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W. I. Dick girls join boys at top in basketball

Both the boys and girls of W. I. Dick are a jump up on all the other teams in the north Halton elementary basketball standings.

The girls pulled into top spot after undefeated action last week, while the boys held onto first even after suffering their first two losses of the season.

The Dick girls began their two-game win streak by defeating Sam Sherratt 47-43 last Tuesday in double overtime.

Top Dick scorers were Laura Henderson (14), Kelly Ivens (12) and Laura French (10). Putting Sherratt on the scoreboard were Rachael Paddelford and Crystal Johnston both with 12 points and Melanie Davenport with 6.

Easy 37-11 win

The girls made easier work of the McKenzie-Smith squad Thursday with a decisive 37-11 win. Top scorers for Dick were Nicole Mahar (9), Kelly Ivens (8) and Meghan Simpson (8).

Sherratt also had an easier time facing Brookville Thursday and came away on the winning end of a 37-11 score.

Melanie Davenport and Crystal Johnston each scored 8 for Sherratt and Carrie Johnston scored 6. High scorer for the last-place Brookville team was Kerri B. with 8. Sherratt is in fourth place in the standings.

Sherratt moves up

Sherratt boys bounced into second place when they defeated Dick 35-26 last Tuesday and continued their winning ways with a 38-29 victory over fourth place Brookville Thursday.

Kris MacDonald contributed 12 points in the first game and 10 in the second for Dick while Adam Rogers also counted as a top scorer adding 7 and 14 points respectively. Jared Robinson chalked up 8 for Sherratt in the match with Dick.

Paul Loader (8), Scott Kaufman (6) and Peter Kielo (4) were Dick's top scorers Tuesday. In a losing contest with McKenzie-Smith Thursday, top scorers in the close 35-34 match were Paul Loader (13), Steve Turner (9) and Scott Kaufman (4).

League semi-finals start Tuesday.



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Air blades

Michelle Stephenson of Milton Skating Club has both skates off the ice as she competes in the ladies junior bronze singles Saturday. The local club hosted the Peel/Halton Interclub meet at Tonell Sports Centre.

OUCH!

Two losses knock Merchants back to fourth place

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A combination of key injuries and strong competition has cost the Milton Merchants their hold on second place in the Central Ontario Junior A West Division standings.

After taking a big 7-6 victory over the Burlington Cougars last Monday evening, the Merchants couldn't hold things together over the weekend and took back-to-back losses, first an 8-6 loss to Burlington at home Friday evening and then a disappointing 3-1 defeat at the hands of the seventh place Georgetown Chrysler Raiders.

The pair of losses drop Milton into fourth place and gives them a 29-13-2 season record. The losses come with the Merchants suffering a number of key injuries including all-star rear guard Mike Murray, forward Jason Ritchie, team captain Daner Finn and forward Adam Hagan.

"This has been the most injury-riddled, suspension-riddled team I've coached in over five years," said coach Rick Bince Saturday night in Georgetown.

"We've been struggling and I'm not happy with the way things are going. Tonight's game (against Georgetown) was a slap in the face to us, but perhaps it's the best thing that could happen because it tells us we need to get back on track."

Friday evening's match-up with the Cougars was a shutout from beginning to end with both Milton netminder Carmelo Guirleo and Burlington goalie Todd Ireland struggling through three periods of big offence and not much help from their defensive units.

Burlington's Paul Foto put his team on the scoreboard first at 3:36 of the opening period with a wrist shot but Milton's Jamie Janjevich came back with a tally at 11:36, with assists from Mike Murphy and Steve Rocco. Cougar Greg Collins netted one late in the period to give his team a 2-1 lead after the first.

Each team scored three more times in the second frame of action to keep Burlington at a one goal advantage. Scoring for the home team were Janjevich, Travis Riffin and Clancy Seymour while Adam Copeland, Scott Bramwell and Matt Bell notched goals for Burlington.

In the third period, the Cougars scored two quick goals in the first half of action to skate away with the win, as well as some rough house hockey and a lot of work for the referee and linesmen.

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Artsplace out-paces competition in jockey club awards

Veteran harness horsemen Bill Wellwood, Bill Robinson and the invincible Artsplace were the stars of the show at the 1992 Ontario Jockey Club Awards banquet last Wednesday at Mohawk Raceway.

Artsplace, trained by Bob McIntosh for owners George Segal and Brian Monieson, boasted an undefeated '92 season with \$932,000 in earnings and more than \$3 million in lifetime earnings. The son of Abercrombe was the unanimous choice as the OJC's Pacing Horse of the Year for '92 and the overwhelming choice as Horse of the Year.

Artsplace's incomparable season included a sweep of the Molson Export Pacing Series and the \$222,750 Canadian Pacing Derby at Greenwood along with a Breeders Crown championship at Mohawk. Artsplace retires to

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stallion duties as the sport's second richest pacer.

Bill Wellwood was voted the OJC's Horseman of the Year after having a successful '92 campaign in both the training and driving departments.

Wellwood trained 28 winners and horses to earnings of \$613,000 while driving 22 winners and horses to \$447,000, including Armbo

Leader who was voted the OJC's leading two-year-old trotting colt of '92.

For the fifth consecutive year, Bill Robinson was voted The Molson Export Trainer of the Year, narrowly defeating colleagues Bob McIntosh and Joe Stutzman.

Robinson trained 139 winners and horses to \$2.1 million in earnings.

Presidential Ball was voted the OJC's leading freshman pacing colt of the year after scoring wins in the Kindergarten Series, Nasagaweya Stakes, the Metro, elim and Metro final for \$799,197 in earnings.

Doug Brown was honoured as the OJC's Driver of the Year for the fifth consecutive year. The 37-year-old Oshawa native drove 328 winners and horses to more than \$3.2 million in purse earnings on the OJC circuit in

1992.

Breeders Crown champion No Sex Please won the OFC's trotting horse of the year award while Ramerizi took the trotting mare's crown.

The lion-hearted mare Shady Daisy, also a Breeders Crown champion, was recognized as the OJC's Pacing Mare of the Year.

Other pacers honoured were: Simcha (Two Year Old Filly Pacer of the Year); Hop Irish (Three Year Old Filly Pacer of the Year); Staying Together (Three Year Old Cold Pacer of the Year).

Other trotters honoured were: Suspicious Image (Two Year Old Filly Trotter of the Year); Image of Beauty (Three Year Old Filly Trotter of the Year); Earl (Three Year Old Colt Trotter of the Year).