



Charger charges

Clarkson Charger Dan Corbell (15) beats Erindale Raider Scott Woods to the basket and sinks a layup in a PSSAA Junior basketball game last week at Clarkson. The Junior Chargers won 50-49 to complete a three-game sweep by Clarkson teams.

Times photo by GORM LARSEN

Unlikely Hawk cast still winning

By RON HEALEY
Woodlands Rams have been grabbing most of the headlines in Mississauga high school basketball this season, but there's a team in the PSSAA Southeast Conference that has, without fanfare, compiled a 6-0 record to date. Gordon Graydon Hawks beat T. L. Kennedy 48-36 Friday before easily handling the pre-season conference favorites, the Westwood Wildcats 57-36 Tuesday to keep their record unblemished.

In other games Friday Applewood Heights nipped Glenforest 55-54, Westwood edged Port Credit 60-56, Lorne Park blasted Streetville 72-41 and Clarkson topped Erindale 67-53. Coach Roger Passmore's Graydon team has an unlikely cast for championship contenders. The Hawks have only eight players on their roster, six of them football players. Included in the starting five are twin brothers Scott and John Warrick. Paul Klevinas is one of the top table tennis players in Ontario.

Despite the woefully thin ranks, Passmore describes the team as a coach's dream. "This is really a fantastic group to coach," Passmore says. "They are all real competitors. They just don't like to lose. They are so keen, it makes coaching a real pleasure." Passmore points to two specific examples of the team's dedication to making this a successful season. "I had to have a break after coaching the Junior football team in the fall so I took a week off before starting basketball practice," he says. "The players couldn't wait, though, and Scott and John got the group together and they practised outside in the

snow and cold in the Warrick's driveway." Forward Rob Sherington spent the past year on a weight training program to increase his strength and improve his rebounding ability. The starting five consists of the Warrick brothers, Perry Kotack, Curtis Erion and Sherington. The three backup men are Dave Kimber, Klevinas and Ian Harrison.

The team is only of average height with Kimber the smallest at 5'9" and Klevinas the tallest at 6'4". The team averages about 6'2" and has been able to hold its own against taller teams. "They have been together a few years and they have good individual skills," Passmore says, "but even though they could play a man-to-man defence well, we use a zone because of possible foul trouble and our lack of depth."

The Hawks sometimes mix the zone with a man-to-man, but whichever they play, the key word on defence is attack. "We try to get pressure on the ballhandler and force a bad pass which we can intercept and take down the floor for a layup," he says. Offensively, Passmore tries to get the players to run set plays if at all possible, but admits that he doesn't mind if the players freelance if the play doesn't work. "Once they run the basic pattern, they can use their own skills to add to the play," he says.

Despite the fact that he has six football players on the team, the Graydon coach feels his team is still not aggressive enough. "If you control the boards, you control the game," he feels. "They're getting stronger all the time, though. We stress fundamentals in practice, like dribbling and shooting, but we work especially hard on rebounding." Emphasis is also placed on conditioning. "With only eight players, we have to be in good shape," he says. Passmore expects some more bench strength in the person of Arnie Roy, the Hawks' quarterback who suffered a shoulder separation midway through the football try to join the team this week.

There's joy in Mississauga as Golden Arrows earn tie

By GREG SNOW
In the corridors of the frozen aluminum jelly roll that is the Port Credit Arena, the coach and the owner were emanating their own warmth. The coach, Tony Callam, was dancing the jig of a champion. "I don't care how you say it, just put down that I feel great, this is super!" Callam sang.

The owner, Les Gall, with a lottery winning grin, was on a search-and-shake mission, pumping the hands of every member of the opposing team that passed. "Thanks for the point," was the greeting that accompanied each handshake. Both were justifiably elated, as their Mississauga Golden Arrows, or the 13 or so of them that are left, had just tied the Barrie Flyers, co-leaders in the Renwick Division of the Senior Circuit, 6-6.

The tie, along with two previous victories represents the only points that the Golden Arrows have managed in 25 games. Following their season long strategy of getting behind early and doing their best to stay there, the Arrows spotted the Flyers two early first period goals by Phil Branton and Paul Regan.

Although considerably outplayed in the 10 minute overtime period, the Arrows proved they thought more of a tie than the Flyers thought of a win and held on while being outshot 8-2. "There's no way that we have the talent that Barrie has

but we really made the effort tonight," Callam said. The wonder-where-we-played Arrows have a home game scheduled against Brantford next Saturday night, but won't find out where they will be playing until city council makes its time available. Gall doesn't hide the fact that he would like to be back in Port Credit Arena. "This is a good place for us, it's large enough and a good place to watch hockey, I'm keeping my fingers crossed

that they'll let us come back here," he said. Defenceman Chris Bootland was awarded the Carling O'Keefe player of the month award at Saturday's game. Carling O'Keefe awards a Gruen watch to the top player on each OHA Senior A team monthly. Ernie Campe was the Arrows' previous winner. Carling is also supplying a trophy to the championship OHA team in addition to \$500 cash.

