

Flash Gas stays on top with comeback victory

The Milton Indoor Soccer League has resumed action at E.C. Drury High School now that the holidays are over.

The first game Sunday was a tight one featuring Hi-Five Hair Design against MacMillan's Frozen Foods. MacMillan's was in third place and looking to stay in touch with the top spot.

In the early going Hi-Five took the lead on a Dipalma goal, which held until the half. In the second part of the contest MacMillan's battled back with Paul Nolan levelling the score. They captured the points with a Paul Cannataro effort to stay in contention at the top with a 2-1 win.

The second game saw the second place Oakville Coach and Four take on last place Acton

Villa, with the Coachmen romping away with it 5-1.

First Gary Mitchell and then Sean Anthony knocked in goals to give them a 2-0 lead. They were closely followed by Anthony MacLaughlin, one of the league's top marksmen, and Mark Finnigan to make it 4-0 at the half.

In the second half Villa's hopes were lifted when they were awarded a penalty shot. Kevin Preistman made no mistake on the shot, reducing the deficit to 4-1, but the comeback was shortlived. Mitchell notched his second of the game to seal the victory.

The third game was a test for Flash Gas, who once again had to win to remain in top spot. They faced The Dickens.

Flash started off in style, taking the lead on a

Peter Ward goal, but the tables turned when Ian Christopher pulled The Dickens level, and then with a second goal gave them the lead.

Flash Gas was stunned by the quick turn and when substitute goalie Greg Fabi knocked away a penalty shot for The Dickens it looked as though an upset might be in the works.

Trevor Griffin tied it at two before the half. It was that goal that may have saved things for Flash Gas.

In the second half Flash Gas used their experience to put the pressure on. Jim Hart made it 3-2 and then Kevin Griffin, the league's top scorer, made it 4-2 as Flash Gas took the honours.

The last game of the day was an exciting affair, pitting Realty World Steelers against

Oakville's Queen's Head Pub with the latter squad taking a 3-1 decision.

Rodney Anderson of Queen's Head put them in front with an early marker but Realty World, despite having one of the youngest teams, applied pressure. They couldn't break through however, and were down 1-0 at the half.

The second half was marked by fast and furious play. Queens Head goaltender Sandy MacLaughlin played an outstanding game. It took a special goal to beat him, with the honours going to Realty's Mark Toalie.

Queen's Head hit back with another great goal, a rocket by Robert Anderson, and then another by Hugh O'Donnell for the 3-1 final score.

