reding seniors win squeaker

Bishop Reding's senior girls basketball team survived a late scare at E.C. Drury Tuesday — squeezing out a single basket victory in the first cross-town clash of the new school year.

The Royals' 33-31 triumph was rather uneventful, with the exception of the last quarter when their hosts staged an exciting rally and threw some suspense into the afternoon show-down.

But Drury efforts came just a little too late and as a result they fell to 1-1. Meanwhile, BR remained undefeated in regular season play with two wins.

Despite a significant size advantage, the Spartans had all sorts of problems penetrating through the opening half and couldn't get a handle on their few offensive rebounds.

Taking it up a notch down the stretch, they raised their intensity level and finally began scoring — but not quite enough to overcome

an early deficit plus solid defence by opposing Royals Anna Gori and Amy Prisiak.

EC's Patricia Jaeklin was the top shooter in the game with 11 points. She went 5-for-5 at the foul line while collectively, her squad drained all six of their free throws.

Teammate Tara Jukes had nine points while Laura Adamson — who provided a few key blocks early on to keep things relatively close — sank three baskets.

Alicia New and Jacqueline Hunt spearheaded the victors' offensive drive with nine and eight points. New highlighted her efforts with a field goal just before half time.

Lacking any kind of height, the Royals weren't flashy on the court, although they did look slightly sharper overall and got more production from their supporting cast.

Reding closed out the week yesterday afternoon beyond deadline at Burlington's Nelson High School. Meanwhile, Drury was at Milton District for their second straight cross-town clash.

Next Thursday, BR and EC host Georgetown and Burlington's Lester B. Pearson respectively. Both games start at 3:45 p.m.

Barbecue fundraiser for tykes

The Milton Winterhawks' tyke rep hockey team will hold a fundraising barbecue and raffle tomorrow (Saturday, Oct. 9) at Loblaw's.

Among the prizes to be won are a portrait of the last game at Maple Leaf Gardens — autographed by Toronto's 1998/99 squad — and a stick signed by this year's club.

The event will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with proceeds going toward the rink rats' travelling expenses this season.

Team averaging two goals a night with extra attacker

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ing line in the division — by one.

Malcolm potted the first and final goals Wednesday. Also denting the twine were Altberg and Ryan Carrigan, who each capitalized with the man-advantage.

Milton has been averaging two goals a night with the extra attacker. A big reason for this reliability is Phil Barski, who now has 10 powerplay points after drawing two assists against Burlington.

Also adding a pair of helpers were Dan DeLong and newly appointed captain Chad Blundy.

Goaltender Joel Cameron stopped 27 shots for his second near flawless performance in as many outings Wednesday.

The Merchants were finally matched offensively against Hamilton Monday. They were out shot 45-40 by the steel-town sweethearts — who also handed second-place Georgetown its first loss — and relinquished the sudden death winner just moments into the extra session.

"They (Kilty Bees) won't be with us

the whole season, but they did play great. They have more speed and talent than in previous years," said Nick Slawson, Milton's director of hockey operations.

Malcolm's two-goal effort was supported by singles from Blundy, Jeff Petherick and Mike Wheelihan.

Miltonian Frank Fazio — now playing with the team's Jr. C affiliate in Erin — has played three straight games for the Merchants.

His most impressive effort of those was Wednesday when he saw a handful of shifts with the checking line, which was minus an injured Mark Beisel. Fazio skated well and managed three shots against Burlington.

Merchant notes: Milton is at home tonight and play host to Streetsville. Game time is 8 p.m. Tomorrow they travel to Brampton for a 7:30 p.m. start ... Beisel and Ken Robins, who suffer from a sore shoulder and inflamed joints respectively, should be back in the lineup within a week.

'Hawks outplayed

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— who, two minutes into the opening frame, sustained a hand injury as a result of an early pile up.

With Chris Kovachik sitting out with a suspension, alongside veteran defenceman Mike Austen, the hometown club just barely beat the 15-minute delay allowance in getting last minute call-up Chris Wasilkowsky dressed and into the game.

The substitute cager was more than competent throughout the game and even terrific at times through the middle stanza — with a handful of sensational sprawling saves to keep his temporary teammates within striking distance.

However, striking wasn't something the 'Hawks were capable of Monday. They challenged the opposing goalie just a dozen times and had all sorts of trouble controlling the puck in the offensive zone.

Milton's lone tally came nine minutes into the first when spark plug Jordan Jeans jammed the net and Andrew Kirkland deposited his leftovers.

