

Volleyball schedule quiet for Redmen

Acton Redmen senior boys volleyball team had a quiet slate of action with only one game last week.

The senior squad faced defending Peel-Halton champs Georgetown District High School Rebels at the Acton gym last Monday. The undefeated Rebels were able to keep their unbeaten streak alive with a 3-0 sweep of the Redmen (15-4, 15-8, 15-4). The game left Acton with a 1-2 record so far in Halton East competition.

Despite the loss, Acton coach Bruce Andrews wasn't disappointed with his team's play.

"Our goal was to do better against Georgetown than we did in the Early Bird tournament (hosted by the Rebels)," he said.

The loss to Georgetown came after Acton had enjoyed a successful showing the weekend before at a tournament held in Streetsville. There Acton swept J.A. Turner, 2-0 (15-9, 15-11), before splitting with Cawthra Park (13-15, 15-4) and the host Streetsville squad (13-15, 15-13). Acton then took on Mayfield in the quarter finals before being eliminated 10-15, 5-15.

"The tournament really helped us," Andrews said.

Acton travelled to White Oaks Monday for a contest there. That will be the Redmen's lone contest of next week too, Andrews said the ex-

Bruce Andrews

tra time will give his team an opportunity to work on such items as volleyball fundamentals.

"It gives us time to work on skills, but I'd like to keep them (players) going with games," Andrews said. "But that's where tournaments come in so nicely. So far I'm pleased with the boys' play."

The junior Redmen split their two games last week. Acton hosted defending Halton champs Georgetown Rebels and dropped a 3-0 decision (15-2, 15-9, 15-4). However the Redmen came back to defeat Bishop Reding 2-1 (10-15, 15-14, 15-12) for their first win of the East Halton season. The junior team's record stands at 1-3 so far. Like the senior squad, the junior Redmen have but one game this week as the team travels to White Oaks for a contest there.

Basketball squads down Blakelock Acton Jrs., Srs. win openers

OAKVILLE — The fast break and an ability to effectively counteract T.A. Blakelock's pressure defence lifted Acton Redmen senior girls basketball team past the hometown Tabbies 48-37 last week in Halton East action.

The contest, which was the season opener for both squads, was a tight one at the half. Acton had a 22-18 advantage heading into the final two quarters and was able to pressure the Blakelock shooters, who showed a preference for the outside shot rather than driving for potential layups and foul shots on subsequent fouls.

When the Tabbies felt they were getting too far behind, they tried to pressure the Redmen, who in turn were able to break the attempts and score on the fast break. Redmen coach Lyn McLaren said the win was a total team effort.

"The kids were very very unselfish," McLaren said. "I think we've got some speed and the kids can take advantage quickly of their opponent's weakness."

Susan Craig held the hot hand for the Redmen as she had 25 points. Lee Ann Johnson had nine also while Carolyne Hoare provided Acton with good rebounding throughout.

McLaren said getting a win over

Blakelock was important. The Tabbies have all five starters from last year back as well as some good junior prospects. However, Blakelock has changed coaches, and it might take the team a little while to adapt to a new system. But once the Tabbies do get used to the system, they will be tough so getting the Blakelock squad early could prove to be a blessing.

Acton had a pair of games this week. Monday the Redmen hosted White Oaks and won 38-24 as Craig had 13 points and Marge Parker had 10. Today the Redmen host Loyola at the Acton gym.

McLaren feels too getting a fast start is important for his club this year.

"I think it is because we can play man-to-man but I don't know for how long because our bench strength isn't as strong as it's been in other years," he said. "If we're unable to get ahead we can't go to our zone so teams try to get up on us so we have to play a man defence."

In the junior contest also played between the two schools Acton fell behind early but recovered and came back to take a 41-27 win. The game was the first of the year for

both squads. Coach McLaren said the win was more of a moral boost for his club. With a lot of young players in uniform this season, getting a win early in the year was beneficial psychologically.

"I think the big thing there is that they (players) have a better image of themselves now," McLaren said. "I was impressed with this team because they got down early and came back."

Melissa Corson led the way for the Redmen with 18 points. Jennifer Scott also had 11 points for Acton.

Like their senior counterparts, the junior squad had a pair of games this week. Monday the team hosted White Oaks, and dropped a 43-27

decision. Scott had 14 points while Burrell chipped in with six. Today the juniors host Loyola at the Acton gym.

Juniors come away with consolation title

Acton High School junior girls basketball team captured consolation title honors at the Cawthra Park tournament held on the weekend.

The Redmen dropped a 35-27 contest to North Park in their first game of the tournament. Shannon Burrell led the way for Acton with 13 points.

The following game Acton defeated the tournament host team from Cawthra Park 34-27 as Melissa Corson led the way offensively with 19 points. Jennifer Scott also chipped in with 10 points.

That put Acton into the consolation championship game with Morningstar where the Redmen squad had an easy 37-17 victory. In that game Melissa Corson led the way with 18 points while Jennifer Scott had 13 points.

"We had hoped to play a little better," commented Acton coach Anne Andrews on her team's first game. "But because we were in the consolation round everyone got a chance to play."



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