

A matter of seconds for winner

Kevin McKinnon of Hamilton was the upset winner at the Royal LePage Ontario Cyruthon (cycling and running) Championships.

McKinnon, 28, completed the first four km run in 13 minutes and 35 seconds with pre-race favorite Richard Browne of Toronto only a few seconds behind.

Browne, a strong cyclist, made up the difference and took the lead just before the halfway point in the 30 km bike segment. Heading out from the transition area on the final four km run loop, Browne had built a 58 second lead over McKinnon and seemed to have first place locked up.

However, with one of the fastest run splits of the day, McKinnon passed Browne in the final two km to win the men's division with an overall time of one hour, 13 minutes and 43 seconds, breaking his own 1988 course record by one minute and 18 seconds. Browne placed second, just 39 seconds back.

Steve Bentley of Caledonia moved into third place during the bike event and held on to finish less than a minute behind Browne. Hamilton's Robin Hutchinson took fourth in 1:16:24.

"It was an exceptionally close race," said Race Director Graham Fraser. "Less than four minutes separated the top ten finishers in the men's division."

As expected, Sue Schlatter from Waterloo won the women's division.

Schlatter took the women's lead early in the race and held on to win in a time of 1:22:12. In only her first year of competition, Schlatter has already become one of the top female triathletes in Canada. She recently placed second overall in the women's division of the Royal LePage Canadian Triathlon Series.

Lori Bowden of Toronto finished second, only one minute and five seconds behind Schlatter. Carolina Heinz-Kilborn, one of the top female athletes in the Royal LePage Ontario Triathlon Series, finished third with a time of 1:25:10. Fourth was Kelly Bruce of Chatsworth in 1:28:05.

Over 600 athletes took part in the championship, which was the season finale in the nine-event OTS.

Bowling leagues have some room

There are still openings for bowlers looking for fun and friendly competition in the men's, ladies and mixed bowling leagues.

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The tale of the tape can often be the determining factor in any sport dependent on fractions of inches. Stouffville Lawn Bowling Club member Maude Irwin gives a hand to Roy Clark of the Richmond Hill Lawn Bowling Club in tournament play held recently at the local club. As the fall season approaches many members are now turning to the indoor game of fivepins and tenpins and dreaming of future warm, sunny afternoons on finely manicured turf.

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