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Warriors impress Mac but lose top scorer

The Erindale Warriors came within nine points of slaying the giant McMaster University Marauders on Saturday night. Playing what coach Mike Lavelle termed their most disciplined game of the year, the Warriors almost upset the Marauders, who have been in the list of the nation's top 10 university basketball teams all season long.

The Warriors, at a great height disadvantage, were within three points of the host Marauders at half time. They trailed 34-31. Doug Reid, who missed his first five shots from the floor, had scored 23 of Erindale's points. Lavelle had devised an offence intended to free Reid for the bulk of the Warriors' scoring attempts. When McMaster came out in the second half, they had switched to a zone defence designed to keep the ball away from Reid.

The centre from Orillia was three for four from the field in the second half and completed the game with 29 points. He didn't play the crucial last seven minutes of the game after breaking a finger on his left hand. Erindale, after falling behind by as much as 14 points in the last 20 minutes, came back to trail by only five with six minutes to go. But they couldn't whittle down the lead any further against the tough Marauders.

At one-three-one zone defence by Erindale kept McMaster off balance offensively for most of the game. The Warriors actually outscored McMaster from the floor, but the winners' dominance at the foul line and on the boards was too much. McMaster was 20 for 25 from the free throw line in comparison to three for eight for the Mississauga school. The Marauders outrebounded Erindale by 50 to 33.

Lavelle was "quite pleased" with his squad's performance, especially the heady play of guard Chris Aubin. "He played an outstanding game for a freshman," noted Lavelle. Aubin brought the ball up against McMaster's constant man-to-man full court pressure defence and committed only four turnovers in the entire game and only one in the second half. McMaster coach Wes Hicks also praised Aubin's contribution.

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Orton wastes no time bettering own high

John Orton isn't wasting any time on improving his high jumping. The Mississauga Track and Field Club athlete chose the first indoor meet of the season to record his personal best jump of 1.65 metres. Orton's jump didn't place him in the top three at Saturday's all-comers meet at the CNE, but it was a good sign.

These early meets are usually used as warm-ups for the provincial meets in February," says MTFC coach Mark Christie. "Most of our sprinters, for example, are just hitting their stride now. That's why it's encouraging to see John make his best jump now. He's usually around 1.55 or 1.6 metres."

Mississauga runners managed two firsts at the meet. Debbie Schulte had the best overall time in the women's 1,000 metres, winning in 2:58.3. Doug Hinds was tied for the best overall time in the men's 50 metres with a time of 6.0 seconds.

Other times for 50 metres races were: Cindy Moore (6.8), Claudia Topatigh (6.9), Andre Metivier (7.3) and Gary Leeson (7.5). Times for the 400 metres races were: Janette Wood (59.9), Lori McKay (62.1), Debbie Smith (62.4), Patti Parco (62.6), Franzis Henke (65.3), Robin Paurus (66.2), Mike Barton (57.4), Pirkka Kukkola (59.3), Dwayne Atkinson (61.1) and Gary Leeson (65.5).

Other times for the 1,000 metres races were: Ken Costello (2:51.3), Seppo Peuhkkinen (2:54.2), John Orton (2:57.3), Vaino Kukkola (3:03.5) and Louise Mackenzie.

Notice of Annual Meeting

The Southwest Football Association of the Mississauga Football League will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, February 2, 1977, at 7:30 p.m., at Clarkson Secondary School Little Theatre, for the purpose of electing officers and acting on any amendments to the constitution. All constitutional changes must be submitted to the president, Mr. J. T. Kelaher, of 1485 Gulleden Dr., Unit 82, prior to Jan. 26, 1977.

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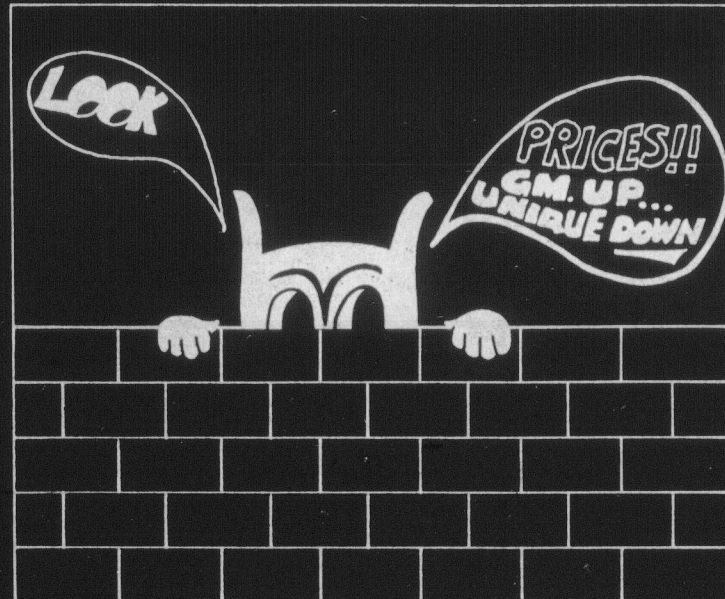
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