

Mother Nature ends bid for gold

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The locals made no mistake against Oshawa, grabbing a 4-1 edge (with Kim Pullen, Colleen Thorburn, Tara Eddy and Joanna Mason scoring) after four innings and never looking back.

Three more fifth inning runs put the win on ice, as Kris Welsh, English and Renee Virc crossed the plate. Thorburn scored in the sixth inning, then Eddy, Mason, Annie Waggonhoffer and Lynn Vigus completed the run parade.

Most of the damage against East Gwillimbury was done in the third inning, as Unionville piled up six runs.

The floodgates were opened with back-to-back singles by Carolyn Rogers, Wagenhoffer, Thorburn, Pullen and Welsh, plus a double from English.

On the mound, English tossed a one-hitter, struck out 10 and gave up just one walk.

From there Unionville just kept rolling against Pickering, gaining a 2-0 edge as Eddy and Mason scored on Waggonhoffer's double. Virc and Thorburn finished the offence.

That victory corralled the squad at least a bronze medal — but there was a matter of revenge to take care of. Unionville gained it by trampling Aurora 11-1.

It was 3-0 after the third frame, but the offensive machine really shifted into high gear in the fifth, sixth and seventh.

Unionville pushed home a total of eight runs in those innings,

while English was tossing 11 strikeouts, four hits and no walks.

This put the locals up against a two-time provincial championship Brampton squad. It was the fourth game in six hours for coach English and crew, so he admitted it "seemed anticlimatic."

Still, they were able to hold Brampton to a 2-0 lead until the

skies opened up in the fifth inning. Unionville wasn't ready to concede before then, but if it won there would have been yet another battle to wage.

With that in mind, English decided to let the result stand — especially as his girls had already qualified for the Ontario championships.

"This is the third straight year

we've qualified for the provincials, which is a tribute to the dedication and intensity of the girls," said the coach.

"It's also proof they're among the best ball players in the province. The same can be said for their parents, who have given up a lot this summer to support the team."

Rain is no problem

BY KELLY CONNELLY
Lots of rain these last few weeks usually has golf club owners worrying about lost business. But not in the Markham/Stouffville area.

At least the bosses at Stouffville's Spring Lakes and Sleepy Hollow clubs aren't upset about the wet weather. Sure, it's better to have sunshine, suggested Sleepy Hollow manager Erwin Wallisch, but rain is natural irrigation and it keeps the course looking green and lush.

"This year has been wetter than other years. The last two weeks have been a little funny, but we haven't had to close the course down yet," he said.

Wallisch has sounded the horn on a couple occasions to get golfers off the green because of lightening, but the weather systems seem to move out quickly.

"Too much rain in warm weather is not good for the course," remarked Spring Lakes owner George Frost. "The grass gets fungus development. It gets thick, wet and moldy."

Last month was the fourth wettest July since 1938 — the first year records were kept, said an environment spokesman. About 4.5 inches of rain fell, almost twice the norm for this time of year.

And August hasn't been much drier. Still, Frost isn't too concerned about lost revenue. He's only closed the course down for one day this year, back in May.

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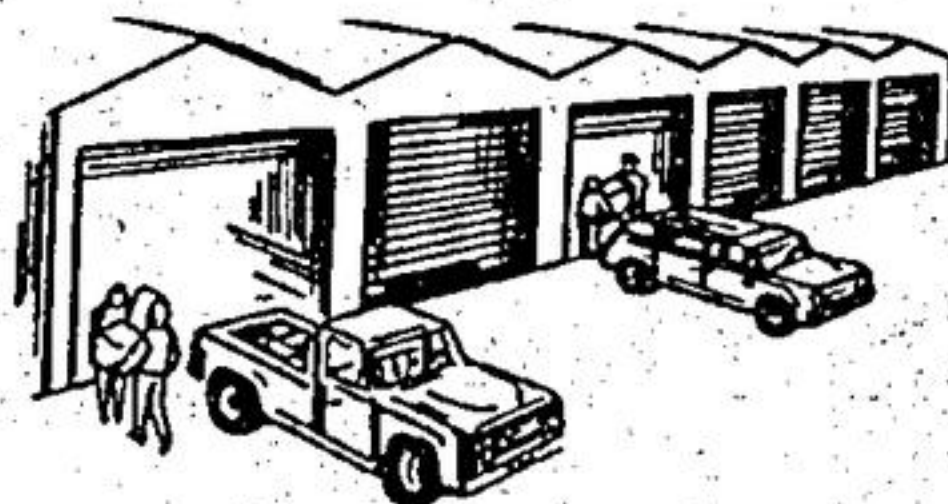
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