



Pair grab top Upton race titles

A FIELD of 500 athletes took part in the fifth annual Upton Triathlon.

Competitors ranged from elite triathletes to total novices taking the course, which involved swimming in the River Severn, cycling through the local lanes and running along country tracks.

Large crowds gathered on Upton bridge and along the river bank to cheer on the competitors of this increasingly-popular event.

Phil and Michelle Parsons, from Worcester Triathlon Club, dominated the standard distance race, winning the male and female categories in two hours and four minutes and 2.20 respectively.

This features a 1,500-metre swim, 40-kilometre bike ride and 10km run.

The sprint distance comprised of a 750m swim, 21.5km bike ride and 5km run.

The winner of the male sprint was Richard Shephard, from Spa Striders Club, in 1.08.

Trish Sayers, a member of Tewkesbury Triathlon Club, won the female sprint in 1.23 minutes.

The race wasn't all about

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speed, however, with 15 per cent of the competitors taking part in their first ever triathlon and many happy to just cross the finish line.

But whatever their motivation for competing, nearly all competitors celebrated their achievements with friends and family at the traditional post-triathlon party by the river.

Upton was the 100th triathlon for Phil Roker, from London-based Ful-on Tri, which he completed in 2.17, finishing second in his age group category (45-49 male).

This year, the event raised £2,500 for St Richard's Hospice which cares for patients and families in Worcestershire who are living with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses.

To take part in next year's triathlon on Saturday, July 14, apply when entries open on January 1, 2012.

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● Action from the fifth annual Upton Triathlon on Saturday. Top left: 28127602, bottom left: 28127607, top right: 28127609, bottom right: 28127616. Pictures: CARSTEN EVANS.

Malvern record a rain-affected losing draw

Burghill & Tillington 315-5, Malvern 108-9

MALVERN came away with a losing draw in a rain-interrupted match at Burghill & Tillington in Worcestershire League Division Two.

Malvern captain Anthony Arnold won the toss and invited the home side to bat first.

Burghill immediately went on the attack with Alex Hedges, in particular, looking in outstanding form until he was deceived by spin bowler Andy Croft and smartly stumped by Max White for 70.

Byron Newton continued in the same vein, hitting a fine 76, and John Terry also added an unbeaten half-century as the home side posted 315-5 off their 50 overs, though perhaps a declaration might have been prudent.

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Croft again bowled a good spell for Malvern with 2-64 off his 17 overs and Mike Cunneen, also with a couple of wickets, were their best bowlers.

It was always going to be a tall order chasing the home side's huge score and it wasn't helped when Arnold was dismissed early in the innings without scoring.

There was a deluge of rain which looked like it would mean the end of the game.

After a lengthy interruption the game resumed and Newton accounted for Malvern's top order to leave them on 20-4.

Jeremy Lee played an entertaining cameo but he was adjudged lbw to spinner Terry for 24.

Chris Bridges and Mark Baugh then both mixed attack and defence sensibly in a useful partnership before Bridges was out for 22.

A couple of wickets fell to Newton quickly after that but Baugh (21 not out) and Croft (5no) batted out the last four overs to give Malvern a draw.

Tomorrow, Malvern entertain Wormelow (1.30pm start) in a game which might go some way towards determining their season.

■ Malvern seconds crashed to a 182-run defeat to Burghill & Tillington in Worcestershire League Division Three (Second XI).

Batting first, Burghill reached 269-7 from their allotted 50 overs.

Malvern's Chay Ankers took 4-88 from his 15-over spell and

Lewis Hill 3-35 from his eight overs. Sam Johnston top-scored for Burghill with 95. Ian Oliver supported well with 48.

In reply, only three Malvern batsmen reached double figures as they slumped to 87 all out in 27 overs.

Ankers returned to top score with 20 for his side in the Ramblers Ground clash.

Steve de Souza finished with 4-17 from his seven overs.

■ Chaddesley Corbett grabbed a winning draw over Malvern thirds in Worcester League Division Nine.

Batting first, hosts Chaddesley Corbett reached 257-5 from their 45 overs.

Malvern could only muster 154-9 in their response, with Joseph Kyte his side's leading scorer with 30.

Bromyard fall to home defeat to Oldswinford

Bromyard 202-9, Oldswinford 205-4

BROMYARD suffered a six-wicket home defeat to Oldswinford in Worcestershire League Division One.

After winning the toss and electing to bat, the home side made 202-9 with Greg Leighton top-scoring with 63 from 115 deliveries, including two sixes and four fours.

Matt Bullock chipped in with an unbeaten 38 off 69 balls.

David Martin (3-45) and Sebastian Soukup (2-62) bowled well for the visitors.

In reply, Oldswinford cruised to victory as they reached their target in 35 overs after Asa Robinson hit 54 from 47 balls and Tony Brewer made 49.

Dinusha Fernando was the hosts' best performing bowler, finishing with figures of 2-54 from his 12-over spell.

Leighton and Ash Bullock completed their respective six-over stints with a wicket apiece at Flaggoners Green.

■ Bromyard seconds kept up their promotion push in Worcestershire League Division Three (Second XI) with a three-wicket victory against Himbleton.

Having bowled the hosts out for 231, including 3-25 from Paul Tomkins, Bromyard swept to victory losing seven wickets in the process.

Michael Reece hit an unbeaten 82, while opener Chris Simmonds fired 49.

