

# Royals lay mammoth beating on Acton

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*The Champion*

Bishop Reding's basketball teams used equal parts drama and dominance to turn back the visiting Acton Bearcats Tuesday afternoon.

The senior Royals provided the latter, humbling their guests in a manner transcending any and all colourful terms for a blowout.

Massacre, annihilation and thrashing don't quite encapsulate the senior hosts' 77-16 victory — which set new season-highs for scoring and point differential, while pushing their league record to 3-0.

Enjoying a clear-cut advantage in terms of both size and sheer numbers, the Royals had enough

scoring for the win before the game was four minutes old — and wiped out the game's suspense factor with a 30-4 first quarter.

They scored 22 and 19 unanswered points over two particularly potent stretches, and held the thoroughly-outclassed Bearcats scoreless in the third.

Al Alilovic — who helped Ontario's Under-15 team win national gold this past summer — led the onslaught with 17 points, while Lee Mathé also hit double digits with 10.

A whole slew of BR cagers finished around the half-dozen point range.

In stark contrast to their senior counterparts, the junior Royals snuck by with a last-minute basket from Gerry Giddens — shading Acton 40-38.

The lead changes hands five times in the final frame alone, while neither team had more than a five-point lead beyond the midway mark of the second quarter.

Zak Scholtz helped put things away with an insurance free throw and huge defensive rebound, while Giddens led offensively with a dozen points.

Like the seniors, their scoring was spread out liberally — with eight of nine players getting on the score sheet and five of them sinking at least two baskets each.

The narrow victory — unofficially protested by Acton's coach, who felt a third-quarter basket was missed by the scorekeepers — evened the juniors' record to 1-1.

## Correction

A sports photo outline in the December 7 Champion contained incorrect information.

The AA peewees goalie was identified as Daniel Waller, when in fact it was call-up Brandon Bodiam between the pipes. Waller's name was taken from an outdated line-up provided at Saturday's game with Brampton.

The Champion regrets this error, as well as any inconvenience it may have caused.

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