

McKeen — riding to the top

Sixteen-year-old Lisa McKeen, Conc. 9, Whitchurch-Stouffville, is an equestrienne with enthusiasm and talent. This combination, she hopes, will take to the top—the World Championships and the Olympics.

She's been riding since the age of five.

Recently, Lisa was a participant in the American Continental Young Riders Association Championships held at the International Equestrian Sports Centre, Cedar

Valley, and while she didn't win, she was pleased with her performance in so tough a competition.

Lisa comes by her interest in horses honestly. Her parents were avid equestrians long before they were married.

Lisa has her choice of two horses, one called "Maggie" and the other named "Mickey". She enters five or six shows a season. Countless ribbons and trophies attest to her skill.

Three-Day Eventing includes dressage, cross-country and jumping. Cross-country's her favorite.

Lisa appreciates the encouragement she receives from her mother and dad. A sister, Carolyn, age 12, also rides. They have an arena on their beautiful property called Foxhall Farms.

"There are lots of ups and downs in this business," Lisa says with a smile. The 'downs' have resulted in numerous 'bumps' and

bruises, but nothing more serious than a broken nose.

Lisa claims a personal relationship develops between horse and rider, particularly when they're together several years. "They get to know your voice," she says.

From spring through fall, Lisa rides up to six days a week. Last Sunday, she participated in competition at Meadow Ridge Farm near Sandford and next month will travel to Pennsylvania for a three-day event.

Apart from a desire to improve her skills, Lisa enjoys the fellowship involved, associating with friends with similar interests. "It's fun," she says.

While the American Continental Young Riders Championships was her biggest show yet, Lisa's looking beyond even this level—to the World Championships and the Olympics. With her kind of enthusiasm, no goal is out of reach.



Sixteen-year-old Lisa McKeen, Conc. 9, Whitchurch-Stouffville and her beautiful horse "Maggie". Some day, Lisa hopes to compete in the equestrian Olympics and World Championships. —Jim Thomas

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Newmarket edges Gormley with two-run blast in final



Mark Simpson, (left), shortstop with the Gormley Missionary Church fastball team, presents the league championship trophy to first baseman Howard Williams of Grace Associated Gospel Church, Newmarket, following Newmarket's thrilling 5-4 victory at Victoria Square, Friday night. Newmarket took the series 2 games to 1. —Jim Thomas

A two-run blast to left field in the final inning gave Grace Associated Gospel Church, Newmarket, the Church League Championship in a hard-fought fastball game at Victoria Square Park, Friday.

Newmarket edged Gormley Missionary Church 5-4 in the series 'rubber match' to take the Title.

Second-sacker Tom Weddes was the Grace Church hero. His round-tripper came with one mate aboard and Gormley leading 4-3. Gormley had a final turn at the plate but 'died' with the bases loaded.

The seven-inning thriller before packed stands of enthusiastic spectators, pitted 'junk' hurler Les Downing of Dynes Jewellers' fame against speedballer Don Boynton. Each gave up nine hits. Boynton struck out eight; Downing whiffed seven.

Gormley jumped into a 4-1 lead in the first inning but Newmarket rallied with one in the third and another in the fifth. This set the stage for the Weddes' blast in the seventh. On two previous occasions, he connected for singles.

The veteran Downing, batting in the clean-up spot, socked a single, a double and a triple. Other Grace hits came from the bats of Don Crosby, a double; Ron Smith and Howard Williams, both singles.

Terry Atkinson was Gormley's best. He belted a two-run double in the first and a single in the seventh. Paul Boynton aided his own cause with two singles. Steve Sayers also had two hits in four trips, both singles. Other safeties came from the bats of Larry Bryson and Darren Shaw.

Gormley was 'hot' defensively, especially third

baseman Ken Benson and short-stop Mark Simpson. Gormley committed only one error while Newmarket had three.

At the contest's conclusion, both clubs were accorded standing ovations. The league trophy was presented by Gormley's Mark Simpson to Newmarket's Howard Williams.

Lineups follow: Grace

Church-Howard Williams, Ron Smith, Tom Weddes, Les Downing, Don Crosby, Brad Baber, Mike Baber, Paul Crosby and Don Druey. Gormley Church-Dave Elliott, Ken Benson, Paul Boynton, Mark Simpson, Steve Sayers, Terry Atkinson, Jeff Clarke, Larry Bryson, Darren Shaw, Stan Boynton and Dave Flook.

Fourth place tie

Jack Brown, a member of Stouffville's Sleepy Hollow Country Club, tied for fourth place in the recent Rothman's Ontario Assistance Championship Golf Tournament.

The tournament was held at Horseshoe Valley

Thursday and Friday (August 30 and 31).

Mr. Brown shot a 74 and a 76 for a total of 150 during two rounds of the par 71 course. The winner, Andy Daildonis of the National Golf Club in Woodbridge, shot a 72 and a 74 for a 146 total.

Semi-finals Tuesday

Goodwood or Sunderland?

Claremont's intermediate fastball team, coached by Paul Carruthers, will host either Goodwood or Sunderland, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. in the league semi-finals.

The series will be a best two-out-of-three games.

The winner of this set will advance to the league final

possibly against Greenbank. Claremont and Greenbank waged a bitter battle last season with Greenbank emerging the winner.