CRICKET FIXTURES AND RESULTS

FIXTURES SATURDAY Birmingham and District Premier League (Both noon starts)
Division Two: Eastnor v Aston Manor.
Division Three: Studley v Barnards Green.
Marches League (Both 2pm starts)
Division One: Bartestree & Lugwardine v Bosbury.
Division Two: Almeley v Colwall III; Dales v Ledbury.
Worcestershire League (All 1.30pm starts)
Division One (First XI): Oldswinford v Worcester Nomads; Redditch v Bromyard.
Division Two: Colwall v Burghill & Tillington; Malvern v Wormelow.
Division Four: Barnards Green v Alveley; Canon Frome v Martley.
Division Five: Hanley Castle v Old Hill.

Division Six: West Malvern v Vine; Worcester Nomads v Pershore.
Division Eight: Droitwich v West Malvern.
Division Nine: Malvern v Avoncroft.
Division 10: Bromyard v Worcester Nomads.
Division One (Second XI): Worcester Nomads v Colwall.
Division Three (Second XI): Bromyard v Worcester Dominies; Old Vigornians v Malvern.
Division Four (Second XI): Martley v Canon Frome.
Division Five (Second XI): Old Hill v Hanley Castle.

RESULTS Birmingham and District Premier League
Division Two: Eastnor v Old Elizabethans: Eastnor (20 points) 106-6 (L Booth 5-35), Old Elizabethans (2) 103 all out. Eastnor won by four wickets.
Division Three: Barnards

Green v St Georges: Barnards Green (20) 238-4 (A Dovey 84, A Ford 55), St Georges (4) 237-8 (C Miller 54, A Chandia 50, M Zaheer 40, M McEwan 4-52). Barnards Green won by six wickets.
Worcestershire League First XI, Division One: Bromyard v Oldswinford: Bromyard (5) 202-9 (G Leighton 63), Oldswinford (24) 205-4 (A Robinson 54no). Oldswinford won by six wickets.
Worcester Nomads v Pershore: Pershore (5) 251-6 (C Sanders 121no), Worcester Nomads (24) 252-4 (L O'Driscoll 111, A Milton 51). Worcester Nomads won by six wickets.
Division Two: Burghill & Tillington v Malvern: Burghill & Tillington (18) 315-5 (B Newton 76, B Hedges 70, J Terry 51no), Malvern (2) 108-9 (B Newton 6-64). Burghill & Tillington winning draw.
Coombs Woods v Colwall: Coombs Wood (4) 173 all out (M

Colwell 56, M King 5-35), Colwall (20) 175-6. Colwall won by four wickets.
Division Four: Himley v Canon Frome: Himley (24) 192-7 (Z Rehman 53, W Ahmad 76, P Morgan 4-49), Canon Frome (3) 107 all out (W Ahmad 4-43). Himley won by 85 runs.
Stourbridge Social v Barnards Green: Barnards Green (24) 273-5 (I Greaves 97, S Thompson 75, V Ahmad 4-67), Stourbridge Social (2) 108 all out (C Churchill 4-25). Barnards Green won by 165 runs.
Division Five: Old Elizabethans v Hanley Castle & Upton: Old Elizabethans (3) 153 all out, Hanley Castle & Upton (20) 157-4 (B Mathews 50no). Hanley Castle & Upton won by six wickets.
Second XI, Division One: Colwall v Alvechurch & Hopwood: Colwall 183-9 (L Hankins 50, M Saunders 4-45), Alvechurch & Hopwood 179 all out (7) (J Sidaway 65). Colwall won by four runs.

Pershore v Worcester Nomads: Pershore 271-8 (6) (P Oxley 55), Nomads 272-6 (20) (M Jones 68, D Sanders 65). Worcester Nomads won by four wickets.
Division Three: Himbleton v Bromyard: Himbleton 231-6 (7), Bromyard 232-7 (20). Bromyard won by three wickets.
Malvern v Burghill & Tillington: Burghill & Tillington 269-7 (24) (S Johnson 95), Malvern 87 all out (3). Burghill & Tillington won by 182 runs.
Division Four: Barnards Green v Stourbridge Social: Stourbridge Social 209-7 (16) (C Cartwright 65), Barnards Green 168-9 (7). Stourbridge Social winning draw.
Canon Frome v Himley: Canon Frome 287-5 declared (J Hughes 156, S Andrews 52), Himley (7). Match abandoned.
Division Five: Hanley Castle & Upton v Old Elizabethans: Old Elizabethans 174-9 (4) (M Walker 47, N Pullan 41, O Price 4-26),

Hanley Castle & Upton 177-5 (20) (O Price 66no, R Foley 48). Hanley Castle & Upton won by five wickets.
Division Six: Hewell v West Malvern: Hewell 200-7 (7) (I Khan 58, Williams 59), West Malvern 203-7 (L Blackburn 75, Gibson 4-54). West Malvern won by three wickets.
Division Eight: West Malvern v Oldswinford: West Malvern 145-7 (6), Oldswinford (8). Match abandoned.
Division Nine: Chaddesley Corbett v Malvern: Chaddesley Corbett 257-5 (18) (S Gall 70no), Malvern 154-9 (4) (R Stephens 4-25). Chaddesley Corbett winning draw.
Division 10: Worcester Nomads v Bromyard: Worcester Nomads 299-8 (24) (J Stafford 105, J Fidlloe 53, R Wooton 43no, D Harris 3-60), Bromyard 198 all out (6) (A Mills 61, R Wooton 4-36). Worcester Nomads won by 101 runs.
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