

Cool pitching, hot bats add up to title for Lions Club peewees

With cool pitching, ice-cold defense and sizzling bats, the Milton Lions Club peewee rep baseball team captured the championship trophy last month at the annual Bolton Tournament.

The Lions completed a four-game sweep to win the title, and outscored their opponents 38-7 during the weekend showcase.

In the tournament finale, Milton claimed a

convincing 7-2 triumph over a feisty Oshawa crew. The local squad went ahead early and stayed ahead, scattering hits and runs throughout the game.

Ace pitcher Ryan Harper worked six strong innings in earning the win for his club. Kevin Cooper and Paul Duff cranked out multi-hit efforts while shortstop Jeff Schouten and catcher

Evan Jeans made some spectacular plays in the field.

Enroute to the finals, Milton downed Acton 5-2 — with Duff earning the win — and then bombed Bradford 13-0 and host Bolton 13-3. Michael Volpe and Brad Finkbeiner combined for the shutout in the Bradford win while Cooper was the winning pitcher against Bolton.

"Pitching and defense are what carried us through," said manager Frank Houlihan, whose team also includes Mark Black, David Brooks, Mark Grimwood, Thomas Houlihan, Bryan McComb and assistant coaches Peter Grimwood, Dave McComb and Jeff Harper. "We're really playing as a team this year. There are no stars and no egos in this lineup."



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Faces of determination

Elementary school athletes put out their best efforts at the Milton Public School Track and Field Meet last week. At left, Daniel Cordner, 11, of J.M. Denyes rounds the turn in the first leg of the boys 4 by 100 metre relay. Above, Jay Walt, 9, of Martin Street School grimaces as he bumps the bar in the high jump. He went on to a fifth-place finish, however.

Tough break for this Milton racer

Todd Forsyth dominated the caution-filled Challenger feature in the Milton-based Raper's Edge car at Flamboro Speedway Saturday, only to be stripped of the victory in post-race inspection.

During inspection, the technical director at the speedway found illegal rocker arms in Forsyth's engine, and disqualified him. That gave the win to Hamilton's Derek Lemyre.

"We're going to have to talk to our engine builder," said a dejected Forsyth after the race.

Meanwhile, Milton's Glenn Colling had another big showing in the Canadian Vintage Modifieds class with a third-place showing behind winner John Karley of Kitchener and runner-up Don Shaw of Georgetown.

Reding shades powerhouse G'town, sweet revenge to win softball crown

By STEVE LeBLANC
Special to The Champion

Revenge doesn't get much sweeter than when it comes against the top team in the league — and makes you number one in the process.

That's exactly the scenario that unfolded for the Bishop Reding girls softball team Thursday afternoon at Milton's Thompson Park, where they avenged an 8-3 tournament loss to Georgetown last month and bested them 9-7 to win the Halton regional championship.

And on top of a day of revenge, Royals' manager Bob Shurge said it was also a day of upsets, as his crew polished off the powerhouse E.C. Drury Spartans 6-2 in semifinal action earlier on. Georgetown meanwhile, destroyed Burlington's Assumption 17-0.

It was BR's first regional softball title in

the school's 10-year history.

"I didn't think we stood much of a chance in either game, I felt we were the underdogs both times. We posted a strong record over the regular season but some of the wins came against much weaker teams," said Shurge, whose Royals finished 6-1 for second-place behind Georgetown in the Volpe Division.

The back-to-back wins proved to be a pleasant surprise, particularly with having to play them just minutes apart in constant drizzle and chilly temperatures.

The third inning was Reding's finest moment and Georgetown's downfall, as the Royals put together a five-run rally that turned a 4-1 deficit into a 6-4 advantage. From then on they maintained the lead.

Leading the way for Milton at the plate were Sarah Brownell, Julie Arone and Corrie Parton, who all had three hits. Kristen Haringa played the biggest role in

the third inning rally with a triple that cashed in their third and fourth runs.

Earning the win was pitcher Spring LaCrouse, who came in to work four innings of relief for starter Jen McManus in the third. McManus returned to close out the final frame.

In the semifinals, it was McManus who both started the game and earned the victory. "We got sound pitching and great defense in the semifinals," added Shurge. Holding Drury's offense to a minimum in the field were centre fielder Arone, right fielder Tarah Graham, first baseman Julie Leal and catcher Tanya Yeomen. The defensive unit made just one error while Haringa swung the hottest stick, with a triple and two singles.

Making up the rest of this year's championship team were Julie Seeds, Katie Locke, Kelly Howse, Shannon McManus and assistant coach Alferda Ledonne.