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Redmen put on Jekyll, Hyde faces to open season

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

Ken Ellis had only two names on his mind heading into yesterday's (Tuesday) Junior Redmen volleyball home opener — Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.

He wondered what team would show up. The Redmen who were swept by Iroquois Ridge on Thursday to open the 1994 high school season or the feisty group that advanced to the quarter-finals during the Redmen Invitational tourney on Friday.

"It was a very, very bad outing. The boys were nervous and didn't play near their capability," said coach Ellis on Monday after watching his Redmen drop three straight (15-5, 15-4 and 15-6) to Iroquois

Ridge high school in Oakville. However on Friday, the locals made it to the quarter-finals of the eight-team tourney, only to lose 16-14 — they led 14-7 at one point — and 15-7 to the Oakville-Trafalgar Red Devils.

Even early in the tourney the Redmen seemed to show more poise, confidence and determination than the previous day.

"They were a different team (on Friday). On Thursday, they couldn't get their bumping together and they got discouraged. Hopefully they got that out of their system," Ellis said of his

eight-man outfit. "At one point on Thursday I wanted the floor to open up, so we could start again."

However, Ellis pointed out the Redmen's experience paled in comparison to Iroquois Ridge, which possesses 90 per cent of last year's Junior White Oaks team. Add in two club players and that was the difference.

"Even though it's early in the season they (Iroquois) had two kids who knew what they were doing. I wish we could have played them on Friday," Ellis chuckled.

And speaking of Friday, the

Redmen opened against the E.C. Drury Spartans and left off from Thursday's debacle, dropping Game 1 by a 15-4 score. However, a gritty local outfit took to the floor the next game and had the upper hand for a while before falling 15-9.

Next, they traded 15-10 scores with Guelph Centennial before 15-12 and 15-10 setbacks to Brampton's Mayfield high school. Like their first match against O.T., the Redmen held a 14-7 lead against Mayfield in one game, but for whatever reason couldn't put home the next point.

"We played well as a team, but (failing to get the 15th point) was due to nerves, experience, whatever. But if the guys get their heads

on, they'll be respectable," professed Ellis. He noted the Redmen's play went to pieces following the heart-breaking opening loss to O.T.

Ellis was impressed by the work of third-year Junior Trevor Malloy on Friday, along with setter Derrick McIntyre. He also mentioned middle Todd Schonnop, criticized for his slow feet on Thursday, got the message and shone against O.T.

"I'm looking forward to this season more based on Friday's performance," Ellis said.

The 0-1 Redmen played Milton District High yesterday.

NOTE: The following are upcoming Redmen games: **Oct. 6** — at Bishop Reding; **Oct. 13** — vs. Q.E. Park; **Oct. 18** — at White Oaks; and **Oct. 20** — vs. Loyola.



KEN ELLIS



STAR PLAYERS: These athletes were tabbed Most Valuable Players at the recent Acton Minor Soccer awards banquet. Back row: Chrissy Pereira, André Savard, Jason McCallum and Brian McIntyre. Middle row: Steve Barens, Nathan Williamson, Meighan McIntyre and Eva Sitarz. Front row: Julia Sisnett, Nicole Dawkins and Mark Boycott. Absent: Sarah Lindsay, Colleen Thompson, Blaine Murray, Blake Martin and Joel Petkoff. (Doug Harrison photo)

Stangs win 3 of 7 races at Georgetown meet

McKENZIE-SMITH NEWS

BY JENNIFER VOISIN
M-S Reporter

On Thursday, 16 McKenzie-Smith Mustang cross-country runners took part in a meet at Cedarvale Park in Georgetown.

Sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legion, the event saw Mustang runners compete in seven races, winning three. The team also grabbed one second.

In all, nine runners received awards for finishing in the top ten in their age bracket.

In the individual events, Darren Banks came-from-behind to win the 10-year-old Boys' race. Daniel Banks finished 27th. For 11-year-old Girls, Jackie Christie placed 22nd.

Other results were as follows: 11-year-old Boys — Ryan Turpin, sixth, and Randy McPherson, 41st; 12-year-old Girls — Emma Douglas, seventh, Melissa Young, ninth, Charla Banks, 13th, and Paige Killick, 22nd; 12-year-old Boys — Andy Kilmer, first, Tigran Avetisian, seventh, Travis Stewart,

15th, and Anthony Larsen, 18th; 13-year-old Girls — Kristin Finley, first; 13-year-old Boys — Sandy Chapman took the lead, only to be nipped at the finish and take second. Jeff Birrell stood fifth.

Meanwhile, McKenzie-Smith hosted the North-Halton baseball tourney on Friday. Both the Girls' and Boys' teams started strong, winning their opening contests. Additional results will be published in next week's *Tanner*.

Mashinter places 17th at Kelso

If you want to run well, run fast and stay up near the front.

Acton High cross-country coach Bruce Andrews doesn't know whether or not that advice propelled Grade 9 runner Debbie Mashinter to a 17th place finish among a field of

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