

Flint gets good start in CANU

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HAMILTON, Ont — As a political analyst might say on election night, not enough precincts have reported to make an accurate judgment of Flint's victory chance in the 22nd annual CANUSA Games.

But if Friday's encouraging start continues in a much larger program today, Flint has a good chance to prevent Hamilton from taking overall honors for a record third straight year

FLINT WON 11 of 12 basketball games to virtually wrap up the honors for a 21st straight year

It also took a commanding 273-151 lead in track and field and won two of three baseball games

However, the most encouraging performance came in soccer where the 14-and-under girls from Flint won, 5-3

On the debit side, Hamilton swept four straight volleyball matches and two ringette games.

Because the CANUSA agenda has been reduced to 18 sports this year — sailing was abandoned — Flint would need 10 victories to gain overall honors That's one more than last year when it took nine trophies, including sailing.

Flint needs only one more victory in basketball and baseball to keep the CANUSA trophies because the visiting team prevails in case of ties

Darkness intervened in the track meet at McMaster University, forcing a suspension of the field events. With approximately 1,700

points involved, Friday's events completed barely one-fourth of the meet

AND, WITH SIX more soccer matches today, Flint needs at least three victories to end Hamilton's 21-year domination It needs two ringette victories

Randy Anderson, Joanna Childress and Mike Ruggles set records in the first three events and Michael Miller and Ron King set others as Flint broke six track marks

Anderson lowered the 110-meter hurdles mark to 14.6, Childress the 100-meter hurdles record to 14.9 and Ruggles the 800 meters to 2:14.7

Miller won the 200 meters in 21.5 and King the 800 meters in 1:54.9 King competed in the adult men's division and Ruggles in the 12-13

years group

King joined Felix Williams, Dave Johnson and Angelo Bradshaw in a record-setting 1,600-meter relay time of 3:21.9

CHRIS COULTER spaced out eight hits and socked two home runs, including a grand slam, to lead the 14-and-under baseball team to a 10-4 victory Cort Reynolds helped with a three-run triple and Ron Goble added two hits

Tim Tomaszewski scattered five hits in a 6-1 victory for the 16-and-under team Tom Matus delivered the key hit, a two-run single and Matus, Rob Crane, Bob Stacey and Tomaszewski had two hits

The 12-and-under Flint team suffered a 4-2 loss mainly because Hamilton pitcher Mike Dockman