

4th straight title for Unionville

Take a bow, Joe English and the Unionville Peter L. Mason Bantam Chiefs.

English and his girls have won their fourth straight Scarborough Softball Association pennant, after finishing the season with 15 wins, three losses and two ties.

Unionville completed the regular season with a 13-3 bushwacking of Oshawa, which is fourth behind Pickering and Don Victoria.

According to coach English, this year's strong rivalry with Oshawa created some anxious moments. "But as the score turned decidedly in favor of us, they seemed to lose fire and resign themselves to their fate."

Rose Will's lead-off single was converted to Unionville's first run when Michelle Quesnelle scored her on a ground out.

Two more runs came in the third, when Renee Virc's hit brought home Quesnelle and Colleen Thorburn.

Oshawa rebounded with a trio of fourth-inning runs to temporarily knot the count. That lasted until the locals scored five times in the bottom of the fourth.

Will, Quesnelle, Andrea English, Virc and Carolyn Rogers all crossed the plate on three walks, a pair of hits (including a Virc triple) and an error.

The Chiefs completed the rout with two more runs in

the fifth frame, and another three in the sixth. Joanna Mason doubled and scored.

Will came home for her third run, followed by Lori Digulla, Tara Eddy and Rogers. English picked up the win with a five-hit, six-strikeout performance on the mound.

"A first-place finish in this loop, plus second place in the North York League (by the Minor Bantams) is most satisfying," said English, who's the head coach of both squads.

"Especially as we seldom had opportunities to play our best nine players, with the roster split between two circuits," he continued.

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Unionville Mite girls finish 3rd in Ontario

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Unionville's DGS Group Mite girls have had a great softball season, and topped it off by bringing home the bronze medal from the Ontario championships.

The squad started with trampling Thornhill 24-7, a rout that ended on the mercy rule.

Kelly Knuckle and Cynthia Webert had the first two runs, then Unionville broke the game open in the third.

That's when Knuckle, Webert, Sandra Allen, Corrie Hinch, Lisa Fleishman, Kelly Schuman and Jessica Bell all crossed the plate to make it 11-3.

Five more fourth-inning runs, plus another eight in the fifth, forced the game to be called. Bell finished with five hits (two of them homers), while Knuckle, Allen, Webert and Bell each scored three times.

Second game closer

Game two was a lot closer, but putting in substitutes allowed Port Colborne to make the final score a close 15-14.

Knuckle, Allen and Krista Redvers scored to give the locals an early 3-1 edge. Bell's second-inning homer brought home Allen and Hinch to put Unionville ahead 6-3.

It was 13-3 after the third frame, with Hinch, Kristi Bellmore, Melissa Sousa, Knuckle, Redvers, Bell and Beth Will crossing the plate.

That's when the substitutions started, and Port Colborne came back with seven runs in the final inning to close the gap.

The following day saw Unionville up against undefeated St. Catharines and fireball pitcher Meghan Polson.

Concentration lost

A combination of her throwing and the team's aggressive play threw off the locals, who couldn't get untracked before falling too far behind on the scoresheet.

The final score was a 9-4 defeat, with Bell's three-run homer the lone bright spot.

Losing that contest seemed to zap Unionville's concentration. Instead of working on a win in the semi-finals, it seemed to be looking ahead to a revenge match with St. Catharines.

But meanwhile, Sarnia went on the attack and by game's end, Unionville had dropped a 15-10 decision. Knuckle, Bell, Redvers and Allen each scored twice.



Manhandled!

Seems a guy just can't have a moment's peace when he's on the rugby field. Scott McCullough (middle) of the Markham Rugby Club's Colt second team gets the rough treatment courtesy of two members of the Arnold School team, from Blackpool, England. Action took place Tues-

day night during a pair of exhibition games. Arnold won both battles — 24-0 over McCullough & company, and 22-0 over the Colt firsts.

— Sjoerd Witteveen

Tough course for triathletes

They didn't come home with a victory, but five Unionville triathletes managed to conquer a hilly, windy course at the Ontario Short Course Triathlon championships.

The Royal LePage series event, held at Orillia's Lake Couchiching Park last weekend, included a 1/2-kilometre swim, 30-km. bike ride over steep hills, and an eight-km. run.

Cary Chai-Onn, 22, led his partners with a finish time of one hour, 47 minutes and 33 seconds. That includes an extra 10-minute ride when he missed a turn-around marker and was misdirected off course.

Twenty-year-old John Rehill, a

Markham District High School (MDHS) graduate now at Sir Wilfred Laurier University, completed the course in 1:49.0.

Unionville High School student Mark Homer, 16, in his first

triathlon, crossed the finish line in 1:54.10. His 17-year-old sister Shannon, an MDHS student, had a time of 2:04.15.

Twenty-two-year-old Jeff Waler, the other member of the

Hemingway, Crescent training team, finished in 2:12.0.

Two other Markham residents did well at the competition. Greg Stokes, a 17-year-old Markham Aquatic Club national team member, finished in 1:48.30.

Masters runner Wayne Carr, in his second season of triathlons, had a time of 2:02.44.

More than 350 athletes participated in the short course triathlon, with another 250 registered in the long-course competition the same day.

Most of the local residents there are slated to enter Royal LePage's Milton triathlon Sept. 26, then finish the season at the Oakville triathlon Sept. 20.

Markham skating clinic

This summer's final Markham Minor Hockey Association free goalie and powerskating clinic is scheduled for Tuesday night. It's open to any house league or representative player, pre-registered with the association. The clinics are at the Centennial Centre arena, and is directed by Scotty Walsh. Goalies are on the ice between 6 and 7 p.m., followed by the powerskating workout. Goalies must have full approved equipment, and other players must wear approved helmets, gloves and skates.