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The Centennial Chargers girls volleyball team won its third Provincial Cup championship and first in nine years Saturday in Durham. Members of the Chargers' championship team are: (back, from left) Jenna Barley, Natalie Meek, Taylor Dowdall, Joanna Gautier, Megan Breen, (holding banner, clockwise from bottom left) Hillary Banks, coach Patty Hall, Caitlin Dunsmore, Lindsay McCabe, Sarah Chaplin, Sofia Troop, Tory McCracken, Nicole Bond, Casey Ferguson, Charlene Dors. Photo by Herb Garbutt

Girls take first; boys finish third Centennial Charges to Ontario title

It was part marathon, part volleyball tournament but at the finish line it was the Centennial Chargers that claimed their first Provincial Cup championship in nine years.

The Chargers' girls team played 22 games Saturday, but persevered to beat Mississauga's Thomas Street to win the 48-team tournament that draws the best elementary school teams from across the province.

The Chargers' boys team just missed making it a repeat of the school's sweep of the 1991 tournament. They lost to the eventual champion, Ottawa's Glashan, in the semifinals. Still, they rebounded to down Durham's Adelaide McLaughlin 25-16, 25-14 to finish third.

"For the teams that go, it is the OFSAA (the provincial high school championship) of elementary schools," said Patty Hall, who coaches the Chargers' girls team. "They had the skills to win but to maintain their emotions and stay on an even keel through all those games—for young kids they performed like pretty seasoned athletes."

After a long day, things didn't get much easier for the Chargers in the playoff rounds. They were forced to three games against Milton's W.I. Dick in the semi-final before emerging with a 27-25, 18-25, 15-8 victory.

Centennial again got off to a good start in the final by winning the first game 25-21 but Thomas Street evened the match with a 25-17 victory.

"I think in that second game, playing all those games in one day was taking its toll," said Hall, whose team had played its first game 14 hours earlier. They weren't able to get back into that second game but then they came right back and came out strong in the last game. They upped their level of play as the day went on, especially their teamwork."

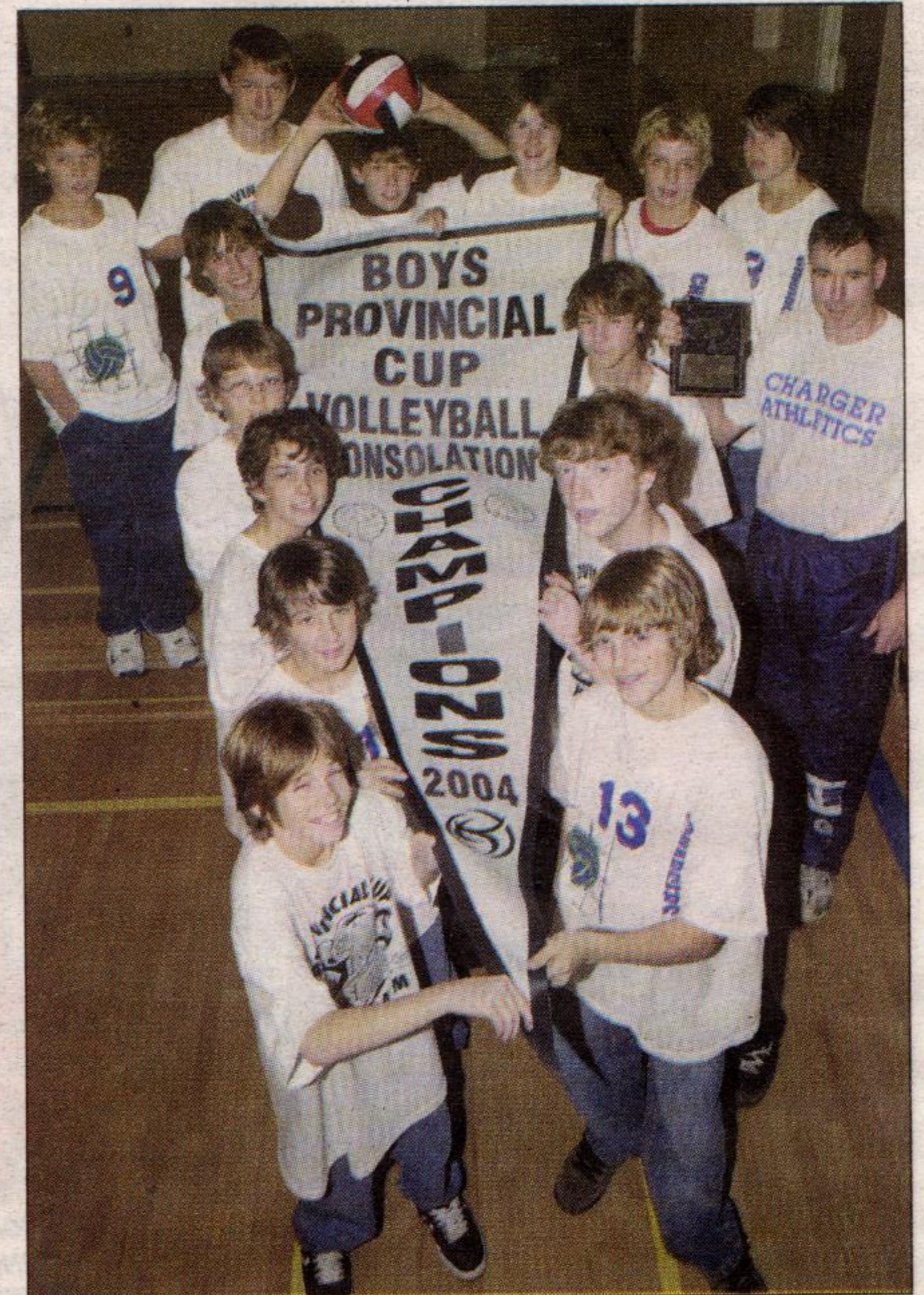
The Chargers won the game to chalk up the school's third girls title (1991, 1995) in the tournament's 25-year history.

