

Boomer's Game Day Review

The Av's just returned from their final road trip and what a trip it was!

Wednesday morning came bright and early and the Av's loaded onto the bus full of hopes and dreams that our trip to Vancouver would be uneventful. Of course, that was too much to hope for and whatever our team did to anger the bus gods came back to haunt us as the heating system decided to not work properly and with our continued bad luck it was really cold outside! We rolled into Kamloops, teeth chattering and managing to stave off the cold by crawling into our own clothes like a turtle in its shell. We decided to stay the night in Kamloops in hopes that someone out there would be able to fix the heating in our cursed bus so we could finish the drive to Vancouver with at least a little feeling in our big toes. Our luck changed and bright and early on Thursday morning we loaded onto a warm bus for the final push to Vancouver.

Game 1 on Thursday was an ugly one. Tired and having consumed some questionable meatballs from a restaurant that will remain nameless, the Av's were not in tip-top shape as they took the court and dropped the first set to Capilano. The men couldn't manage a comeback and ended up dropping the match to Capilano in 4. One of our middles, Brave Dave Wiebe, did manage to induce a bloody nose to the Capilano setter after a monster middle attack.

Game 2 proved to be a much better showing for us as we cleaned up the match in a swift 3-0 victory over Capilano. This was probably one of the best matches of volleyball our team has played so far this season and we will be a very competitive team if we can keep that energy going throughout our remaining games.

Moving on to Games 3 and 4 against Douglas was a difficult task. When most teams in our league go on road trips they play 2 games over the weekend. Our team has a more difficult task as we play 4 games over the weekend in order to reduce the amount of travel that we have to do during the season. So going into our games against Douglas we were pretty tired. Our coach Steve recognized this and so the guys on the bench had a great opportunity to come in and perform, which they did. Even though we dug deep and found some energy to play with it was not enough and we ended up dropping both matches to Douglas with a heart-breaker 4th set on Sunday afternoon.

All in all it was a bit of a rough weekend, but the Av's like to work hard and we are already preparing to finish strong in our 3-weekend home stretch. See you at the games!

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