

Senior v-ballers impress coach with 'desire to win'

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After winning three of 10 games at a Senior Boys' volleyball tournament at Georgetown High on Saturday, Redmen coach Chris White couldn't be any happier.

It's not that the former Acton Redmen player takes losing lightly. He was just encouraged by his team's apparent desire to win and positive attitude with each game.

They especially impressed White after a shaky start to nerves with long, strong matches against

expected powerhouses from Oakville-Trafalgar and Georgetown.

"Defensively," the first-year coach admits, "there's work to be done. Offensively, I think we have the most potential in the league."

A bold prediction, indeed. But White may not have to eat his words if returning veterans like Chris Cullen and Dave Dolliver meet or exceed their potential and youngsters like Jamie Birrell, Chris Young and Trevor Malloy make the jump from Junior and perform solidly in the quicker, harder-hitting Senior loop.

"They handled the new system well," White said of Saturday's showing, "but there was some

problems with confidence."

Young was a standout blocking at the net and his play didn't go unnoticed by the coach. As well Mike DeBruyn impressed White and others in attendance. Other notables included 6-foot-4 middle Jamie Goy and Birrell on defence.

The Redmen split two matches with Burlington Central, Oakville's White Oaks and Iroquois Ridge of Oakville. However, White put more stock in close 12-15, 11-15 setbacks to strong squads in O.T. and the rival Georgetown Rebels.

"I hope to surprise them quite a bit," said White of the Rebels.

"We just need some work on our backcourt. We have a lot of tall guys who tend to be slower."

Reps finish 6-9-1

The MacMillan's Frozen Veggie and First Stop Copy Centre Under-14 Boys' rep soccer team finished the regular season last Monday, edging Brampton 1-0.

Acton, 6-9-1, dominated the game, but didn't find the mark.

Coach Mike Petkoff said it was a pleasure coaching Jakub Wiktor, David Hatch, Scott Nairn, Kevin Drechsel, Jason Mota, Joel Petkoff, Andrew Martin, Derrick Inscoc, Ben Williams, Brady Straw, Ben Elliot, Danny Goral-ewski,

David King, Josh Robins, Jeff Payne and Joey Field.

The coaching staff of Petkoff, Steve Pemberton, John Mota, Robin Inscoc and Mike Hatch would like to thank assistant Pemberton, 76, who announced his retirement after the game.

He is a legend in Acton soccer and has helped in the development of many young players.

Petkoff said the boys enjoyed playing for him, his enthusiasm and will miss Pemberton's victory dances. All the best, Steve!



IN THE BANK: Mike Wolfer, left, of the Acton Branch of the Bank of Montreal presented a sponsorship cheque to Acton Rams rep Chris Newby on Friday. The cheque covered partial expenses for the Rams during the 1995 season. (Paul Nolan photo)

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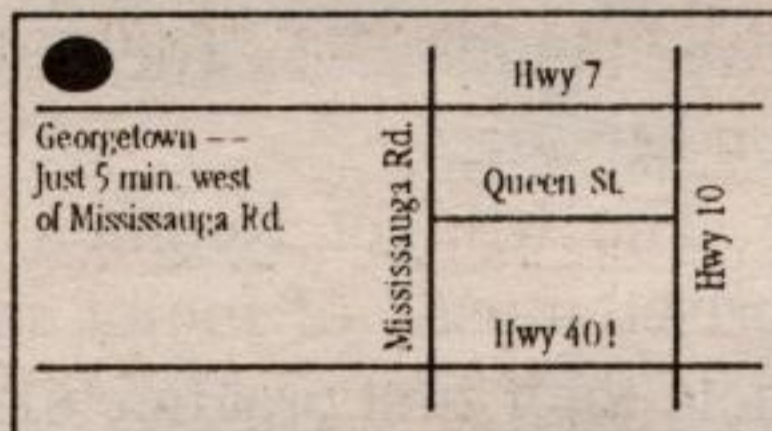
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