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## Sr. Redmen v-ballers head to OFSAA

BY DOUG HARRISON  
The Acton Tanner

The Acton Redmen Senior Girls' volleyball team begins pool play at the single-A OFSAA finals today (Wednesday) in Glencoe after defeating Hamilton's Vanier High in the Golden Horseshoe Athletic Conference (GHAC) final on Thursday without attempting a single serve.

Instead of making the trek to Acton to face the Redmen in the single-A qualifying match, Voyageur players huddled in a hallway trying to make sense of why they weren't deemed a single-A outfit.

It was determined last week that since the French-speaking school draws students from outside Hamilton, the student population must not exceed the single-A requirement of 400. Vanier has some 495 students.

"We're going to OFSAA. I'll take it any way I can," ecstatic Redmen coach Bob McKay said on Thursday. The Redmen fell to the Georgetown Lady Rebels in last Tuesday's Halton final. "It's a real shame, though, for the Voyageur players. They must be sick to their stomachs.

"One of my players said to me, 'coach, I don't know if we earned the trip to OFSAA.' But I told her we earned it by playing strong in over 100 games this year and finishing second in Halton."

Vanier coach Marc Gaulin didn't realize his squad wasn't single-A until last Wednesday while reading an OFSAA package he received from Hamilton Board of Education sports convenor Chris Newman.

"He (Newman) was supposed to bring the OFSAA package to the Hamilton Interscholastic Athletic Council

(HIAC) final two weeks ago. He said he would bring it to me (last Monday) and didn't. I called him and he said Tuesday, but he forgot ... he should have known our student population and the OFSAA rules," explained Gaulin, whose squad was 10-0 before the HIAC championship loss to Glendale.

When contacted on Monday, Newman said Vanier administrative staff should have detected an increase in student population this year and notified him.

"There was an expectation on both sides that the other would call if a problem arose. But I will now make a point of contacting them (Vanier) annually," commented Newman, who figures Vanier will qualify at the single-A level next year because a new French school in Cambridge will likely dwindle their population.

## McKay eyes final 4 at OFSAA event

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After last year's seventh-place finish at the single-A OFSAA Girls' volleyball championships in North Bay, Bob McKay said nobody brings home the title from their first trip to the prestigious tourney.

Well, what are the chances in the second year?

"We were token representatives last year, but if we make some noise, this will be the year," said McKay after running his Acton Redmen Seniors through a spirited workout on Monday.

The Redmen advanced to the OFSAA championships in Glencoe today (Wednesday) by virtue of their win over Hamilton's Vanier High School on Thursday - Vanier was forced to default the game after it was learned their student population exceeded single-A requirements.

"This has been our goal since the beginning of the season," McKay went on. "Even though

we didn't play on Thursday, we'll be as fit as any team."

The 1996 Redmen have been seeded No. 7 among 16 teams.

They are slotted in pool B with last year's single-A silver medal team from Chatham High, Champlain (Ottawa area) and Toronto Waldorf.

Action began at 9 am against Champlain. McKay and Co. face Toronto Waldorf at noon and Chatham at 3 pm.

"There's a full match between our games," McKay pointed out, "so we can sit, watch, enjoy and absorb the competition.

"Our goal is to be in the top-two in our pool in order to stay in the championship round."

As for being seeded seventh from fourth last year McKay remarked, "I think it's an advantage. Last year we were far too high for what (OFSAA inexperience) we went in with.

"Going in seventh there's not a great expectation (of a Redmen victory) by tourney organizers."



SECOND TO NONE: Skip Marilyn McArthur, kneeling, and her rink from left: Linda Hardy, Mary Fran Dick and Lynne Robertson, took first-place in the second draw of the International Ladies' Curling Bonspiel at the Acton Curling Club on Saturday. (Eve Martin photo)

## Gray's 3 goals pace Eagles to 6-2 win

### INDOOR SOCCER

Following are results from recent games at McKenzie-Smith Bennett:

#### JR. UNDER-11

Yellow Submarine - 7 (Frederico Mena and Lisa Robson two, Sebastian Mena, Emily Henderson

and Megan Brown), Burgandy - 3 (Adam Cripps two, Katie Banks); Red Hot Chili Peppers - 11, The Green - 6 (Cory Burgan four, Joe Douglas, Eric Corman).

#### SR. UNDER-15

The All-Stars - 7 (Chrissy Pereira four, Bobby Pereira, Holly Goddard and Dan Banks), The Purple Barnies - 7 (Melanie Sherren four,

Emma Douglas, Erin Douglas and Jamie Campbell); The Eagles - 6 (Shannon Gray three, Shawn Dyke two and Jenn Norman), The Blues - 2 (Megan Detlor, Kyle LaRose); The Whites - 10 (Amanda Burgan with five, Derick Scott three, and Shawn Dyke two, The Sharks - 8 (Mark Cripps five, Mark Chumley two and Ashley Stinson).

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