

# Local girls help volleyball team win silver

Two Georgetown residents Jenny Lorito and Dione Benito helped Brampton Optimist Spirit finish their midget season with a silver medal in the Invitational Mistral tournament in Montreal on April 27.

Spirit, the 1990 tournament champions, defended their crown with an 8-0 record in pool play and were ranked first going into the medal round.

Montreal's Ostiguy fell first to

Spirit (15-7, 15-9). The Heart Lake S.S. due of Kira Weiler striking for seven points from the serving line in the first game and Kristen Knaggs with three spike kills, dominated play.

Bleu et Or dropped 15-6 and 15-7 decisions with Knaggs again leading the attack with four kills. Setter Lorito (Bishop Reding) notched four points of her own on tips. Lorito combined with Mayfield's Sandy Hall in off-power hits.

Cactus Ste. Marie and Spirit met in the final game of pool play; each with undefeated records. Spirit routed Cactus with two 15-4 victories. Benito (Bishop Reding) led the team to the medal round with strong blocking and three kills.

Spirit faced annual rivals Glashan Spikers (Ottawa) in semi-final action. The first game of the match went to Glashan as Spirit struggled to adapt their defensive position to cope with Glashan's constant tip plays. Kim McCoy held the team

together with her defensive back-court play.

In the second game, Knaggs and Hall combined to pull the team ahead by a 13-6 count, only to watch Glashan rally to close the gap to a 13-11 margin. Kira Weiler, with a game-winning ace serve, notched a 15-11 victory for Brampton to tie the match.

Spirit again claimed an early 13-6 lead against Glashan when a Spiker charge tied the game at fourteen. A see-saw battle emerged with each side seeing chances to secure the game point. Sandy

Hall finally rallied Spirit with two powerful serves to end the game with a 17-16 victory and put the team into the gold medal match.

The Glashan match lasted for seventy minutes and an emotionally and physically drained team met the host Mistral team for the championship. The well-rested Mistral defeated Spirit 15-11 in the first game despite a four point series of serves from Kim McCoy that gave Spirit an 11-7 lead. Mistral won the second game of the match, 15-7, giving Brampton the silver honors.



**Making The Play**

Karen Rintamaki helps keep the ball in play during Centennial Middle School's grade six volleyball tournament on Thursday. Rintamaki played a part in helping Centennial win the event for the eighth time in nine years, beating W.I. Dick 15-5, 10-15, 15-12 in the final. (Herald photo by Robert Risk)

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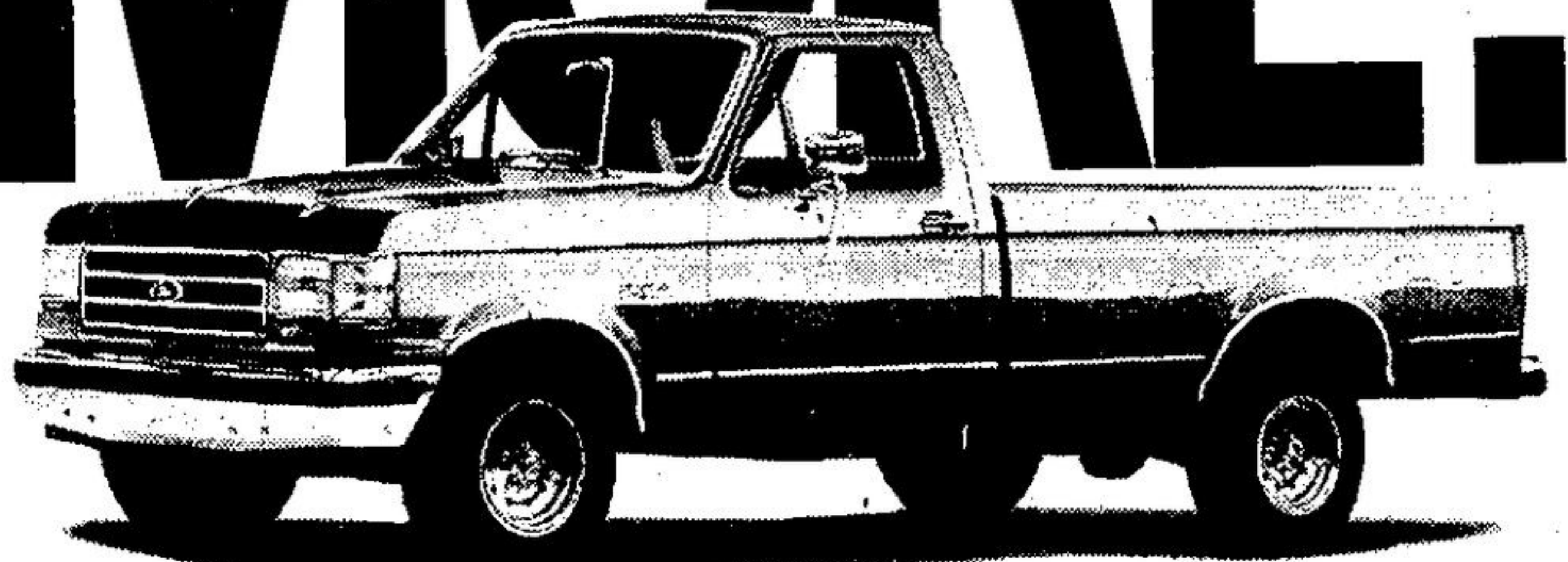
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