



Close matches highlight tennis club's doubles tourney

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A great week of doubles tennis culminated on the weekend with the crowning of men's and women's champions and consolation winners at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Tennis Club.

The women's championship ended when Coral MacKenzie injured her knee and couldn't continue.

Tournament director John Ramsbottom noted it had been a very competitive match to that point as MacKenzie and her partner Nicole Marsh Burke had won the first set 6-4.

As a result of the injury, Cathy Reid and Margaret Hobbs Mancuso were declared champions.

The women's consolation championship featured another competitive match, ending 6-3, 7-5 as Fran Doran and Deb Robert defeated Shannon Brander and Charlene Durans.



Left: Nicole Marsh Burke and Coral MacKenzie, left, lost the women's doubles championship final when MacKenzie was injured. Cathy Reid and Margaret Hobbs Mancuso were crowned champions. Right: In the men's B consolation final, Terry Ratovsky and Mac MacSween, left, emerged victorious over Glen Barr and Ted Scott. TADY SACZOWSKI



On the men's side, the A championship final needed a tie breaker as both teams won a set.

Eventual champions John Pilling and Scott Lewis won the first set 6-3 but Rob Lipovsky and Brad Butler battled back to win the second set 6-4.

The tie breaker was a

tight affair, but Pilling and Lewis pulled it out 10-8.

In the men's B championship match, winners Rob Lamond and Doug Campbell also needed a tie breaker to win the first set 7-6 (8-6 in the tie breaker) over David Rodgers and Flory Massi.

Another competitive match with the first set going to a tie break which Lamond and Campbell won, 7-6 (8 - 6 in the tie break). They also took the second set 6-1.

In the men's A consolation final, Jim Reid and Manny Umoquit defeated Jerry McIlhone and Peter

Rider 6-3, 6-4.

Mac MacSween and Terry Ratovsky won the men's B consolation final 6-1, 6-2 over Ted Scott and Glen Barr.

Ramsbottom noted that running a tournament requires a lot of help behind the scenes and he singled out Marilyn Francis, Jill

Evans, Jayden Jeong, Janice Schachtshneider, Hugh Dow, Shawna MacFarlane "and Mother Nature" for helping make the tournament a success.

The club's annual singles tournament is set for the week of Sept. 11, with the finals to be played on Saturday, Sept. 16.