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Lemon pulls starters in 66-17 loss

McKay likes Senior v-ballers' chances

**BY DOUG HARRISON
The Acton Tanner**
Harvey Lemon has a message for his Midget Redmen boys' basket-

ball players: if you want to run your mouth on the court, you'll be riding the bench. The Acton High coach pulled

his starting five off the court early in the third quarter last Wednesday and they remained on the bench for most of the half, because of poor play and a bad attitude from some of them.

"I have a big team," he said following the Redmen's 66-17 loss in the Acton High gym to the Loyola Hawks in Halton high school play. "If some of the starters are going to start whining to the refs and carrying a bad attitude, I'll pull them off the court. I want them to earn their position."

Lemon was impressed with his team's work in the first quarter when they weren't afraid to charge the basket. Although they weren't as quick as the Hawks under the boards, the Redmen made up for it with a high shooting percentage.

However, the home team soon lost their ball control in the second quarter, along with their patience, running into foul trouble and seeing a 10-6 deficit expand to a 25-12 Hawks advantage by the half.

"They took the boards from us completely," Lemon remarked. "We got into foul trouble, so I pulled off a couple of starters to protect them for the second half."

"We didn't play well in the second quarter. I gave the starters a chance and another before I put the second-stringers out."

Atrocious Redmen passing saw the locals fumbling the ball and struggling to get it past centre court early in the third quarter and the Hawks took advantage.

They poured in 15 points in the first four minutes and continued to rack up 26 more against the Redmen's second unit.

"We could have won the game if we stayed intent," Lemon said, adding he never thought of putting his starters back on the floor before the lead was insurmountable. "We were not outclassed. It's just being able to keep up the work."

Andre Savard hit for 13 of the Redmen's 17 points. Brian McIntyre scored the other four.

"(Savard) is a beautiful player," Lemon praised. "He's consistent and will get better with each game."



FOR TWO! AHS Midget boys' basketball player Bob Brooks attempts this shot during recent action in the Acton High gym. The locals fell 66-17 to Loyola last Wednesday. (Doug Harrison photo)

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Bob McKay loves what's happening with his Senior Redmen Lady volleyballers.

Not only are his players working well together — his goal to start the season — but starting to gel as a Volpe Division contender.

What has the third-year Acton volleyball coach even more excited is the fact his team has likely shaved the difficult portion of the season off its schedule, having played .500 ball against the Volpe's elite units.

"The teams we have played will finish in the top four. We're capable of winning all five of our remaining games," McKay offered.

The locals' last game before the Christmas holiday was reason for optimism.

The Redmen literally blew the Loyola Hawks off the court in Oakville last Wednesday, taking seven minutes to dispose of the hosts 15-2 in Game 1 before 15-13 and 15-6 verdicts.

While they didn't need to take Game 3, Redmen coach Bob McKay wants to see his players treat such games as must-wins.

"Every game you're on the court is important," he pointed out during a break in the Redmen Invitational tourney on Thursday. "I want them to play well and with consistency. They served well — 94 per cent on the day — and communicated better (than against

Bishop Reding last Monday)."

Not only are the Redmen 2-2 after four games — including three on the road — but they're getting help from everyone on the bench.

"I played my entire bench in Game 2. I don't hesitate to sub," McKay revealed after the 11-15, 12-15, 9-15 loss at Bishop Reding against the Royals. "Every kid at practice does every drill. It's so important that everyone feel important in practice."

"Kids have to know they are an intricate part of the team. They're all starting to know their roles."

While the Redmen made attempts to come back and take Game 1 at Bishop Reding, it was one move from the sidelines that set the tone for the day.

"We battled back and were right with them the last 10 points, but in my infinite wisdom I made a couple of substitutions and we were unable to stop a power hitter and middle player. I shouldn't have done that," said McKay, who added his players are executing the things he's asking of them in terms of blocking sequence and tip coverage.

After falling 12-15 in Game 2, McKay could see the day slipping away. He put his starters back in but they didn't challenge in losing 9-15 in Game 3.

"They took us out of the game. They deserved to win," McKay said of the Royals. "We couldn't get to the blocks."

Redmen Ladies ousted by flawless Rebels

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There was only one difference between the Acton Senior Redmen girls' volleyball team and the Junior Rebels on Thursday — the latter didn't make

any mistakes, the former did.

Unfortunately for the Redmen, the Rebels chose to be at their best in the final of the Redmen Invitational volleyball tourney.

After pulling ahead 6-0 in
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