

Queen's Line four time champs

Queen's Line claimed the UOVMSL championship for the fourth time in five years as they came out swinging to dump Stricklands by a 5-3 score in the sixth game of the final series in Foresters Falls Friday night.

Stricklands fought well, but they couldn't match plays like Ron Laronde's third inning catch on what should have been a single for Terry Redmond. Laronde jumped at least four feet to snag the ball, catching runner Ron Barrington, who was on his way to third, flatfooted. Laronde trotted over to second for the double play himself.

Queen's Line started the scoring off in the bottom of the third as Strickland's pitcher Terry Fleurie walked Gerry Hodgins, who was then sacrificed to second by Dan Buchanan. Robert Wood came up with a two-out single to score Hodgins, and was driven in on Ron Laronde's double.

Stricklands brought it back to within one as Terry

Redmond doubled, followed by Doug Litteau's double to right field, bringing Redmond in.

The QL boys went ahead for good in the fifth frame as the first two batters, Gerry Hodgins and Dan Buchanan each cranked homers over the center field fence. Rob Bell added a single to that before Fleurie gave up the mound to John Brookes. Robert Wood and Ron Laronde both singled off Brookes, scoring Bell, before Brookes could retire the side.

The Eganville team refused to give up though, and made it close by adding two more runs in the top of the sixth on runs from Mike Sterling and Mike O'Grady. It wasn't enough, however, and Queen's Line held on for the win.

Ron Eckford got the win for the champs, with seven strikeouts, and allowing 11 hits and one walk. Fleurie had four strikeouts, and gave up five hits and two walks for the loss.

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A new trophy was donated to the Upper Ottawa Valley Men's Softball Association at the Queen's Line ball banquet Saturday night. The trophy, in memory of Kenneth John Robinson, was donated by the Robinson family and the Queen's Line ball

team. Seen here are; [l-r] Glenna Laronde, Mrs. Kenneth Robinson, Queen's Line captain Steve Eckford, and Ron Laronde. Missing is Mrs. Greta Shields.