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SPORTS

RACING THOUGH, AND FOR, THE MORAINE



Cyclists ride through a trail near Hillsdale Road, south of Musselman's Lake during Saturday's 160-km Moraine For Life Adventure Relay supporting the Oak Ridges Trail Association. A total of 22 teams hit the course that began at Gore's Landing on Rice Lake to the association's headquarters in King City. Toronto's Team 7 Systems finished first in a time of 10 hours and 41 minutes. The association's Ridge Racers finished second overall, but won the Recreational Mixed title. The Millbrook Masters were third overall, but first in the Masters category. For more information on the race, log on to: www.moraineadventure.com

Mennos hot in men's fastball

The Stouffville Mennos extended their Oshawa City and District Fastball League winning streak to three games by downing the host Newmarket Stingers 7-3 Monday.

After scoring a run in each of the second and fifth innings, the Mennos erupted with three in the sixth and added a pair in the seventh to improve their record to 6-3.

First baseman Kris Burkholder ignited the Mennos' offence with a double, single and two RBIs while catcher Dale Boadway had a triple and single and one RBI.

Greg Dalgarno gave up nine hits through seven innings to earn the win.

The Mennos resume league play tonight when they are scheduled to host Aurora at Memorial Park at 8:30 p.m.

SPLIT TOURNAMENT GAMES

The Mennos went 2-2 last weekend in a tournament in Grafton and failed to make the playoffs.

After suffering losses to the Hamilton Smoke 2-1 and Napanee Express 10-3 in their first two outings, the Mennos rebounded to defeat the Newmarket Stingers 6-0 and Picton 7-6.

In the win over Newmarket, the Mennos erupted for four runs in the fourth inning with Chris Burkholder and Kyle Barber delivering key hits. Scott Eyre belted a two-run homer in the fifth inning. Jay Nesbitt struck out five batters and limited the Stingers to just six hits to earn the win.

Against Picton, the Mennos trailed 6-3 entering the bottom of the ninth inning and rallied for four runs and the win.

Rich Burkholder collected three hits, including a single in the ninth inning that drove in the game-winning run. Eyre also had three hits and Chris Burkholder one.

Tough choices for top athlete awards at Stouffville Secondary

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There has been little difficulty in identifying the top senior and junior athletes at Stouffville District Secondary School.

Before this year, that is, Jamie Hewitt recalled.

But when the committee of coaches had to choose this year's honourees, the Spartans' physical education department head conceded they had difficulty. That's because there was a healthy cast of nominees.

When the final tabulations were compiled, the four winners were unveiled at last Thursday's annual athletic banquet at the school.

Matt Raguseo was named the senior boys' athlete of the year while Jaime Sparks and Natalie Geiger shared the senior girls' honours.

In the junior category, Jeremy Brownridge was the boys winner while the girls honour went to Dayle Wilkinson.

"There were definitely some tough decisions to make," Hewitt said. "We had a lot of candidates."

Nominated were 13 boys and 11 girls in the senior class. In junior, it was 11 girls and nine boys.

Presenting the toughest challenge in making their final selections though, was the senior class, Hewitt said.

"The Grade 12 graduating group

we had here is the best group of student-athletes I've had the pleasure of being involved with," he said.

For Raguseo, it marked the second straight year the national rugby team player was named top athlete.

NATIONAL TEAM PLAYER

This past year, the Grade 12 student was a member of the school's Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations AA gold-medal winning hockey and rugby teams. He also played volleyball.

While honoured to earn the award, he said being a part of the two hockey and rugby OFSAA gold-medal winning teams was far more significant to him.

"Those awards mean a lot more," he said of the team titles.

Also a Grade 12 student, Sparks was voted the school's junior girls athlete of the year when she was in Grade 10.

During the year, Sparks was a member of the school's basketball, volleyball, hockey, soccer and badminton teams.

Geiger, a Grade 12 student and former junior girls athlete of the year when she was in Grade 9, participated with the school's track and field, basketball, volleyball and badminton teams.

She has accepted a track and field scholarship at Notre Dame University earlier this year and

scheduled to enrol at the storied Indiana campus this fall. Geiger set a school mark by winning the OFSAA 400 metres race in each of her four years at Stouffville.

Sparks and Geiger are 90-percent students in the classroom.

Of this year's junior recipients, both of whom are in Grade 10, Brownridge was a member of the boys' rugby, volleyball and basketball teams.

Wilkinson played with the girls' hockey, soccer, basketball and volleyball teams.

Student-athletes were nominated for the awards by the school coaches in late May. The final selections were made in early June.

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