

# Local duo earn fastpitch gold

Halton Hills may not have had a team in the Canadian Fast Pitch Championships but that didn't stop a couple of players from bringing home gold medals.

J.J. Edwards earned her second straight Canadian title with the Scarborough Spirit while April Everingham helped the Brampton Blazers take the junior championships.

Scarborough rolled through the midget tournament winning all seven round-robin games in Calgary and outscoring their opponents 35-7. Their biggest challenge came in the their second game as they went to an extra inning before downing Surrey 3-2.

The playoffs provided tougher tests. The Spirit started by edging le Rebelles du Quebec 3-2 and then blanked Brampton 1-0. With the playoffs being a double-elimination format, Brampton worked its way back to the final for a rematch. Scarborough jumped in front with two runs in the first. Brampton would cut the lead to one in the fourth but the Spirit held on for the 2-1 win.

"We knew them really well. We knew their left side was their strongest side," said Edwards, the team's shortstop.

It was the continuation of an on-going rivalry between the teams. Brampton beat Scarborough in the final of the provincial qualifier but four teams advanced to the Ontario tournament. The teams met again in the final at provincials with Scarborough winning.

Everingham played a key role in the Blazers' victory, driving in five runs in a 9-4 win over Quebec in the final.

The 22-year-old hit well throughout the tournament, posting a .571 average in the round-robin while in the field her versatility paid off as she played right field, centre field and second base. Brampton posted an 8-2 record at the tournament and advanced to the final with a 5-2 win over Smitty's (Winnipeg).

The Blazers were expecting a rematch with their rivals from Cambridge for the gold. Cambridge topped the Blazers 6-1 earlier in the tournament, however, Quebec upset Cambridge in the semifinals. Still, they

weren't about to take their opponents lightly. "It gave us a reason to play harder because Quebec was on a real roll," said Everingham who played for Brampton's cross-town rivals, Chinguacousy, last season. But when the team folded she joined the Blazers and didn't find it too hard fitting in with her new teammates.

"I practically grew up with them," she said. "I knew most of them so it wasn't very hard to fit in with them."

It was the 15th consecutive year Brampton had come back from nationals with a medal and their fourth gold in five years.

Everingham said going to nationals, which were held in Saskatchewan, would not have been possible without the help of her sponsor, the Georgetown Chiropractic & Sports Injuries Clinic.

Georgetown's Jenn Lukas was also playing in the junior tournament with Hamilton.

She posted a 1-2 record and a team-best 2.26 ERA over 21 innings for Hamilton, which finished the tournament with a 2-5 record.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

## Raiders win twice

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Mike Nelson scored twice and John Wheaton had a goal and two assists against Thornhill. Tyson Gimblett and Jon Southgate also scored and Jay Sprague had two assists.

Against Aurora, who have just three players returning from their Royal Bank Cup championship team, Sprague had a four-point night, including two goals.

Joey Piccone also scored a pair while Wheaton, Tyler Leggo, Nick Harloff, Justin Noble and Matt Sweazey also scored. Dan Rogers, who played for the Raiders in 2001 before moving on to the OHL, had two assists.

**RAIDER RAP:** The Raiders end the pre-season with a home-and-home series against Newmarket. The Hurricanes play in Georgetown Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the Alcott Arena. The Raiders play in Newmarket Saturday at 7:30 p.m.



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