

Warriors take frisbee title

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It came down to sudden death to decide a winner at the first ever Peel high school varsity mixed ultimate frisbee finals yesterday afternoon at Cawthra Park Secondary School.

In the end, Port Credit Warriors were crowned Region of Peel Secondary School Athletic Association champions after a 14-13 win over Erindale Raiders.

Jan Andrejuk caught the game-winning point deep in the end zone after a perfect throw from half-field courtesy of Ryan Connolly, which sent the Warriors into a frenzy.

"We kept our heads up and gave the team a little pep talk," said Andrejuk, referring to the Raiders tying the game at 13. "On the last play, our handler Ryan made a nice toss and I was just in the right place in the right time. It felt good when it happened."

The Warriors fell behind in the first half, trailing 8-4 at the break, but four unanswered Warrior points to start the second-half led to a back-and-forth finish.

The Raiders trailed 13-11 late in the game but two quick goals from Devin Hancock and Robbie Sparrow tied things up with under a minute to play.

Following Hancock's goal to bring the Raiders within one, he caught one again moments later that would have tied the game but was ruled out of bounds by fellow players on the field. There are no referees in ultimate-frisbee.

"Even at Worlds, they don't have referees," said Guillaume Palias, ultimate frisbee convenor for ROPSSAA. "It's just so ingrained in the culture of the sport that you play honestly."

"As you saw today, the players were able to resolve the disputes themselves on the field."

The Warriors, 4-3 during the regular season, also avenged an early season 8-5 loss to the Raiders (6-1).

"I couldn't be prouder of where we got," said George Madruga, head coach of the Raiders. "Kudos to Port Credit, they played hard and they played well."

"We made a couple of errors that we wouldn't normally make but that's why you play the game."

Claire Macaulay led the way for the Warriors scoring three points while Nathan McNamee, Laura Fast and Andrejuk added pairs.

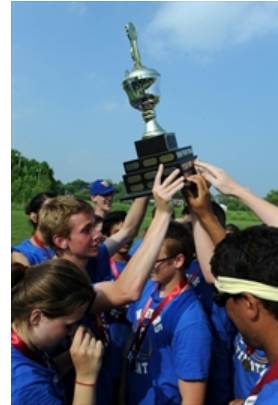
Chris Angotti led the Raiders with three points.

The ultimate frisbee league drew very positive feedback from the 16 Peel high schools that were part of the inaugural season.

"The experience has been good, a lot of fun," said Andrejuk. "I came in with my friends and I left with them as my family."



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