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Centennial impresses at county cross-country meet

On Thursday, students from Grades 3 to 6 participated in the East Wellington cross-country meet at Rockwood Centennial Public School and the adjacent Conservation Area.

Centennial sent 57 junior and primary athletes to this event and came away with top honours in the Junior Boys' bracket and overall Junior category.

Several pupils earned crests for qualifying as a top-10 runner.

Primary runners who cracked the top-10 were Kenny Purton, Adam Horwath, Steve Pasmore, Mathew Sebastian, Kaletyn Lowrie, Tessa Timbers, Laura McDonald and Beth Shultis.

Local competitors who placed among the first 10 in the Junior events were Mike Faulds, Ben Williams, Chris Stanhope, Chris Jowett, Monica Gordon, Judy Purton and Angela Ayles.

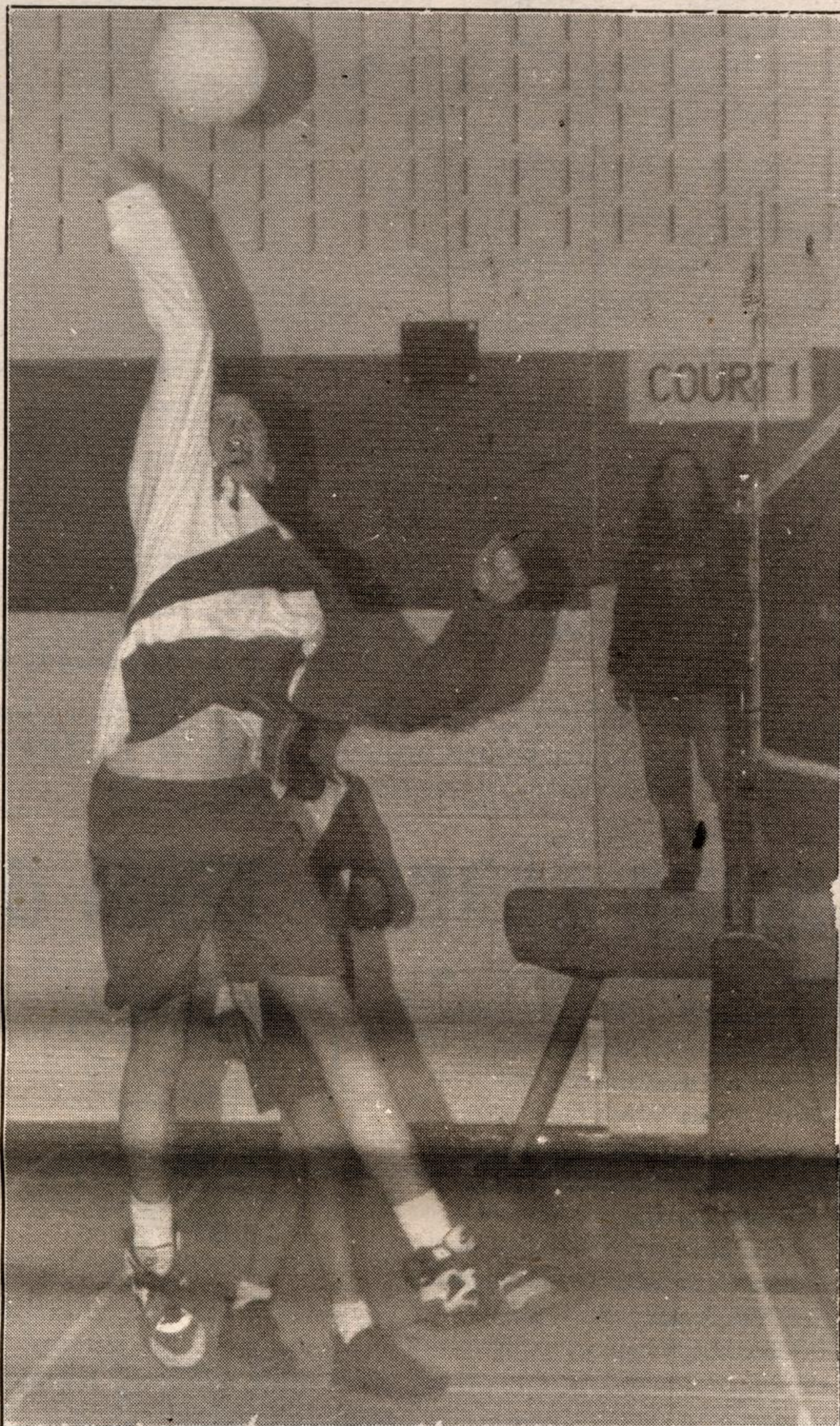
In the Senior run for Grade 7 and 8 students, Centennial had five boys finish among the ten strongest runners. They included Brady Straw (first), Michael Wahlstrom (fourth), Graham Marsh (fifth), Ryan McAlpine (sixth) and Jason Peart (ninth).

