

# Ontario Masters Club Cross Country Series

## *The Jim Breslin Cup*

Tabulated by Jim Pascoe

Pl	Club	Taylor Creek	Don's Relay	Sunnybrook	Brockville	Total
1	<b>Toronto Olympic Club</b>		35	34	42	111
2	Newmarket Huskies	21	65	58	33	112
3	East Toronto Striders		66	63	66	195
4	Etobicoke T&F		106	105	103	314
5	Longboat Roadrunners	58	149	144		351
6	Scarborough Masters	87	140	181	127	354
7	Lakeshore Masters	70	147	149		366

Wow! One point! Being in Finance and doing "what if" scenarios for a living, I couldn't resist doing a few to illustrate how tenuous that one-point margin of victory is:

1. It wasn't just the five scorers in each race that won the series for us. If our 6th and 7th runners hadn't beaten Newmarket's 4th and/or 5th runner at BOTH Don's Relay and the Sunnybrook 8K, Newmarket would have dropped 2 or more points at each race and won the series. (For example, Colleen Hopkins, our 7th runner in the 8K, had a 0.21% margin over Chris Deighan, their 5th runner. Even though Colleen didn't score for us in this race, the series would be tied if their positions were reversed.) In the relay, our 6th runner, Lynn Kobayashi, had a 0.17% margin over Newmarket's #4 runner (again, the unfortunate Chris Deighan). Of course, if she had run one second slower (or Chris one second faster), resulting in an apparent series tie, we would have asked for an audit of birth certificates to validate the results, because Lynn was actually 52 for that race, not 51, and her margin over Chris should have been greater.



Jerry Kooymans, Coleen Hopkins, Dave Yeager, Beth Primrose, Bill Cook, and Adrienne Stewart with the *Jim Breslin Cup*

2. If Colleen ran one second slower in Brockville, her 0.03% margin over the next runner would have evaporated, and the series would be tied.

3. If Bob Moore didn't have a birthday between race #3 and race #4, his age-graded percentage in Brockville would have been about 0.9% lower, and he and Derek Hackshaw would have traded places in the standings, costing us the series.

4. If Colleen didn't have a birthday between race #2 and race #3, that 0.21% margin she had over Chris in the 8K, and that 0.03% margin she had in Brockville would have disappeared, and we would have lost the series.

5. If Gary Westgate ran one second slower in the relay, he would have dropped one spot in the standings, and the series would have been tied. And if Colleen ran two seconds slower in the relay, she would have dropped one spot as well.

... and so on. This series really was a toss-up. The planets were truly aligned for TOC this fall. Thanks to the OMTFA for developing and organizing the series and congratulations to Newmarket for their strong performances that made this competition so interesting. It

obviously could have gone either way, and we look forward to a rematch next year.

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