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# Rebels given bench time to ponder future

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The New Westminster Hyacks found out what it will take to unseat the top team in the district.

The Burnaby South Rebels have apparently not yet figured out what it is to be No. 1.

On Monday, four Rebel players, including three usual starters, never saw the floor in South's 88-52 win over New Westminster.

Another two top-five South players came off the bench to do spot duty in the Rebels win.

Who remained on the floor was still a handful for the Hyacks, who struggled under the hoop for seven minutes before scoring its first bucket on one of three bombs in the period by Masood Wali.

Even with South putting out a largely second-string lineup on the floor from the opening tipoff, New West

never seemed to find its rhythm.

"They're a tough team. But we win as a team and we lost as a team," said post Dylan Johnson, who scored 11 of his team-high 13 points in the second half, including seven from the foul line.

South got 27 points from starting point guard Manroop Clair, including 20 in the first half. Clair also gunned 11-of-12 free throws. As a team, South shot 19-for-21 at the charity stripe.

But South's volunteer head coach Greg Matic wants more from his charges, who have seen their No. 1 provincial ranking fall to third in recent weeks.

"These opportunities only present themselves so few times in a team's life span," said Matic after the game, stressing he wanted more "communication, commitment and sacrifice" from his leaders.



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**Playing host:** Shannon Khan helped Burnaby/New Westminster's under-16B ringette team to a strong showing against former PoCo/Ridge Meadows A team at Burnaby Lake Arena last Saturday. The local association will be hosting the A level provincial championships in Burnaby and the B and C levels in New Westminster, both from March 10 to 13.

## BURNABY SPORTS BRIEFS

Burnaby Laker junior and former Burnaby Mountain Selects attackman, Brian Gillis, was named to the Irish national team for the 2011 world indoor lacrosse championships.

The world championships will be held in Prague, Czech Republic from May 21 to 28.

### Striker joins WPS Flash

Christine Sinclair will play a third season in the Womens Professional Soccer league with the Western New York Flash.

The Burnaby international signed as a free agent after the WPS champion FC Gold Pride franchise she played on folded at the end of the 2010 season.

### Road run winners

Two Burnaby road runners are the winners of B.C. Athletics awards.

Kristina Rody was named the senior female runner of the year, while Herb Phillips took the masters male athlete award in road running.

The awards will be presented on Saturday, Jan. 29 in Richmond.

# Burnaby efforts rewarded on ice

Defenceman Matt Grassi blocked a season-high seven shots in Michigan State University's 2-2 draw against Lake Superior State on Jan. 15. Grassi's seven blocked shots was a single-game high for any Spartan skater this season.

### A game-winner

Carlo Finucci scored his sixth goal of the season for the University of Alaska-Fairbanks in a 4-1 victory over No. 8-ranked Notre Dame in NCAA Division I hockey last Saturday.

Finucci's eventual game-winner was his second of the season.

### Third star outing

Landon Ferraro was a plus-four in the Everett Silvertips 6-5 win over the Seattle Thunderbirds on Jan. 15.

Ferraro assisted on three Everett tallies, including Tyler Maxwell's second-period game-winner. Ferraro was named the game's third star.



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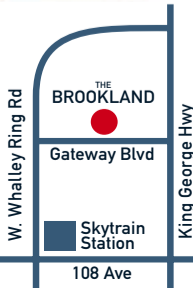
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