On the Girls' side, Sarah Purton and Katie Jowett finished first and eighth.

"It was another successful run for the Grade 7 and 8s," said Centennial coach Mike Hogg after the event, adding all runners received participation ribbons. "The weather was cool, but nobody got lost and no major injuries were reported."

Hogg would like to thank all the coaches who helped him keep the day run smoothly and congratulates all runners who participated in the meet.

A special thanks also goes to Mr. Lacey and members of class 5C6A for scoring and marshalling the course.



AIR ANDRE! Acton High Midget volleyball player André Savard leaps high in the air to pound the ball at M.M. Robinson defenders during playoff action at the Redmen tourney on Friday. (Doug Harrison photo)

Canes now a perfect 8-0

The Halton Minor Pee wee Hurricanes improved their record to 8-0 by defeating Oakville 3-0 and Brantford Bandits 6-3 last week.

On Saturday in Erin, a close-checking game soon turned into a penalty-filled match.

Fifty-four minutes in penalties — 22 to the Canes — were called.

The Hurricanes answered a scoreless opening period with four

quick markers in the middle frame.

Acton's Joel Petkoff assisted on the Canes' third goal before scoring on a breakaway to open a three-goal Halton lead at 5-2.

He later added his second of the game, on a nice tip-in, to close out the Canes' scoring.

Meanwhile, the Canes shut down Oakville in the latter's rink. Petkoff assisted on goal No. 2.

Stang v-ballers fall in Woodlands final

Three times lucky.

For the third straight year, the McKenzie-Smith Mustang Boys' volleyball team won their pool at the Woodlands Boys' Classic volleyball tourney in Mississauga on Saturday.

They seemed poised to capture the final after bouncing E.J. James from contention with 15-12 and 15-0 wins in playoff action. However, a heart-breaking 15-13 loss in the first game of the best-of-three championship against a Toronto-area school, mentally exhausted the locals in the all-important second game.

"They were the team to beat entering the tournament and we had them 13-10 (in Game 1)," said Stang coach Dave Walker on Monday, "but we couldn't come up with the final blow.

"After Game 1 we just collapsed. But it was an outstanding team effort."

The Mustangs ruled Pool C, defeating the likes of Glen Haven (15-1, 15-4), Our Lady of Good Voyage (13-15, 15-6), St. Marguerite (15-12, 15-4) and Central Park (12-15, 15-12) before meeting E.J. James.

"As the season progresses the team is starting to gel," said Walker, whose Stangs are second behind Georgetown's Centennial in North-Halton league play. "Our serving, setting and spiking was tremendous (on Saturday).

"We need to focus on defence now to focus on our championship form."

First place could be determined on Nov. 10 when the Stangs face Centennial at McKenzie-Smith.

Rebels rough up Senior Redmen volleyballers

BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner

Bob McKay paid a visit to Acton High on Thursday and watched his Georgetown Rebels Senior volleyball players sweep the Redmen, but didn't leave until he paid a huge compliment to the local squad.

"They are the best defensive team we've played this year," the soon-to-be Redmen Senior Girls' volleyball coach lauded after his team upped its 1994 record to 7-0 with a 15-11, 15-5, 15-5 showing. "These guys (the Redmen) can play, and play well.

"They kept so many balls alive. They dug everything we threw and my boys were getting frustrated. And their enthusiasm was infectious. They helped us."

The Redmen came out strong in front of a vocal home gathering with strong digs and a determined backcourt defence, headed by

Dave Dolliver "who covered well and was all over the place," said Redmen coach Bruce Andrews.

Andrews felt the Game 2 score wasn't indicative of his players' effort, despite their penchant for throwing crucial serves away.

McKay, on the other hand, felt his Rebels were quite a bit superior at the net in Game 2, showing improved blocking and stepping up their backcourt play.

"The game could have been 15-0 if the Redmen didn't dig as well as they did. That's not to take anything away from the job Acton did, because even my players on the bench were commenting on their excellent play."

Andrews, who saw his club's record drop to 3-4 after their third straight loss, says his players didn't shift across the net well and need to work more on their blocking.

"But I don't mind losing if we lose to a good team," he conceded.



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