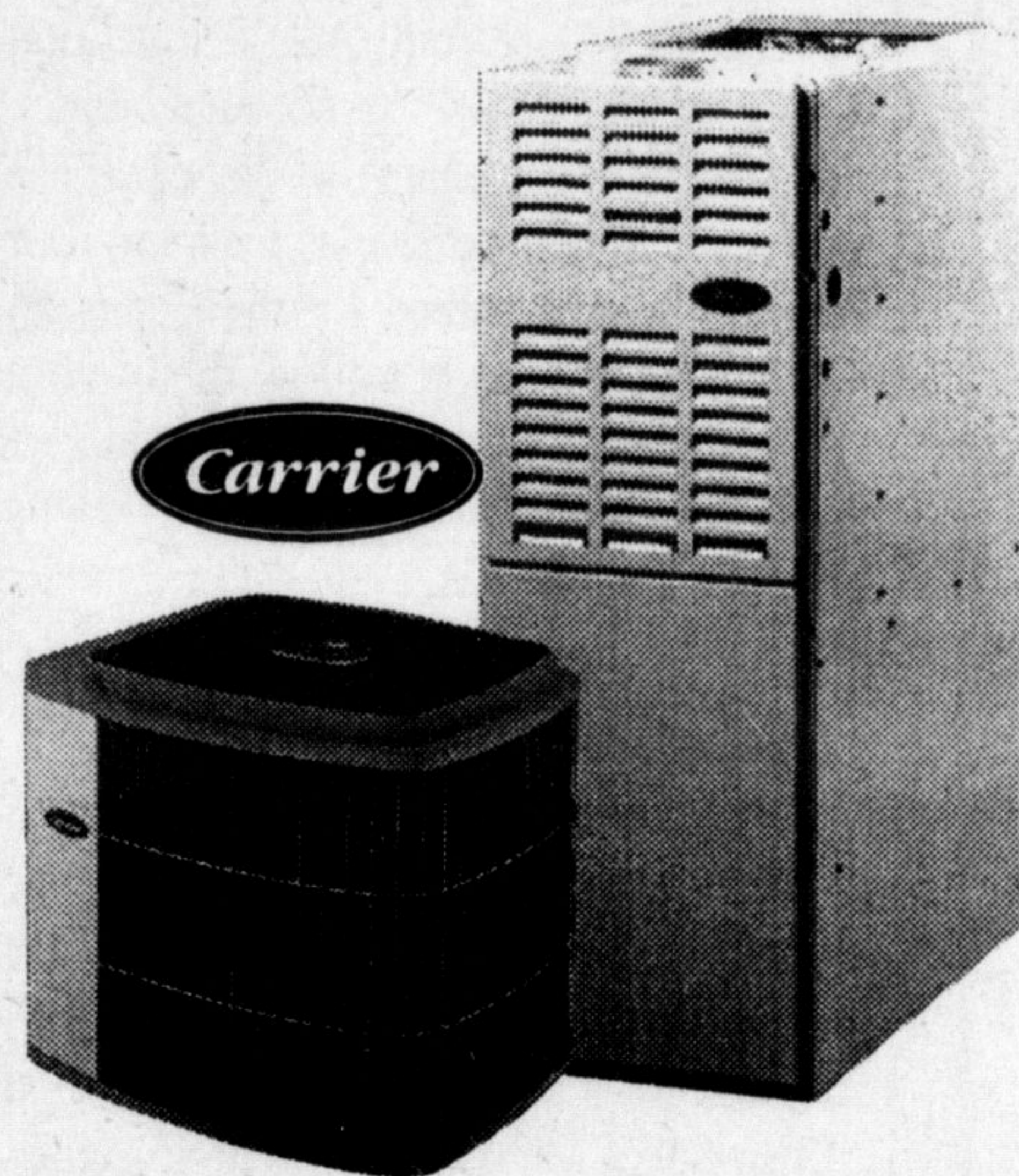
The Warriors would even the count three minutes later on a two-on-one rush and then take the lead on a costly giveaway in the slot with only four seconds remaining in the period.

Shorthanded and powerplay goals by the visitors — delivered late in the final frame — sealed the deal.

Evan Jeans and Ricky Nadalin had some quality scoring chances down the stretch while providing a lot of stability on the blueline was Kris Beal.

The 'Hawks will fly the coop this weekend to compete in the Whitby Tournament.

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