



**ACTION AT THE NET.** Stewarttown Stingers blockers thwart a Centennial Chargers attempted spike during play Monday evening at the North Halton public schools volleyball championships staged at Georgetown District High School. Centennial Chargers won both the boys and girls championships against their Stewarttown rivals. (Herald photo by Colin Gibson)

## Centennial Chargers rule V-ball roost

By COLIN GIBSON  
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Centennial Public School Chargers boys and girls volleyball teams turned back challenges from their respective rivals from Stewarttown Public School to emerge as 1989 North Halton champions following best-of-three finals matches played Monday evening at Georgetown District High School.

Centennial boys claimed the NorthHalton pennant by rallying from a first game setback to win the match, two-games-to-one by scores of 10-15, 15-7 and 15-10.

The Centennial girls team defeated their Stewarttown Stingers' rivals in straight games by scores of 16-14 and 15-7.

The Halton single-game round-robin championships are set to be played Friday evening, starting at 6:30 p.m. at E.C. Drury school in Milton.

The Centennial and Stewarttown boys' teams staged a rousing match which had their supporters on their feet and chanting throughout the three-game contest.

This was to be expected, however, as the two teams had finished tied for first place during regular season play and Centennial was able to claim regular season bragging rights by defeating Stewarttown 2-1 in a match played at Centennial, Nov. 20, to decide first place.

The relatively easy 15-10 Stewarttown first game win might have proved the Stingers undoing.

Centennial came back with a vengeance in the second game to win handily 15-7 and continued the mastery throughout the third game 15-10 win.

### CENTENNIAL ROSTER

**Coach** Dave MacFarlane. **Players:** Jim Katsilieris, Jay Johnson, Doug Sheppard, Ron Harrison, Stephen Onoprijenko, Gianis Markou, Mike Olsen, Craig Johnson, Kevin Taylor, Paul Sandifer, Jamie Stephenson and Fraser Thom.

### STEWARTTOWN ROSTER

**Coach** John Kavanagh. **Players:**

Jason Sands, James Burt, David Zylstra, Brent Wilkinson, Simon Johnson, Tarik Josaitis, Chris Diachok, Matt Brain, Alex MacGregor, Gavin Glaser, David Doole, Grant Jennings, Andrew Elinesky, Aaron Hughes, Jeff Hewitt, Simon Broughton, Tim Grant and Sean Peasgood.

The Stewarttown Stingers girls team knew they would be severely tested as Centennial had finished in first place in regular season play while the Stingers ended up down two notches in third place.

To the Stingers' credit, they came out battling and dominated in the early going of the first game.

Stewarttown had a golden opportunity to upset Centennial by holding a first-game 14-10 lead.

Perhaps the harrowing vision of an upset woke up the Centennial girls as they rallied to win the first game 16-14.

The loss seemed to deflate the Stingers and Centennial was never really threatened in winning the second game to clinch the North Halton title 15-7.

### CENTENNIAL ROSTER

**Coach** Jim Atkinson. **Players:** Stacey Colarossi, Jenn Symmes, Deanna Guignard, Heidi Wermke, Shannon Morris, Sachia Kron, Andrea LeBannister and Michelle Mason.

### STEWARTTOWN ROSTER

**Coaches** Sue Dunning and Cindy Kallo. **Players:** Liz Baynes, Laurie Heath, Stacey Sinclair, Kim Wiltshire, Sarah Buckle, Vanessa Doig, Emma Booth, JoAnne Meek, Erinn Sterling, Zena Alrawdah, Jen Murray and Carrie Schenk.

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# Rebels must settle for fifth at provincial championship

By COLIN GIBSON

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The Georgetown District High School Rebels senior boys volleyball team wound up their 1989 season ranked fifth in the province as the result of competition in the Ontario high schools "AAA" provincial championships held Friday and Saturday at Durham College in Oshawa.

Realistically speaking, according to Rebel head coach Bob McKay, the Georgetown squad deserved the number five provincial ranking behind 1) Stratford, 2) Applewood, 3) Galt and 4) G.S. Henry of Scarborough.

The Rebels were ranked fifth in the province entering the championships and held their own but just couldn't edge into the tournament's upper echelons.

Stratford Rams, ranked number one in the province entering tournament play, defeated number two ranked Applewood Heights, of Mississauga, Axemen 15-11 and 15-12 in the best-of-three championship match.

For Stratford, the tournament win was their second provincial championship in as many years.

Last year, competing in the "AA" category, Stratford, won all-Ontario interscholastic honors.

For Applewood, this year's championship loss was something of a bitter pill to swallow as last year the Axemen were forced to settle for "AAA" runner-up status provincially behind Gloucester's Colonel By High School.

Galt Ghosts won the tournament bronze medal defeating North York's George S. Henry High School 15-8 and 15-11 in the best-of-three match.

The Rebels emerged from last year's provincial championship tournament ranked seventh in the province, so all things considered, had what definitely could be termed a successful season of competition.

Rebels roared into the provincial tournament in impressive fashion.

Rebels finished in first place and undefeated in regular season East Halton League play and won the Halton Championship over Oakville-Trafalgar High School.

They were never sorely tested, but played solid volleyball to win the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference tournament championship - the provincial tournament qualifier.

Rebels finished in second place in pool play at the provincials, behind George S. Henry High

School but ahead of Grantham High School (Niagara District) and David and Mary Thompson High School, of Toronto.

Georgetown was knocked out of further tournament action when the Rebels lost to eventual tournament champion Stratford 15-6 and 15-7 in a quarter-final match.

"Naturally," said McKay, "you don't like to lose anytime. However, I felt our boys played to their potential and overall, I'm extremely pleased with the season we had. I feel our number five ranking provincially is justified."

The season was described as a "banner year personally," by McKay who last year coached the Rebels junior boys volleyball team.

"We maximized what we had," noted McKay. "Our guys came to play and there was a tremendous amount of team spirit and team togetherness throughout the year. What more can a coach ask for?"

McKay didn't dwell on the fact that the team lost an experienced starter, when power-hitter Jim Lawrence was declared ineligible for OFSAA competition just prior to the GHAC tournament.

"Maybe we felt the loss of Jim Lawrence more in the match against George S. Henry than at any other time. He had experience had was a solid power-hitter. Something you need going against a team of the calibre of G.S. Henry."

"However," pointed out McKay, "John Cruise filled in admirably for Lawrence so who is to say what affect his absence really had on the team?"

It is expected that McKay will return next year to coach the Rebels but the squad will undergo quite a facelift.

Seven players have been lost to graduation, including Andreas Schirm and Phil Rehberg, Mark Murnaghan, Sean Cotton, Duane Coleman, David Leslie and Travis Gardner.

Returning veterans include Jim Lawrence, Mike Bosman, Pete Gomboz, John Cruise, John Jickling and Nick Varricchio.

Despite this major turnover, McKay is looking forward to next year.

"We have a solid nucleus to build on and good character players to ease the newcomers into the system. We'll just have to see what happens."

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