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Pemberton's Red Devils

Sitting Pretty Before Playoffs

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It's a milestone in Red Devils history, the co-coach of Pemberton Secondary School's senior's girl basketball team said.

"To be ranked this high going into the provincial championships... I can't recall it happening before. It's definitely unusual," Garth Phare said.

With season play over, the Grades 11 and 12 team sits ranked seventh in the province. They've come out of regular game play with a striking 17 wins and three losses. All the lost games were close, Phare added, noting the wins were no more than a handful of points away.

"We have a phenomenal group of athletes," Phare said. "It is amazing when you are talking about a school the size of Pemberton (Secondary)."

This year's senior team is a "dream team" that the players and coaches, Phare and Greg Sproule, have been looking forward to. Last year's large turnout for basketball teams led to individual Grades 11 and 10 squads. Both had strong players, and now combined, they are a force to reckon with, Phare said.

It's great to see the team's growth, he said. Heading into zone playoffs Phare is confident that the girls will make the provincial playoffs. They have played all but two of the zone teams.

"We know that we have beaten other teams that beat them," Phare added. "We have a tall team, a fast team and a very intelligent team."

The potential of going into the provincials ranked in seventh place would put them in a good position heading into the championships, Sproule said. The higher the team is ranked, the lower the ranking of the team they will face for their first game.

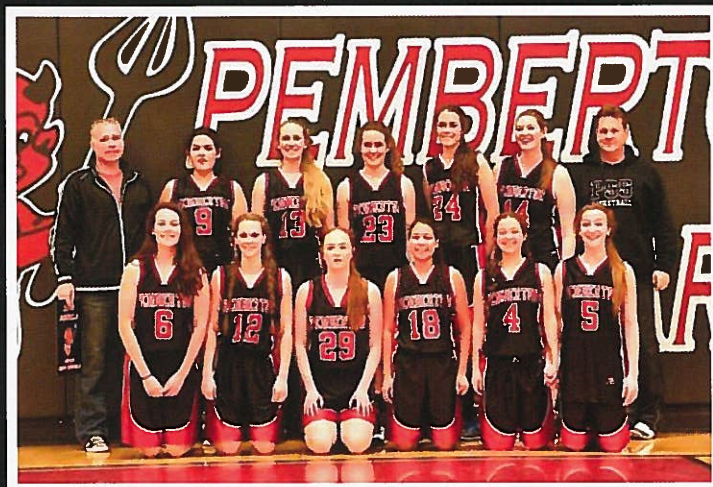
"Winning your first round game is important as it places you into the winners' bracket and the lowest you can finish is 8th in the province," he said.

The team's biggest strength is its depth, Sproule said. The team has 12 players on the squad. Everyone on the team contributes in every game, he said.

"We also focus a lot of our time on defence and have been successful this year at holding many opponents to very low point totals," he added.

Pemberton has a great history when it comes to school basketball, both coaches said. That long-standing tradition wouldn't be possible without the support of teachers, community sponsors and parents, Sproule said. "There are many people around the team who put in countless hours and expect nothing in return," he said.

The team is in the midst of fundraising, which will help toward their playoff game expenses. Pemberton Valley Foods has donated gift cards



for the players to sell. So far they have raised \$6,000.

Pat and Julie Kelly of Whistler Real Estate have also paid the team's last two tournament entry fees while Olympic skicross star Ashleigh McIvor DeMerit and Vancouver Whitecaps player Jay DeMerit have helped fund travel expenses.

This season marks Grade 12 student Lyra Tuck's last time donning the Red Devils jersey. She started playing basketball in Grade 7. This season she's feeling the heat, Tuck said, noting that on top of it being her final year the team also has expectations.

"We are hoping for second place in the zones," she said, noting last year the team got a wild card into the provincials. "This year, if we get in it, it will be because we earned it."

There will be a lot of really good teams in the provincials."

Tuck said she is not looking forward to her last game of the season. Last week she experienced her last game in red on home court.

"That was emotional for me," she said. "I will probably cry if we make it to the provincials."

- See more at: <http://www.whistlerquestion.com/sports/local-sports/pemberton-s-red-devils-sitting-pretty-before-playoffs-1.2181734#sthash.RVKRifW8.dpuf>



SENIOR GIRLS BASKETBALL



Amanda McIvor



Brooke Phare



Kira-Lee Brandt





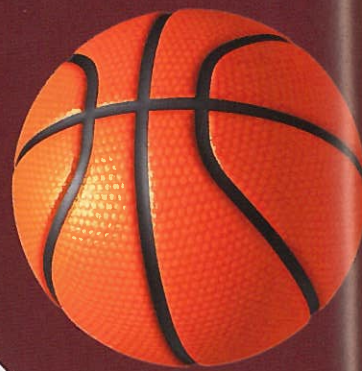
Caylee Sampson



Eliza Eslake



SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL



Ty Archer



Cassidy Pascal



Mathew Den Duyf

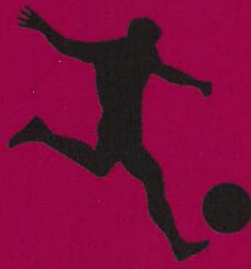


Chris Reid



Sam Turrin

SOCCER



Boys Soccer

- Arthur Agnalt
- Archer
- Das Beyer
- Ham Boys
- Inner Brandt
- Pott Coughlin
- Rock Dan
- Matthew DenDuyf
- Enriquez
- Winn Sam Finlay
- Anthony Liakakos
- Winn Linklater
- Winn McGuire
- Winn Malthaner
- Winn Metcalfe
- Winn Nelson
- Winn O'Connor
- Winn Cassidy Pascal
- Winn Perry Pascal
- Winn von Pascal
- Winn Bradley Peters
- Winn Onso Perez
- Winn Paydon Powell
- Winn Nathan Rabung
- Winn Chris Read
- Winn Thomas Rozsypalek

Senior Girls

- Elainah Andrew
- Kira-Lea Brandt
- Jessie Bull
- Madison Graves
- Abby Inglis
- Emily Knight
- Talia Malkowich
- Amanda McIvor
- Keeley Ouellet
- Brook Phare
- Lyra Tuck
- Erica VanLoon

VOLLEYBALL



9 Girls Volleyball

- Fiona Davies
- Erin Duncan
- Holly Evenson
- Lorraine Gonzales
- Kay Gray
- Josephine Howell
- Sammy Kerr
- Makayla LeBreton-Guanzon
- Freyja Rimmer
- Chana Roger
- Phoebe Telfer
- Brigitte Van de Wetering
- Jordan Vinnedge

10 Girls Volleyball

- Miriam Amills
- Cristina Andres-Inigo
- Victoria Barley
- Maddy Beaudry
- Kate Bull
- Lili Cramm
- Mackensy Cumin
- Faith Frame
- Cassia Jean
- Laura Katzmamn
- Carolyn Laucht
- Nicole LeBlanc
- Maya Nelson
- Morgan Pasenow
- Marta Pena-Alcada
- Megan Pidperyhora
- Hana Ronayne
- Brianna Turchinetz
- Maddy Walther

8 Girls Volleyball

- Ava Caldwell
- Belle Dorgelo
- Kokora Fukuda
- Lucia Guillamet
- Madeline Hanna
- Arriya Kuiper
- Zelkwa Nelson
- Ajah Newsome
- Katelyn Pidperyhora
- Naomi Prohaska
- Fernanda Ramirez
- Ayva Spierings
- Ruby Trand
- Abby Walther
- Jessica Westlake

