

Higher Ground

Kelowna Christian School

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KCS KNIGHTS CROWNED KINGS

It was a long time coming, but the Kelowna Christian School interschool athletics program finally stepped into the limelight of the provincial sports scene with the senior boys volleyball team winning a provincial championship in November. It was 1988 when Kelowna Christian School entered its first teams into the local school sports leagues. In the last 12 years, they have won many zone championships, even a few valley championships, but have failed to win gold at four previous provincial championship appearances. This was a very good year for the Knights volleyball program. Early in the season, the Knights were picked as favorites for the provincial title. The local media got a hold of the story and followed the team closely, as they worked their way through an undefeated season in league play. The slant that the local media enjoyed to promote was that the Knights were playing in a league of much larger schools. They were a small "A" school (up to 75 boys in grades 11/12) playing in a "AA" (up to 200 boys in grades 11/12) league. It was a David vs Goliath story that made good press. In addition to their domination in league play, the press reported their successes in tournaments involving very

large "AAA" (over 200 boys in grades 11/12) schools. The Knights had great matches against some of the best teams in the province and were developing a reputation as a strong volleyball school. With a 15 - 0 record against "A" schools, 20 - 4 against "AA" schools and 8 - 7 against "AAA" schools, they established themselves as one of the top

teams in the province. To top off their great season, the Knights were able to win the provincial championships on their home court in front of 400 screaming fans. They have earned the right to host provincials again next year, and hope to continue with the success they experienced this year.



KCS Knights coach Tyler Bishop proudly displays the "Provincial Champions" Banner.



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