The Chargers' boys team was also looking to add a third title, having won in 1991 and 1987. They were undefeated in pool play and then met cross-town rivals Stewarttown in the opening round of the playoffs. They won in two games and then posted another two-game victory over another familiar Halton opponent, Heritage Glen.

"Those two are tough rivals," said Charger coach Dave Walker. "We know each other so well and by the time we won those we were kind of spent."

And with another big challenge in Glashan ahead, there just wasn't enough left for the semifinal.

"We played strong offensively all through the tournament but defensively, they (Glashan) were superb. Nothing hit the floor. We battled point-for-point but in the end their defensive skill prevailed."



The Centennial Chargers boys volleyball team finished third at the 48-team Provincial Cup tournament in Durham on Saturday. Team members are (back, from left) Chris Taylor, Chris Pett, Chris Haynes, Scott Timmermans, Matt Weber, Grant Massey, (holding banner, clockwise from bottom left) Billy Partridge, Andrew Haffner, Zach Pearson, Will Schreiber, Zach Austin, Tyler West, Craig Rylett, coach Dave Walker and Curtis Vasey. Missing were Keegan Witton and Trevor Haché. Photo by Herb Garbutt

Glashan won 25-17, 25-19 but the Chargers' efforts were not lost on the Glashan coach.

"He told me after the game that in his eyes, that was the final and sure enough they went on to win."

The Chargers were not done, though. They played Durham's Adelaide McLaughlin, which had the advantage of a hometown crowd, but the Chargers left them with little to cheer about in a 25-16, 25-14 Centennial victory.

"It was a tough game to regroup but I couldn't be more proud of the way they handled themselves over such a long tournament," Walker said.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

Raiders inflict Capital punishment

The end result was the same but Kyle Frieday and Matt Sweazey had different reasons to celebrate.

The Georgetown Raider duo each had a hat-trick Tuesday night to lead their team to an easy 10-2 win over the Brampton Capitals.

For Sweazey, it had been more than a month since his last goal.

"It's great to get the monkey off my back," said the 20-year-old centre.

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