

## Campbell leaves lasting mark

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With a never-ending knack for finding the right balance between pushing her gymnasts and nurturing them, the outgoing head coach has left a positive imprint on more than a few Springers — including one who's parlayed her love for the sport into a career.

Currently an assistant coach with the University of Maryland gymnastics team, women's Vicki Miltonian native stresses Chliszczyk Campbell's influence had a lot to do with where she is today.

"I believe I have a genuine understanding of who I am and my role in the gymnastics community because of my relationship with Janet. She has fostered in me, through example, the value of respect for others, and more importantly respect for

self. She honoured my uniqueness as an athlete while instilling in me the need for personal responsibility for both my struggles and successes.

"Ultimately this resulted in me having the courage and selfconfidence to pursue my own career as a gymnastics coach. Janet is truly my muse."

Offering similar praise was fellow club graduate Ali Stoffels, who said, "I joke that the Springers without Janet is like breathing without oxygen, but I really do think that her legacy at the club is going to leave pretty big shoes to fill. She is a remarkable woman who has done so much for the Springers and her athletes. She will be greatly missed."

Campbell said she feels truly fortunate to have had such a lengthy run at something she's

cared so much about.

"I've maintained my passion for the sport and my love of children has actually grown over the years, which I think the kids recognize. They know I'm completely on their side."

But with all her goals now realized, including the club's move to MSC and its evolvement to a rock-solid financial status, it's simply time for Campbell to step aside.

"It's time for someone else to take this club to the next level. I'll miss the kids so much, seeing them learn something new every day. You get to be a junkie for that type of achievement."

As of Friday, candidates were still being interviewed to replace Campbell, whose retirement party runs from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at MSC.

## Royals dumped in GHAC qualifying final

Bishop Reding's baseball team remains in contention for a berth to the OFSAA regional playdowns, but their road to their desired destination now runs through Hamilton.

Thursday's 9-3 loss to unbeaten Notre Dame in the GHAC qualifying finals means the Royals must now beat the steel-town city champs June 1 — in Hamilton — to return to Burlington's Millcroft Park for the regional playdowns June 6 and 7.

A standout the day before in a 4-1 GHAC semifinal win over M.M. Robinson, Lee Mathé delivered a two-run double in the final frame to make

Thursday's final a little more flattering. But otherwise Reding was completely dominated by their heavily-favoured hosts, surrendering a first-inning grand slam and four more runs in the third.

Nick Glynn drove in the other run in the top of the second.

The Royals will gear up for their big encounter with the Hamilton champs with today's road trip to St. Thomas Aquinas and a home-field clash with White Oaks Thursday.

The two games are now essentially just opportunities to stay sharp, as Reding and Notre Dame are no longer eligible for the Halton playoffs.





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