

# Sports

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Marlins (from left) Alex Davis, Paul Zielinski, David Dimitrov and Brent Burke proudly display their provincial medal haul.

Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

## Marlins excel at jr. provincials

*Milton maintains top spot among smaller team ranks*

The Milton Marlins delivered another successful defense of their High Point Trophy at last weekend's Ontario Junior Long Course Swim Championships in Etobicoke.

Powered by a talented foursome in the 12 and 13-year-old boys ranks, the local club grabbed top spot in the smaller team field (50 swimmers or less) for a third straight summer with a thoroughly impressive performance.

Milton secured a total of 11 medals at provincials, including three in relay competition.

Leading the way was weekend standout David Dimitrov — who was golden in both the 13-year-old boys 100m butterfly and 200m individual medley.

His freestyle efforts featured a rich silver lining — with sec-

ond-place showings in 200m, 400m and 800m action — while a bronze medal in the 400m IM rounded out his individual campaign.

He also took third in the 13-year-old boys 4x50m freestyle relay and 4x100m freestyle and medley relays with teammates Brent Burke, Alex Davis and Paul Zielinski.

Burke prevailed in individual competition as well, winning the 12-year-old boys 200m breaststroke. He was third in the 100m breaststroke and was fourth in the 100m, 200m and 400m freestyle.

Davis and Zielinski, both 13, also delivered top-eight finishes, as did fellow point earners Ioana-Maria Negru, Colm Whitford and Will Wright.

Making up the rest of the Marlins' Ontario championship contingent were Catherine Boyd, James Bramley Jacqueline Clarke, Rachel Robinson and Larissa Ruiz.

## Sr. Sox nipped in tournament championship

*Heartbreaking title defeat caps sweltering weekend run*

By STEVE LeBLANC

The Champion

For the Senior Red Sox, there was absolutely no disappointment with last weekend's tournament run — except that is, in the way it ended.

Thriving amid sweltering conditions in London, George Moore's charges reached the finals where they were upstaged by the narrowest of margins — losing 3-2 to the host Lakeside Lizzards.

Adding to the sting of championship defeat was the fact that Milton held an early 1-0 lead and had the tying and winning runs on base in the seventh before being vanquished.

"We had four errors that resulted in two runs against, so that really hurt us," recalled Moore. "But otherwise our defense and pitching was great. They got us through."



That was particularly true in the case of Ian Zettle, who just recently returned from an ankle injury but has shown no ill effects from a near month-long layoff. The veteran hurler went the distance in a 4-1 win over Erindale Sunday morning and still had enough left to work four innings in the title game just six hours later.

Matt Dickson and Nate Tami provided one scoreless inning of relief each in the finals, while Steve MacDonald led a modest four-hit attack with a pair of singles and an RBI.

The Red Sox strung together four victories en route to the championship, beginning with last Friday's 8-7 decision over Exeter — which lasted just five innings after a whopping 21 walks pushed the game beyond the three-hour limit.

Kevin Comisky cashed in three runs without registering a single hit, while Kurt Mitchell had two RBI on as many hits.

From there Milton doubled up South Woodsley 6-3 Saturday — thanks largely to flawless fielding and a solid complete-game effort by Adam Ahearn. Offensively, Kevin Cooper had three RBI and Matt McCandless delivered a two-run double.

Then came a dreaded three-game Sunday marathon, which began with Zettle's sparkling performance against Erindale and continued with a 7-2 pounding of last year's 'A' elimination finalist East York.

Adam Finkbeiner stood tall on the mound in the latter contest, while multi-hit efforts were turned in by Taylor Lawton, Pat Mastrogiocono, Mark Sgrignoli and Brent Teboekhorst.

The Red Sox resume league play tomorrow with a double-header at Brian Best Park against Glanbrook that begins at noon. They finish out the weekend Sunday with a 4 p.m. start versus Dundas, also at Brian Best.

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