

Thunder roll on, remain undefeated

Thunder men's volleyball triumphant

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Thunder win! It's a phrase that has commonly been heard this season by members of the Algonquin men's volleyball team.

Their game on Friday, Jan. 13 against the Seneca Sting was no exception to that as they won 3-0. In the win the Thunder extended their perfect season another game, improving their record to 13-0 in the regular season.

While the game resulted in a win for the Thunder, it wasn't all smooth sailing.

The beginning of the game started out a bit slow for the team and there were parts of the game where they did not seem as sharp.

"We had a few issues in transitional play," said head coach Doug Anton. He said he was not very troubled by that, though, since they hadn't focused on transitional play in practise.

The first set began with the Sting getting out to an early lead, but the Thunder were able to fight back in what was a hard-fought set with multiple lead changes.

The set eventually ended in a 26-24 win for the Thunder.

The second set went much more smoothly for the Thunder as they had little trouble getting the 25-13 win.

The third set was much like the first in that the Sting were able to get an early lead. After getting down 12-7 the Thunder were able to come back to tie it up and soon after take the lead.

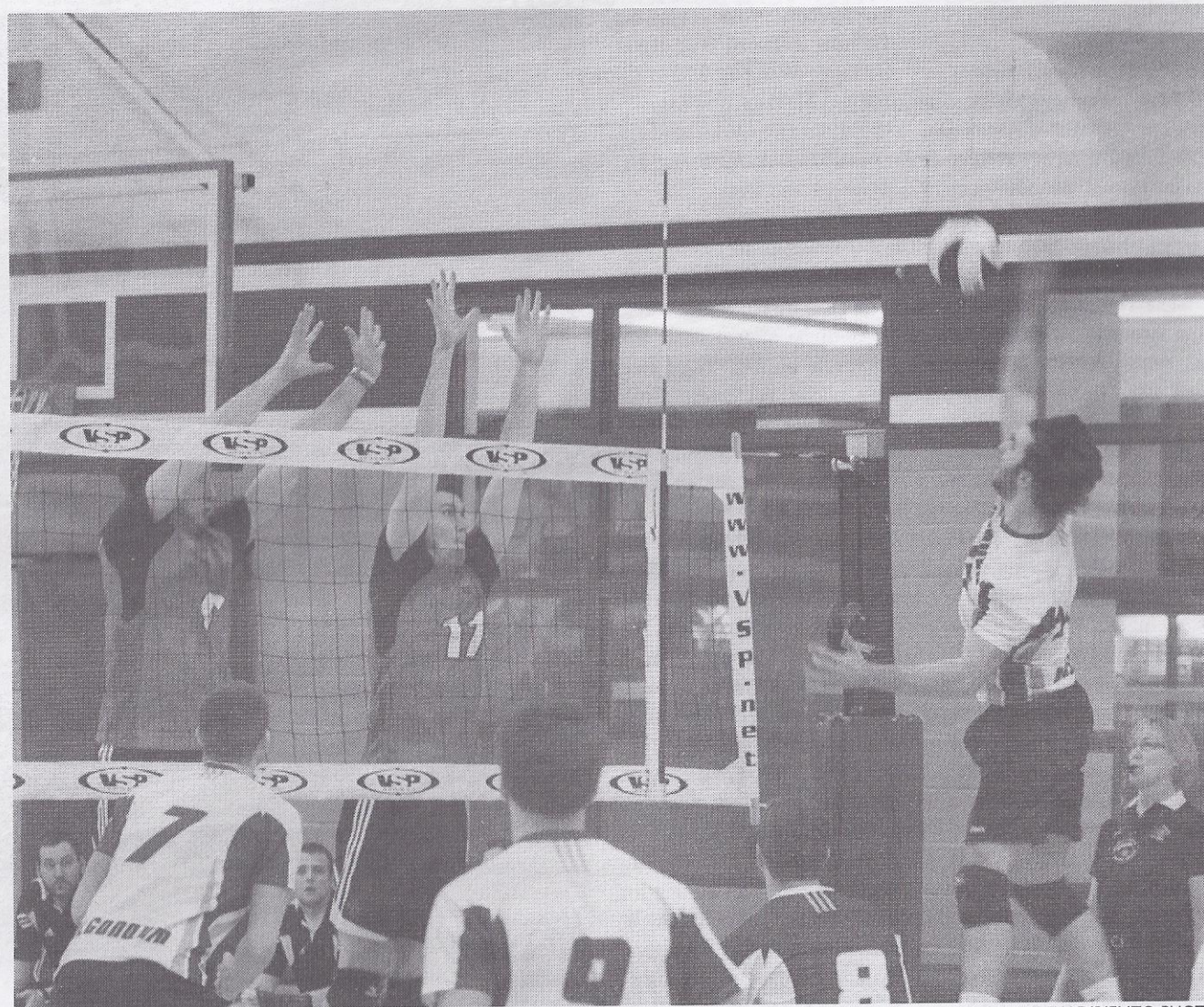
Anton said the team wasn't committed to the play at times and that their passing also wasn't always very good.

The Thunder's performance lately was not as strong as usual, which could have put their perfect season in jeopardy, said player Ian McAlpine. He said the team hadn't been playing as well as usual since winning the Timbertown Invitational tournament in Calgary earlier this year.

"Calgary was a peaking opportunity for us," said Anton.

"But after each peak is a decline. I think now we're starting to get back to our game," he said.

He said the team usually serves well, which is something he was happy with in



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Alexandre Corsi Caya, a left-side for the Thunder, spikes the ball at Seneca defenders. With the win the Thunder improve to 13-0 on the season. The Thunder hold a six-point lead in the Eastern Region.

this game, and that their offense is crisp.

"We played a solid game," he said. "Hopefully we can

sharpen up our game leading up to the provincial and

national championships.