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# Senior v-ballers solid at tourney

Bishop Reding's senior girls volleyball team delivered some impressive court results on the way to reaching the elite eight at Friday's 24-team McMaster University Tournament.

The Royals won two of three round robin battles — receiving some surprising contributions along the way — to advance to quarterfinal play. There, they pushed Hamilton's St. Jean Brebeuf to the limit in the opening set but just couldn't overcome a fierce offensive attack, falling 21-25, 6-25. Danielle Carmichael's effective hitting and some impressive efforts by impromptu setter Lisa Wood helped keep things interesting through the first set.

BR opened the tournament by turning back Hamilton's Cardinal Newman in straight 25-19 decisions, due in large part to sensational hitting by Sarah Wood.

This served as a warm-up to the seniors most noteworthy win of the day — a 25-17, 27-25 triumph over Hamilton's Eastdale. With Caitlyn Rivers pulling out due to illness, Erinn Greenfield and Eva Sitarz were thrown into the role of setter.

Despite a total lack of experience in this department, both rose to the challenge and played significant contributions toward the round two victory.

The Royals closed out round robin play by losing to Hamilton's Westdale 22-25, 15-25.

BR's seniors are 1-3 in league action and will look to turn things around tonight at Oakville's White Oaks. Thursday they travel to Oakville's Iroquois Ridge.

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## BR junior cagers take Lions to OT

Tielemans nets buzzer shot to tie it

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

David Tielemans' heroics were sweet — but short-lived.

The Bishop Reding junior boys basketball player sank one right at the buzzer to force overtime against Burlington's

Aldershot Lions during round two of the annual friendship tournament at BR Friday.

However, the tying basket simply served as a prelude to heartbreak as the visiting cagers went on to eclipse the Royals 75-72.

Tielemans' 13 points and last-second score highlighted a thoroughly exhilarating encounter between their regional rivals, who exchanged leads numerous times before it was all over. BR trailed by as much as 10 at one point and was up by 13 at other during the seesaw contest.

Unfortunately, Reding's young and inexperience squad wasn't able to deliver as much excitement in rounds one and three — and were toppled by Oakville's Loyola Hawks (43-30) and Port Colbourne's Lakeshore Catholic (50-43).

Unproductive starts were a key stumbling block in both games. Sean Mathé led with eight points in the tournament opener while Tielemans was the top shooter in round three with 10. Mike Rego and Dalton Winstone also offered solid efforts Friday.

At Oakville Trafalgar Thursday, BR's juniors fell just short in their bid for a third league victory — getting outdistanced by the host Devils 55-51.

A three-point game winner and insurance basket were both drained inside the final minute of play. Joey McSween amassed 18 points while contributing a dozen were Jonathan Ram and Liam Tennant. The loss dropped them to 2-2.

Meanwhile, Reding's seniors were also vanquished and now sit at 0-4. They'll look to snap their winless ways at home against Oakville's Iroquois Ridge Thursday.

The juniors have two home games this week, today against Oakville's White Oaks and Thursday versus the 'Ridge.

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