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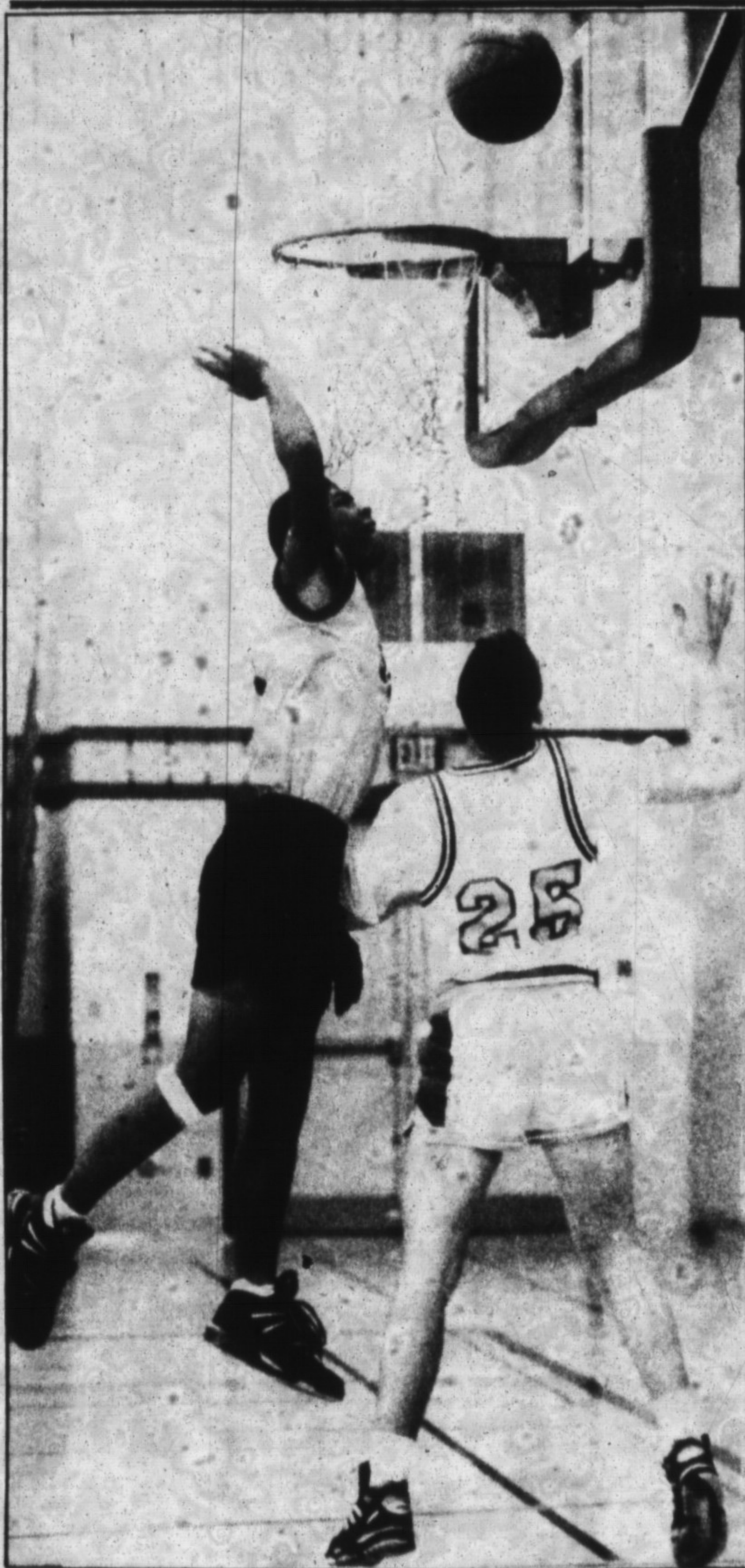


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Brampton Centennial's Gavin Yong goes after a rebound from Bishop Reding's Carlo Zoffranieri (24) during championship game action at the Royal Invitational junior boys basketball tournament held at Bishop Reding early in the New Year. Brampton won the game 57-48.

Host Reding loses to Brampton in basketball tournament final 57-48

Bishop Reding Secondary School's junior boys basketball team made it to the final of their own Royal Invitational tournament last week but lost to Brampton Centennial High School 57-48.

Reding notched wins against St. Thomas Aquinas (Oakville) 68-26 and Notre Dame (Brampton) 58-47 to qualify for the gold medal game.

The leading scorer for Reding in all three games was Carlo Zoffranieri. He collected 18 in the final and 52 for the tournament. Mark Freeman and Brady Chandler also contributed big point totals for Reding.

Milton has lost twice this season to Brampton Centennial, both in tournament play.

Brampton reached the final with wins over St. Ignatius Loyola (Oakville) 59-18 and Toronto's Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Menton 68-45.

The battle for third place was decided when semifinal losers clashed with Notre Dame edging Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Menton 60-57.

In other opening round games Notre Dame beat E.C. Drury 62-56 and Bishop Marrocco/Thomas Menton downed Meadowvale 51-44. Drury beat Aquinas 73-51 in the consolation semifinal and Loyola nipped Meadowvale 46-44 to advance to the consolation final. E.C. Drury captured that game by a convincing 70-47.

Entertaining game

Merchants tiptoe to 3-0 loss

By BRAD REAUME

Milton's 13-game home winning streak ended Tuesday night as the Merchants lost 3-0 to the Burlington Cougars. The loss drops their record to 20-6-4, still good enough for second place in the tough western division of the Central Ontario Jr. B Hockey League.