To reach this level, Claremont had to eliminate Port Perry. They swept that series in two straight, 3-0 and 5-0. Todd Pascoe hurled

both games with Norm McKenzie back of the plate.

Coach Carruthers is hoping to have Doug Rowe back in the lineup for Tuesday's contest. The centrefield rover was injured when he collided with Cliff Catherwood during a tournament game at Goodwood six weeks ago. Others on the Claremont

roster include Darrell Norton, pitcher; Eric Winterstein, first base; Brian Carruthers, second base; Bill Carruthers, third base; Larry Pilkey, short stop; John Pollard, left field; Jim Peddie and Doug Rowe, centre field; Cliff Catherwood and Joey Borland, right field.

Squirts lose two

Claremont Squirts, a fastball entry in the Provincial Finals, bowed out two straight in tournament competition at Sharbot Lake on the weekend.

They lost 9-5 to Teeswater and 15-7 to Stirling. Seven clubs were entered. Waterford took the Title.

Mike Feasby went the distance on the mound for Claremont in the opener. He registered 11 strikeouts.

Mike McKenzie and Feasby shared the pitching duties in the second contest. Feasby struck out six and McKenzie whiffed four. Brett Yoshida completed the Claremont battery.

"Our pitching was good," commented coach John Vanderligt, "but we couldn't get the hits. It was good experience for the boys."

In the double knockout

series, the twosome of Feasby and McKenzie collected a total of 21 strikeouts.

Slow Pitch playoffs open this week in two leagues

Slow Pitch playoffs open in Stouffville this week with teams in both the York Major League and the York Durham League swinging into action.

There are three games Wednesday, (tonight) in the York Durham circuit. At 6:30 p.m., Villagers play the Blazers on Diamond One. At 7 p.m., it's the Trappers vs. Claremont on Diamond Two. At 9 p.m., the Raiders take on the Woodchuckers on Diamond One.

There's only a single game, Thursday. At 6:45 p.m., Villagers battle the Blazers.

Betz vs. Buttermakers Arch rivals, Betz Pools and the Buttermakers hook up in a 2 out of 3 York Major playoff series beginning Thursday (tomorrow) night at 8:30 p.m.

The same two teams will meet again, Tuesday. Game time again is 8:30 p.m.

Fifties dance set for this Saturday

Residents will have an opportunity to dance to the sounds of the fifties this weekend.

Stouffville's Clipper Old-timers are presenting a 50's Rock and Roll Revival Dance on Saturday (Sept. 8) at the Stouffville Arena. The dance will be held

from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. with music by 'Nelson'. All your favorite songs of the 50's and 60's.

Admission is \$5 per person. Tickets will be available at the door or can be purchased in advance by calling Joe Infurnari at 640-4575.

Strike three, you're out

Umpiring is part of Lynn Catherwood's life

It's a ladies privilege to change her mind, even when that lady is an umpire.

Lynn Catherwood, the pretty face behind the mask at countless games in both Stouffville and Uxbridge, admits that to err is human. "Umpires will never call perfect games because players never play perfect games," she says.

She'll agree to a decision change only if it's justified. On occasions, a second official has a better view of a particular play. Other times, an infielder will drop the ball on what appears to be a sure out.

Lynn Catherwood, formerly of Stouffville and now of Uxbridge, "got into the umpiring game" when Wayne Ellis of Uxbridge, agreed to provide instruction. That was eight years ago and she's been going strong ever since.

She must write an exam every season to retain her O.A.S.A. card.

It's not unusual to be out four nights a week plus tournaments, she claims.

Fast-pitch or slow-pitch, what is her preference? Slow-pitch isn't as slow as it looks, Lynn says. She describes fast-pitch as "a nice change."

She has no preference when it comes to working the plate or the bases. "Each presents its own particular challenge," she says.

Lynn admits to a 'closeness' within the baseball fraternity. She's on a first name basis with many of the players. "But that friendship ceases when we step on the diamond." On a few occasions, she's given players, (some twice her size), the old heave-ho, but with spectators, she must exercise tolerance.

"Fan criticism is sometimes frustrating," she says, "you can't talk to them the way they talk to you. You have to 'shut them out' or you won't survive."

Lynn says the score of a game is immaterial to an umpire unless the teams are headed for extra innings.

Has she ever suffered serious injury? "I've had a few close calls," Lynn says, "that's when I went back to wearing a mask. I like my teeth."

Although the 28-year-old official loves the sport, the pay's not bad either—from \$16 to \$20 a game. However, equipment's expensive, close to \$450 if bought brand new. Fees vary with the age level of the teams.

Lynn's brother, Cliff is also an umpire. On occasions, her mother attends important games.

What lies ahead? Yes, Lynn's getting married and no, her fiancé, (John Eldridge), isn't a ball fan. Still, he's often in the stands, if for no other reason than to watch his girlfriend in action.

Between games, Lynn's the office manager and chief accountant at Chas. Richards and Sons, Stouffville.



Umpire Lynn Catherwood of Uxbridge and formerly of Stouffville, has been calling the balls and strikes at fastball and slow-pitch games for the past eight seasons. She enjoys the challenge, she says even though fan abuse is often frustrating. —Jim Thomas