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GETTIN' IN GEAR: At left, Joyce Chiang makes the turn to head back into the park near the completion of the bike portion of her Try-a-Tri event during Sunday morning's Subaru Triathlon meet at Kelso Conservation Area. Above, competitors play follow the leader as they head out onto Tremaine Road for the start of the bike leg. Among notable finishes for Milton-area racers, Jacek Jackiewicz and Renata Branco placed 34th and 37th respectively in the 2 km run, 30 km bike, 7.5 km run duathlon, while taking 46th in the Try-a-Tri was Lisa Brown. Meanwhile, fellow Miltonian Brian Vukusic came 11th out of 37 competitors in the 750 m swim, 30 km bike, 7.5 km run triathlon clydesdale. There were no top-100 local finishers in the main triathlon event.

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CANADIAN CHAMPION

Early exits for locals at OFSAA boys soccer

BR and EC unable to advance past pool play

By Steve LeBlanc
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A couple of local boys soccer teams made rather long trips to OFSAA this week, but had short runs once they got there.

Held to two goals apiece, neither the Bishop Reding Royals or E.C. Drury Spartans were able to advance past pool play in the 'AAA' and 'AA' provincial championships respectively.

Despite facing an unfavourable schedule in Windsor — with games a mere two hours apart on both Monday and Tuesday — Reding was still in contention for a quarter-

final berth heading into its round-robin finale against Toronto's Upper Canada College.

But an overall lack of finish and a depleted lineup, the result of a few injuries suffered earlier in the tournament, proved too much for the Royals to overcome — as they fell 4-0 to the unbeaten Blues.

The fact that it was BR's second game of the day and just the first for Upper Canada no doubt factored into the decisive outcome, although head coach Fernando Costa wasn't dwelling on unfortunate circumstances upon his long ride back to Milton Tuesday afternoon.

"Yes we were down to 10 players and the

schedule didn't really favour us, but bottom line is we had many opportunities in every game and just couldn't capitalize," he said following his senior boys' second trip to OFSAA in as many years — having claimed 'AA' provincial gold last spring in St. Catharines. "And the fact is they (Upper Canada) are a very good team."

Reding strung together three straight ties before their tournament-ending defeat, with Adam Stjepanovic and Eros Olazabal denting the twine in 1-1 draws with Windsor's Riverside Rebels and Kanata's All Saints Avalanche. A second-round clash with the St. Ignatius Falcons ended in a scoreless stalemate.

While disappointed about the early exit, Costa was quite pleased with the efforts of a number of players, including a highly versa-

tile Krystof Staskowiak — who did an admirable job as an impromptu replacement for both sweeper Ilija Nourkav and goalie Alessandro Famele. Said Costa, "He would have played anywhere I asked him to."

Captain Chris Canas and workhorse Dane DaSilva-Horvat also gave standout performances in Windsor.

Not faring any better in Timmins, Drury came away from round-robin play with just one victory — a second-round 2-0 decision over Peterborough's Holy Cross Hurricanes.

Nick Ronan and Rishawn Simpson did the scoring in the victory, which was followed the next morning by a 6-0 humbling at the hands of the eventual silver medalist Archbishop Denis O'Connor Chargers of Ajax.

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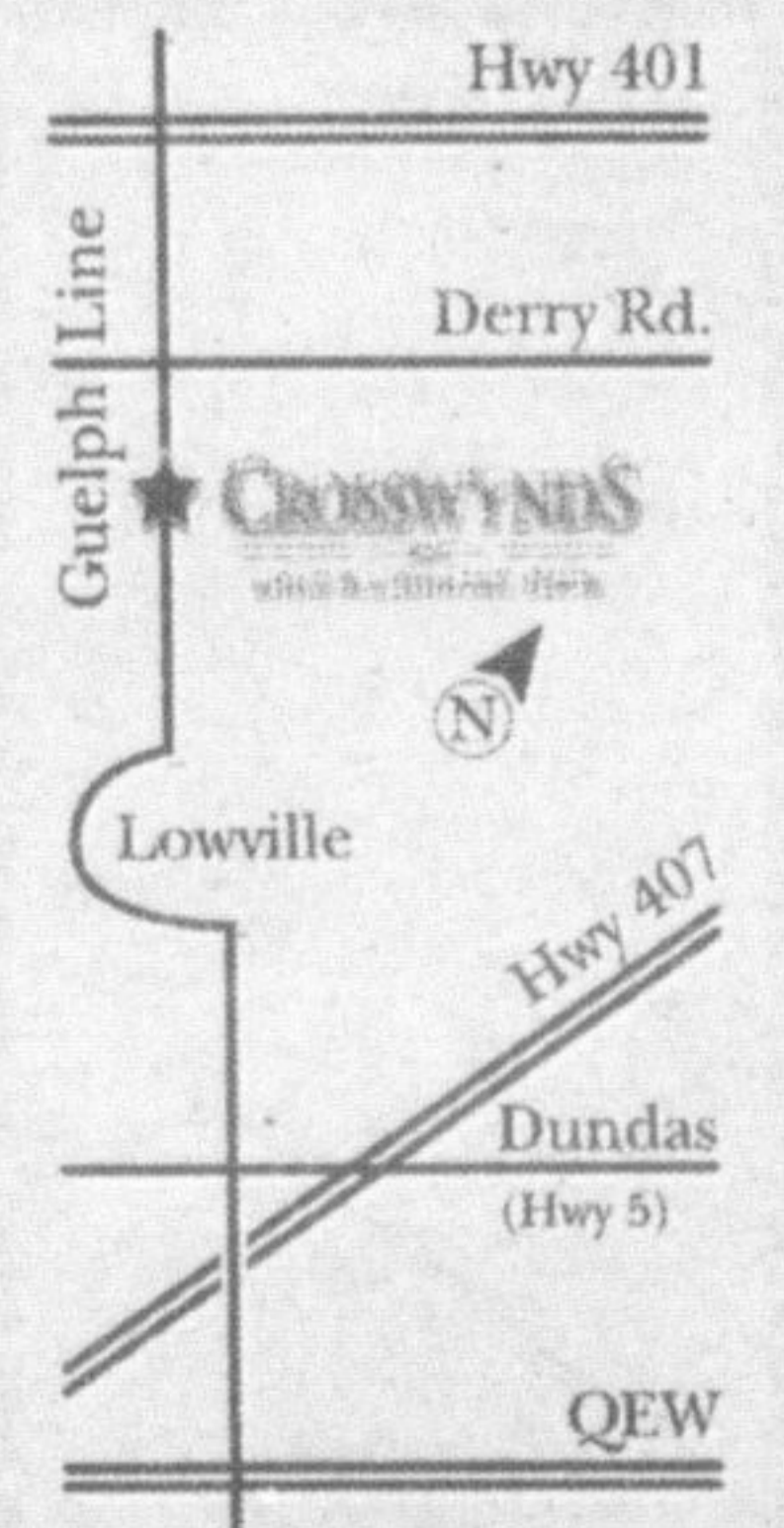
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