A smaller than usual crowd, due to the rare Tuesday home date, witnessed an extremely entertaining game, but one that fans of the home side obviously found as frustrating as the players did.

Milton dominated the relatively cleanly played contest. In fact the small number of Burlington shots probably made the scoring chances they had more effective. Milton goaltender Jason Chipman has complained in the past of not getting enough shots to keep him on his toes.

"We got word from the Ontario Hockey Association (OHA) that our team was taking too many penalties," said Merchant coach and general manager Rick Bince. "They're cracking down but if we don't play the physical game we don't get the best out of our team. When we play rock 'em, sock 'em, hockey we open up a lot of doors for ourselves."

Burlington goaltender Glen Erskine was kept plenty warm by the Milton offence. After the first period, in which Burlington managed goals at 14:08 and 16:17, Milton was in complete control of the ice surface.



Jason Chipman

"Erskine played a great game, you can't take anything away from him," said Bince. "He made the big stops when he needed to. We didn't lose from lack of effort."

Former Milton Merchant Joe Pedulla popped the first goal while Brian Mielko hit on the second. Assists went to Paul Foto, Ron Smitko and Gary Hirst. Mielko's marker came on a powerplay.

Clancy Seymour, Jason Ritchie and Jeff Daw worked a perfect three-on-two but couldn't score. Erskine

robbed Ritchie from the slot. Mike Dunphy was robbed. The list of close calls was extensive for Milton.

At 8:20 of the second frame Burlington's Jason Rogers had the puck bounce off a skate to him in the slot. He made no mistake and the Cougars led 3-0.

The clutch-and-grab style of the Cougars worked wonders against the Merchants as time and a lack of scoring conspired to frustrate the home side.

Twice in the third period quick whistles resulted in goals being called back for Milton. In neither case was the whistle unjustified, however. There were no goals in the frame.

"First place has never been a priority for us," said Bince. "We've got to continue to climb the ladder. We've got to peak at the right time."

In other Merchant news defenceman Dave McDuffe has left the club because of a lack of playing time. He has been shopped around by Bince, at his request, and is waiting to decide between a trade or a jump to the Metro Toronto Jr. A loop, an outlaw league according to the governing powers of junior hockey in Ontario.

In his place former Metro league defenceman Greg Lonsdale, who also skated with the major Jr. A Owen Sound squad of the Ontario Hockey League, will join the team for Friday's game.

Milton's next home game is against Oakville at Memorial Arena at 8 p.m. on Friday.

Bishop Reding's athletes kept busy right up to the break

Play for Bishop Reding's athletes continued right up until the long awaited Christmas vacation.

The senior boys basketball team played Oakville Trafalgar but fell short by a 57-52 score. Reding played a tough defence. Matt Parent was the top scorer.

Also in the final week of 1991 Reding's senior, junior and midget

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volleyball teams travelled. The seniors and juniors went to Oakville

Trafalgar, where the seniors won two straight games 15-8, 15-11 but the juniors lost their match 4-15, 3-15.

The midgets travelled to a tournament at Milton District High School. In their first game Georgetown beat Reding 15-9, 15-13. Reding split their second match with the host Milton District squad 15-13, 12-15. In their final match Reding split with Acton

15-6, 12-15.

The holiday for the Reding junior basketball team was shorter than for most teams as they hosted a Royal Invitational tournament last week. The first game went Thursday, when Reding defeated St. Thomas Aquinas 68-26. Their second contest was against Notre Dame of Brampton, a game the Royals won 58-47, even

though the teams' highest scorer, Peter Stelter, was away in Florida.

This victory advanced the team to the final, where they lost to Brampton Centennial 57-48 in a seesaw battle. Carlo Zoffranieri was Reding's high scorer with 18 points. Notre Dame finished third and E.C. Drury won the consolation final, defeating Loyola 70-47.