

GDHS girls teams playing well

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Although the students at GDHS had a break from classes this past week, with the semester turn around, there was no break in sports activities at the high school. An example of this is the girls volleyball teams, who played twice last week.

Both the junior and the senior teams have had their good days and their bad days all season, showing both last week, playing "very poorly" on Tuesday against Milton High School, but seeming like totally different teams on Thursday against Perdue. Coaches Grant Clatworthy (senior) and Pat Pearce (junior), felt that Thursday's games were "some of the best volleyball played all year."

DISAPPOINTMENT

Tuesday's game was "a great disappointment" to both teams. The senior team lost the first two games, 15-8, 15-9, but managed to win the last game with a score of 15-6. Coach Clatworthy felt that the serving was not up to par from the Georgetown team. He then explained, "if you can't serve, you can't score any points. The whole game revolves around serving, to get the momentum up and start the play." He also said, "we held our positions well, which was good," but overall, was "very disappointed" in the game.

The juniors seemed to have just as bad a day as the senior team, losing all three games to Milton. Coach Pat Pearce simply stated that "we didn't play very well," and then continued on to say, "they just didn't give the 100 per cent effort that I expected." Coach Clatworthy summed up Tuesday's senior matches when he said "Milton played Tuesday, we didn't."

The matches on Thursday were totally different than earlier in the week. Georgetown played Perdue, who were undefeated in regular season play. The senior team "challenged Perdue" but, although the games were very close, couldn't beat them.

Georgetown started off very strong, winning the first game with a score of 15-9, but lost a very close second game, 16-14. Clatworthy said of this game, "we tried, but just couldn't put them away." GDHS lost the third and deciding game to Perdue, 15-12. Although there was nothing technically wrong with the play of the seniors, Clatworthy admits, this was one time where their inexperience showed through in the close situations.

HIGHLIGHT

The junior team, on the other hand, played what coach Pearce called "the highlight of the season," winning "handily" over Perdue, 18-16, 15-4 and 15-10. Coach Pearce felt that they "psyched the other team out after the first game," and never lost the early advantage over Perdue. The girls played very well, getting the all important serves "right-

on."

Coach Pearce, extremely pleased, also said that "this game confirmed what I thought: that they hadn't been playing their best all season", and will once again be demanding the 100 per cent effort from the team.

Both teams have one remaining league game against Queen Elizabeth Park, that will be played this week. Then, they'll set their sights for the Halton championships; a "round-robin" tournament that will begin early next week. The

teams hope that they can keep up the pace they set in Thursday's game in order to place high in the county standings.

In out-of-league play, the junior team played in the "Sweetheart" tournament in Blakeslock on Saturday. The

team played reasonably well, having "a lot of close games", but their "major obstacle, 'inconsistent play due to inexperience'" showed up once again at this tournament. The team was unable to make it to the semi-finals. The senior team will play in

Collingwood on Saturday in the "Blue Mountain Invitational" volleyball tournament, against senior teams from other counties than Halton, giving them more experienced competition against different types of teams.

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