

Markham cyclists do well at provincial competition

Markham's Piers Davidge and Michael Shannon don't claim the sport of cyclo cross to be their favorite, but the pair are still becoming pretty good at it.

Cyclo Cross is all-terrain cycling on a 10-speed bike. For the second straight year, Davidge managed to finish his nine laps of the two-kilometre course at the Ontario Championships in top spot.

Davidge, 15, accomplished the feat over three others in his division — including Shannon — at the Whitby competition last weekend. Overall he was ninth out of 34 riders.

In comparing his '85 and '86 triumphs, Davidge thought this year's win was tougher to pull off.

"It was colder and they changed the course a little," he explained. "Plus the frost had gotten into the ground and made it more rugged. It didn't really change anything; I just had to be



MICHAEL SHANNON
Places 14th overall
a little more careful."

Davidge figured on a top-three finish in the Junior category, so

winning wasn't a big surprise. "But it was still a relief. I was happy."

Shannon, 15, was third in the Junior race (which included terrain so difficult the bikes sometimes had to be carried), and 14th overall.

It was the second straight year he'd copped a third, and noted the frozen ground "didn't really affect the ride at all. You just keep your mind on your bike handling skills and do your best."

Shannon and Davidge (both grade 10 Markham District High School students) admit that road racing is the better sport, comparison-wise.

"I do cyclo-cross just to keep fit and keep the bike ready for road racing," explained Davidge, who also won his division at the '86 road racing provincials in Thunder Bay.

Unionville Jets in semis

Unionville's Widco Distributors Minor Bantam Jets reached the semi-finals before bowing out of a Fraser, Michigan tournament last weekend.

Game one saw Dave Georgievski net four goals and singles go to Scott Livermore & Brent Lawson in a 6-3 win over the Northern Illinois Flames.

Assists went to Lawson, Todd Kobe, Jon Caiger & Georgievski (2 each), Todd Graham and Steel Barrett.

Four straight goals did the trick in game two, a 5-2 victory over the

Fraser Bulls. Jeens, Scott Livermore, Mike Turner, Dave Georgievski and Kobe did the scoring.

Jeens, Turner, James Pearce and Jason Lalonde (2) collected the set-ups.

After falling behind midway through the first period, Unionville erupted for six unanswered goals and cruised to a 6-1 triumph over Birmingham.



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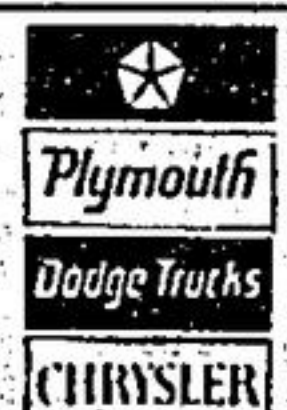
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