

Acton High School Athletes of the Week are Amanda Dennis and Ryan Stroud. Dennis, a wing on the Bearcats senior basketball team was chosen for her improved defensive play over the season. Stroud, a left side power of the Bearcats senior volleyball team was selected for good spiking and digging in a two game win over Abbey Park.

Georgetown District High School Athletes of the Week are Kevin Field and Sherelle Sheppard. Field, a defenseman on the Rebels hockey team was selected for his strong defense and one assist against Lester Pearson High School. Sheppard, a guard on the Rebels senior basketball team was chosen for her 11 points against AHS.

Christ the King High School Athletes of the Week are Coulton Vetro and Kelly Laidlaw. Vetro, a running back on the junior Jaguars football team was chosen for leading the rushing against Abbey Park. Laidlaw, a point guard on the Jaguars junior basketball team was chosen for her strong defense and controlled offense against GDHS.



'Cats handed taste of their own medicine as Acton squad falls in semifinal action

The Acton Bearcats found out payback works both ways.

After getting revenge on T.A. Blakelock for knocking them out of the Halton senior boys volleyball playoffs two years ago, the Bearcats were eliminated by the Oakville-Trafalgar Red Devils in Wednesday's semifinal.

The Bearcats upset O-T last year to end the Devils' run of three consecutive Halton titles.

And after a rough start, it looked like Acton might play spoiler again.

The Bearcats pushed the undefeated Red Devils to three games before losing 25-12, 19-25, 15-13.

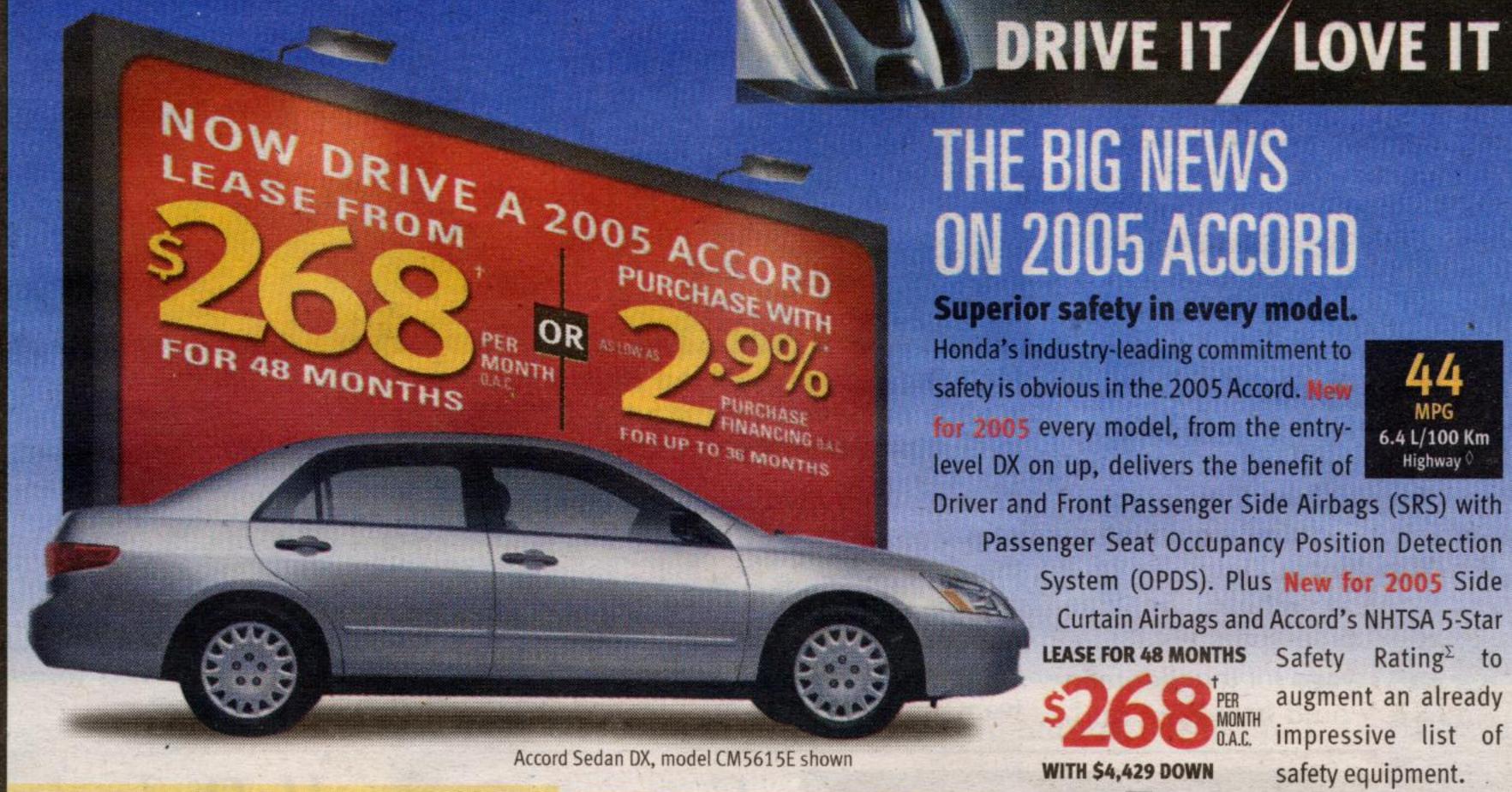
Oakville-Trafalgar stormed out of the gate taking a 12-1 lead on the Bearcats in the opening game. Acton played them even the rest of the way but couldn't make up any ground and lost the first game.

"In tournaments you can get away with a slow start because you can lose a game and still advance," said Acton coach Chris Braun.

"But in this type of situation you can't do that."

Acton played much better in the second game, took the lead early and evened the match. The teams exchanged the lead throughout the deciding third game but it was O-T that managed to get the critical final points.

Oakville-Trafalgar moves on to the Halton final against Georgetown, who downed Holy Trinity, (see story page 19) but Acton, as the last surviving AA team in Halton, remains alive for the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSAA) playoffs.



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