

Rebels too strong for E. C. Drury

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Special to The Champion

The E.C. Drury Spartan senior girls volleyball squad suffered a last-minute derailment in their trip to the Halton Regional finals last week.

Just one match away from the championship, the feisty

Spartans ran into a brick wall Thursday in Georgetown — in the form of a powerhouse Rebels squad destined for gold this season.

Without the luxury of home-court advantage, and with the anxiety of facing a team ranked among Ontario's best all sea-

son, the E.C. Drury contingent fell in straight 15-4 decisions in the semifinal showdown.

The team had finished second in the Richardson Division over the regular season, with an impressive 8-2 record.

Led by first-year head coach Todd Thomson, the Spartans earned a first-round bye and then took down Burlington Central 15-10, 15-10 in the quarterfinals at E.C. Drury.

"They (Georgetown) are a great team and played well today," said Thomson, following Thursday's loss. "If we had played to our ability, we could have given them a run."

As it stood, the Spartans appeared a little tentative throughout both games. They missed a number of Rebel serves and couldn't get much going at the net. Despite a few

nice plays here and there, Georgetown was never in any real trouble.

The home team rang up seven straight points near the end of game one and then started off game two with seven more unanswered points. After a brief lapse, they chalked up eight straight for the match victory.

E.C. Drury's starting six on the day were Jayne Currie, Maria Fredriksson, Kelly Ivens, Corinn Jeffrey, Kelly Pierson and Wendy Nielson. Replacing Pierson in game two was Kim Friedrich.

Making up the rest of this season's squad were Shannon Duke, Jennifer Eidt, Tiffany Kishita, Erin Lawrence, Rebecca Mills, Stephanie Taylor and Leslie Wells.

Swimming duo wins handful of medals

Milton Marlin swimmers Jennifer Porenta and Garrett Lyall continue to be dominating forces in the water this season, as the two led the wave at the recent 19th annual Cindy Nicholas Swim Classic in Scarborough.

Porenta set two new team records for gold medals in the 100 and 200 metre butterfly, scored silver in the 50m freestyle and brought home bronze in the 100m free. Lyall captured gold in both the 100 and 200m fly, was second in the 50m free and finished third in the 100m free.

Setting new club records were Kristin McIlroy (100m backstroke), Kassie Slickers (200m breaststroke), Stephanie Fennell (200m back), and George Dimitrov (200m free). Improving on individual times were Stephanie Slickers, Kathleen Charko, Lisa Trencs, Ashleigh Snow and Matthew Ishoy.

During the same weekend,

a number of novice swimmers excelled at a meet hosted by the Burlington Youth Aquatic Club.

Leading the charge in the seven and under age division were Jacqueline Clarke and Kevin Winter, both scoring two bronze medals. Clarke's efforts came in the 25m free and 25m back while Winter also took a medal in the 25m free as well as the 25m breast.

Also taking home a pair of bronze medals was David Neshevich, in the 11 and 12 year old category where he finished third in the 50m breast and 50m back. Improving on individual times were Laura Mayes, Erin Ragany, Julie Dumencu and Michelle Claessens.

Porenta, Lyall and McIlroy are headed to Nepean (near Ottawa) for the Provincial Swim Championships beginning tomorrow (Thursday) and running through until Sunday.

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Martin wins ski title

Milton Height's Hersey Alpine Red Team placed second at the Southern Ontario Division's Club finals Sunday, finishing the day with a score of 343.

They were runners-up to the Devil's Elbow Red Team, who collected 419 points. Coming in third was Horseshoe Valley, while Mansfield's Green Team and the Chicopee Red Team rounded out the top five finishers.

Highlighting the day was Milton native Kevin Martin's overall boys victory. Teammate Ian Yarrow of Mississauga finished 10th.

Emma Fredriksson of Milton led the way for the girls with a second-place finish while Megan Powell of Burlington came in fifth. Carolyn Yarrow of Mississauga placed 11th and coming in 12th was Cathy Shier of Halton Hills.

Looking sharp

Karyn Cseff, 14, recently led Milton Skating Club senior members by passing both her seventh figure and gold dance tests. A number of other skaters joined her in passing High tests in Georgetown and Streetsville.

Among them were Heather Goodings who also passed seventh figure, while successful in

the gold dance challenge was Jenny Does.

Other members passing senior silver dances were Melissa Fischer, Melissa Visconti and Becky Paul (Blues), Fischer and Ashley Monckton (Paso Doble), Visconti (Starlight), and Melanie Bell (Kilian).

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