

The West Prince Islanders travelled to Moncton to participate in the 2009 Volleyball Canada Canadian East Open.

TEAM MAKE-UP The team was very young with half of the team (5 players) in grade 7. Of the 5 grade eight players, one had never played before the spring. My philosophy going into the tournament was to use one setter (Taylor Wallace) most of the tournament and to play one middle (Kirkland Keough) during most of the weekend. The other eight players would be split up and would play in every other set. If we got to a third game in a match, we would play our top 6 players.

Team Members

Taylor Wallace (Setter)
Kirkland Keough (Middle)
Ryan MacNeill (Middle)
Robbie Fraser (Leftside)
Rowgan Barbour (Leftside)
Oliver Doucette (Rightside)
Kent Doucette (Leftside)
Brendan Smith (Leftside)
Justin Doucette (Rightside)
Jack Perry (Middle)

Harvey Mazerolle (Coach)

Barbie Barbour (Chaperone)
Rhonda MacNeill (Chaperone)

RESULTS The Islanders won their first match on Friday, downing the Reds Albert Street Eagles from Fredericton, New Brunswick in three sets (25-19, 18-25, 16-14). They then lost to the eventual silver medalists, Carrefour de l'Acadie from Dieppe, New Brunswick (8-25, 10-25). The Islanders last match of the day was against a very strong Hamilton, Ontario MAC. The Ontario group eventually won 25-13 and 25-13 but the Islanders played hard. West Prince finished the first day in third place with a 1-2 record.

On the second day, West Prince lost to the Moncton Stars 2-0 (25-21, 25-11), lost 2-0 to the reds Albert Street Eagles from Fredericton, New Brunswick (Scores were 25-18 and 25-14) and lost 2-0 to les Bo from Legaceville, New Brunswick (25-7, 25-17). The Islanders finished the second day in fourth place with an 0-3 record.

On the playoff day (Sunday), the Islanders met up again with the MAC from Hamilton, Ontario, eventual gold medal winners. The Islanders were eliminated from further play, losing 25-13 and 25-15.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Friday, May 8th, 2009

8:00 am	Beat Reds Albert Street Eagles, Fredericton, N.B. 2-1 (25-19, 18-25, 16-14)
11:06 am	Lost to Carrefour de l'Acadie, Dieppe, N.B. 0-2 (8-25, 10-25)
12:30 pm	Lost to MAC, Hamilton, Ont. 0-2 (13-25, 13-25)

Saturday, May 9th, 2009

9:00 am Lost to Moncton Stars, Moncton, N.B. 0-2 (21-25, 11-25)
10:00 am Lost to Reds Albert Street Eagles, Fredericton, N.B. 0-2 (18-25, 14-25)
1:45 pm Lost to Les Bo, Lagaceville, N.B. 0-2 (5-25, 17-25)

Sunday, May 10th, 2009

8:00 am Lost to MAC , Hamilton, Ont. 0-2 (13-25, 15-25)

ACCOMMODATIONS The team stayed at the Coastal Inn in Dieppe for three nights and attended the opening ceremonies at the University of Moncton on Thursday night.