



**POWER SERVE!** Shondra Stroud shows the form that enabled the Redmen Junior Girls' volleyball squad to finish second in the Acton Invitational Tournament at Acton High on Friday. (Bruce Andrews photo)

# Redmen Girls finish second

BY JOHN DEBRUYN

With sizzling serves, Acton High's Redmen Girls spiked and bumped their way to a second place finish in the Acton Invitational Volleyball Tournament on Friday. Winning five of a possible eight sets, they earned the respect of their fans, other teams and their coaches.

Redmen head coach Bob McKay, whose daughter Jenn plays for the team, was extremely pleased with the team's efforts and achievements. "All 12 of them (the players) are working equally as hard," he said after the tournament.

The reason for Acton's success was the fact that they played like a team — together. "If we want to play well, it is important to be a team, having a "we" as opposed to "I" mentality," McKay said. "If we want to build from the bottom-up, we will need to use this concept.

The day was not perfect though. McKay and assistant coach Jeff Koprowski both agreed the team could improve its free ball coverage and serve efficiency. "We work on serving overhand and serving effectively in practice. We served overhand today but didn't always

serve effectively," McKay explained.

However, the coaches are confident the team can overcome any obstacles. "My perception is, we will be getting even better in time," Coach McKay said with a wink as he praised squad members Nicole Hargrave, Joy Christopher, Heather Hill, Shondra Stroud, Jackie Jahn, Shelley Hand, Karen Newman, Stacey West, Jamie Davies, Jenn McKay, Sharron Kearsy, Beth Henderson and the injured Heather Trotter for their contribution to the team.

## Galvcast in Tara tourney

Acton Galvcast Sabres took a road trip to a rep Atom hockey tournament in Tara on Saturday and came home with a win and a loss.

Galvcast's first game against Mildmay was scoreless for two periods until the Acton squad came alive and shut out Mildmay 4-0.

Acton's Shawn Weatherall found the net first with help from Daryn McIntyre. Greg Barens scored his first goal, unassisted, and then Sandy Chapman scored Galvcast's third goal with help from Jeff Newman and Marcel Dube. Barens' second goal came with help from Ron McCaslin.

Galvcast dropped their second game 1-0 to the arch-rival Fergus squad and was knocked out of tournament play.

Galvcast goaltending in both games was shared by Thomas Wolfer and Andrew Coe, who each made some great saves.



**BUMP, SET, SPIKE:** Sharron Kearsy watches while a teammate gets the ball up for the setter during the Acton Invitational Tournament play on Friday. (Bruce Andrews photo)

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