

Schools team up at tourney

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Usually when St. Edmund Campion and Cardinal Leger Secondary Schools get together a bitter battle follows— whether it be on the football field, basketball court, soccer pitch or track.

But that wasn't quite the case last weekend as the two schools traveled to Belleville to take part in the Ontario Catholic Invitational Volleyball Tournament.

In fact, the two senior boys' teams from the Brampton schools were found cheering for each other throughout the competition.

In the end, Campion won a thrilling overtime game against John Paul II CCS from London for the championship, winning the first set 25-16 losing the second set 26-24 and winning their overtime set 15-7.

Leger, despite having only six players, and no substitutes available, managed a pair of back-to-back overtime wins to finish in third place.

They stopped Patrick Fogarty from Orillia, winning the first set 25-22, falling 25-17 in the second and claiming third place with a 15-10 overtime win in the third set.

But Cardinal Leger coach Daniel Weeren credits the support of the Campion crew for their success.

"Unfortunately with only six players we had no opportunity to have any substitutions during the game and many of our players were playing very fatigued or hurt," said Weeren. "The motivation from a neighboring Brampton school was exactly what we needed to get the job done in overtime."

And the Leger squad returned the favour come championship time.

"To St. Edmund Campion's delight we passed on the favour," said Weeren. "The final game was so loud that three other teams came to watch the Brampton teams support each other."

John Paul II might have been able to defeat one Brampton school, but not two.

"John Paul wasn't ready for this type of support," added Weeren.

With the added help, St. Edmund Campion claimed an overtime win of their own to snatch top honours in their division.

"The best part of the tournament was that St. Edmund Campion and Cardinal Leger's boys supported each other throughout the tournament," noted Weeren. "It just goes to show that our kids at Cardinal Leger and St. Edmund Campion, when in diversity, will come together and support one another right until the end."