ESSEX SPORTS

EDHS junior girls' basketball season ends

The WECSSAA champion Essex High Junior Girls' basketball team travelled to Sarnia last Thursday for their final game of the year against Sarnia St. Patrick's High School, representing the Chatham-Kent and Lambton region.

There is no All-Ontario (OFSAA) championship for teams at the junior level so our girls were committed to giving it all they had in their final game of a remarkable season. In spite of the tremendous support from a busload of fans and parents who made the trip with the team, the girls were unable to pull off the upset, losing to an excellent St. Patrick's team by a final score of 55 to 32.

"St. Patrick's played the perfect zone press against us," Coach Dave Harrison explained. "They took advantage of their relatively narrow gym and pressured us into making too many bad passes. Give them credit, today they were the better team."



Photos courtesy of Steve Bjorkman

The Essex High Junior Girls' basketball team, above, poses for one last photo for the season. In spite of tremendous support from fans, right, the girls were defeated by Sarnia St. Patrick's High School at the SWOSSAA championship Nov 23.

Assistant coach Kathy Corchis concurred. "It certainly wasn't a result of lack of effort", Corchis stated. "Our girls were ready for the challenge and, as they have all season long, never gave up. We are so proud of them!"

The Red Raiders were led in scoring by Cortney Johnston with 11 points and Kelsey Balkwill with 9. Amy Bjorkman, Jill Lappan and Laura Chittle, the other starters, played excellent defence and were supported by strong efforts from the players coming in off the bench – Katelyn Kerr, Michelle Ferguson,

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Courtney Presland, Callie Harrigan, Jayme Beaton, Jaime Bornais and Carly Hudacek.

Coaches Harrison, Corchis and Chedour want to express their gratitude to the parents, grandparents and other relatives and friends of the team who supported us throughout this magical season. In particular though, they would like to thank the team members for a year that none of us will ever forget. Congratulations to the 2006 Junior Girls' Basketball SWOSSAA finalists and WECSSAA AAA champions – the Essex Red Raiders!





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