

Triathlon season kicking into high gear

More than 750 entries are expected for the Greater Toronto Triathlon, the first race in the Royal LePage Canadian Triathlon Series, on June 18 at the King Campus of Seneca College.

This year the event features a \$5,000 prize package and consists of a 1.5 km swim, a 40 km bike and 10 km run.

Last year's winner, Richard Browne of Toronto, won the event in a time of one hour, 37 minutes and 41 seconds. Beth Primrose, top female in 1988, finished in an hour and 48 minutes.

"We expect the field to be much larger this year and much more competitive," said Graham Fraser, series director. "With the prize package available, we have confirmed people like defending Canadian Triathlon champion Nick Taylor, as well as most of the other top-ranked Canadian male and female triathletes."

The race is set amidst the stunning scenery of the Seneca Conservation Area, previously the summer home of the Eaton family.

There are seven events in the Royal LePage Canadian Triathlon Series this year, including the Reebok

World Triathlon at the CNE, August 27, which will have a prize purse of more than \$35,000. Other events in the circuit include the Canadian Short Course Championship in Calgary on July 16 and the Canadian Long Course Championship in Orillia, August 20.

Athletes will be competing for the \$10,000 Royal LePage Grand Prix, which will be awarded to the overall top finishers in each category at the end of the seven-event series.

In addition to the top-ranked professional and amateur triathletes, the Greater Toronto is expected to attract hundreds of everyday athletes.

"Triathlon is the only sport I know where a weekend athlete can compete in a race alongside the best in the world," said former Hawaii Ironman winner Scott Tinley.

Fraser agreed with Tinley's sentiment.

"Although we've added prize money and will attract the top pros,

events in the Royal LePage series are very much geared to the average triathlete. We have, for instance, age categories that go up to 60 years of age for women and 70 for men."

In addition to the national circuit, Royal LePage is the sponsor of a nine-event Ontario Series, including the Ontario Short-Course Championship in Grimsby on July 8, as well as the annual stop in Milton.

Triathlon is rated the fastest-growing sport in North America, with an

estimated 1.5 million entries in Canada and the United States this year. It will be a demonstration sport at the 1990 Commonwealth Games in New Zealand.

Royal LePage has been involved in it since 1987 and sponsored the first Canadian Triathlon Championship held in Milton last year, as well as the the Canadian Triathlon Team, which competed at the Reebok World Championships in Kelowna, B.C., last August.

Supreme Auto Collision is fit to be tied

First Division Under-10 rep

Milton Supreme Auto Collision under-10 reps battled to a pair of 2-2 ties recently, the second and third time they've done that already this season.

In Brampton, the early going was evenly played, with action at both ends. Cameron Brown just missed on a shot, after being set up in the open by Jason Pento. Donald Perry then came up with a big save on an end-to-end rush by Brampton.

Milton drew first blood on a good combination play following a short corner by Gareth Savage to

Paul Spagnuolo, who crossed to Brown for the goal. Supreme Auto went up 2-0 before the half ended, when a good effort by Lucas Redditt set up Brown at the goal line for his second of the game.

Brampton came back in the second half, though. Their first goal resulted from the mishandling of an indirect kick, which was deflected by a Milton player past a helpless Perry. Brampton tied the score mid-way through the second half. With a minute to play Brampton was awarded a penalty shot. Perry stopped it easily, though, to preserve the tie.

Against London in Milton Saturday morning,

the wind was the game's dominant factor. Supreme controlled the first half of the contest. Savage opened the scoring with a high, hard kick that sailed over the goalie's head from outside the 18-yard line. Milton increased its lead to 2-0 before halftime, when Redditt recovered a goalkeeper fumble and crossed to Brown in front, who hammered it home.

London had the wind in their favour in the second half. At the 10-minute mark they cut the margin in half and with two minutes remaining, London fired the equalizer from a goal-mouth scramble.

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