

AHS Jr. v-ballers continue to squander leads

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It's already *deja-vu* for Acton Redmen Junior Boys volleyball players and they've only played in two tournaments and opened the 1995 season last Wednesday.

Their coach, Ken Ellis, has started muttering about the Redmen's ever-lingering penchant for taking quick leads in matches, getting too comfortable and then providing lacklustre play in trying to maintain the advantage.

So far, Friday in particular, the Redmen squandered a chance to advance past the quarterfinal round after grabbing the play against Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute in a tournament hosted by the locals.

GCVI prevailed 12-15, 13-15 to spoil what was a .500 mark for the day at 4-4, including encouraging victories against Burlington Assumption and White Oaks from Oakville.

"I think it's a real head game.

Sometimes they're thinking, 'Oh my God, we're actually winning and then they blow it,' said Ellis on Monday, still searching for an answer. "I just tell them to calm down, do their normal thing and that this is our gym."

"But the game could have gone either way, save for a few miscues. But there's not one player I'm disappointed with."

Ellis, whose team held their home opener against '94 semifinalists Iroquois Ridge on Mon-

day, was most notably pleased with the improved play of Justin Koeslag, who strung together a series of service points. "It was the best game I'd seen him play," praised Ellis.

To open the high school season last Wednesday in Georgetown, the Redmen again were staked to an early lead against the Rebels, who waited for nerves to get the better of the visitors and pull out a 5-15, 10-15, 15-12 victory.

"They really do well when they communicate with each other on the court," said Ellis of his charges,

who threw away a 7-0 lead in Game 1 en route to a 10-15 loss. "We just have to keep up the communication for the whole game."

The Rebels took Game 2 15-5 while the Redmen won a meaningless (in terms of the standings) Game 3, 15-12.

Top Redmen were Robert Turpin and Derrick McIntyre.

Loyola visits the Acton High gym today. Game time is 5:05 pm.

NOTE: The Redmen took two of three games in their home opener against Iroquois Ridge on Monday (15-7, 15-13 and 9-15).

Friends welcome Yalowica, Townsley

ACTON BOWL RESULTS

Acton Friends, who bowl Thursday afternoons at 1:30, welcome two new bowlers, **Nick Yalowica** and **Doris Townsley**.

ACTON FRIENDS

Ladies' High Singles: Kathleen Tulk, 196; Shirley McKeown, 194; Betty Bousfield, 154; Isabel Nicholls, 135; Jean Jackson, 119; Florence Sayers-Gough, 117; Doris Townsley, 92.

Ladies' High Triples: Kathleen Tulk, 555; Shirley McKeown, 454; Betty Bousfield, 421; Jean Jackson, 341; Isabel Nicholls, 329; Florence Sayers-Gough, 305; Doris Townsley, 203.

Men's High Singles: Frank Thompson, 179; Wilmer Davidson, 177; Edgar Barnstaple, 157; George Williams, 156; Ross Smart, 145; Nick Yalowica, 144.

Men's High Triples: Frank Thompson, 472; Wilmer Davidson, 442; Edgar Barnstaple, 420; George Williams, 401; Nick Yalowica, 386; Ross Smart, 340.

TUES. SMURFS

Richard Pokoky, 110; Liam Pritchard, 92.

WED. SMURFS

Ryan Boisvenue, 122; Dylan Burgess, 93; Dean Hilton, 85; Jeff Manes, 76.

THURS. SMURFS

Brian Larocque, 91.

SMURFETTES

Gillian Beaton, 92; Nicole Trembley, 79; Raeanne Dingwall, 68.

BANTAMS

Girls' High Singles: Kylie Kruk, 174; April Fendley, 163; Lindsay Charette, 101.

Girls' High Triples: Kylie Kruk, 445; April Fendley, 374; Lindsay Charette, 260.

Boys' High Singles: Adam Burgess, 183; Andrew McAuley, 168;

Matthew Dayman, 160.

Boys' High Triples: Adam Burgess, 449; Matthew Dayman, 435; Andre McAuley, 433.

JUNIORS

Girls' High Singles: Mallory Dayman, 142; Sara Kruk, 133.

Girls' High Triples: Sara Kruk, 344; Mallory Dayman, 341.

Boys' High Singles: Daniel Newell, 277; David Albano, 258; Josh Thompson, 169.

Boys' High Triples: Daniel Newell, 727; David Albano, 621; Josh Thompson, 416.

Canes take '95 opener

The Halton Major Peewee hockey Hurricanes opened the 1995-96 season in Erin on Saturday with a convincing 6-1 victory over Welland.

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