

Mustangs play spoiler role against Oakville side

SOCCER REPORT

BY ALEX TOUGH

Staying with the 'gold card' issue for the time being, the latest information, which is a

repetition of an earlier statement by the person himself to a group of young tryout officials, is that he is the holder of a grade-two status. Apparently this was 'granted'

upon an unsolicited upgrade review by visiting European Officials.

Well now, this is not how upgrades happen in reality. Firstly, the official listing

shows our man is a grade-three, although it could happen that an official is upgraded during the season. Not so in this case, however, as the column is informed. Secondly, alien officials do not carry out assessments; the provincial body has the mandate. Thirdly, officials are required to request assessment through their official organization in the main. Occasionally an assessment may be carried out on instructions from 'above'. But 'gold card' should be assessed and for reasons other than upgrading.

Updating the Mustangs latest 'derring-do' is a pleasure. The girls under-14 squad made the trip to the stronghold of Oakville and returned with a satisfying 3-1 win. The result leaves Oakville almost unable to win the division

title and their coach was devastated by his team's performance. The Mustangs outplayed their more fancied opposition and thoroughly deserved the result. The 'Town team is on a good run at the moment, having lost only once in their past six.

Jacqueline Holdwell netted twice, Ashleigh Lynn once with Ana Rupoll and Alanna Zelek strong in defence.

The Inter-County Mens League had a couple of interesting games last week. Eagles and Meteor played off a knock out penalty kick shoot off in addition to a normal first division league match. The shoot out went to the Meteor by a 5-4 count, the Eagles sending an effort wide of the goalpost.

Also, one kick was retaken as the Eagles 'keeper was

judged to have moved before the ball was kicked enabling him to save the oncoming shot. Meteor, subsequently, scored on the retake.

The ensuing league match ended in a 3-3 tie with cautions and an ejection thrown in for good measure.

Merseyside lost 1-0 to Meadowvale, in another controversial game. Mersey are alleged to have played an unlisted and unregistered player, a repeat of the previous week's match with Meteor. The case goes up before the executive committee on Thursday evening.

Forest lost 5-2 to second-place Britannia, going four goals down before warming up. One player refused to play the second half for Forest, being somewhat unhappy, to say the least, with his teammates.

Meanwhile, Blazers took advantage of a shorthanded Lions squad to win 4-0. Caledon were given a 1-0 walkover default by P.R.P.A.

Second division play also had its share of controversy. Lowly Buzzards defeated just as lowly Stingers 4-1, with the losers registering a protest of the winners using illegal players.

At the top, United dropped a decision for the second week in succession. This time out, Mariners inflicted a convincing 4-1 loss on the, still, leaders of the division. With the win, Mariners leapfrog into a third-place tie with S.H.L., whilst holding tie-breaker advantage.

Ajax lost 3-1 to Acton Villa, who remain in second-place. Acton Rangers continue in last-place following a 4-0 loss to Harps. And Milton took full points in a 4-1 win at S.H.L.

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Darts season nears

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We are at that time of year again when we should be thinking, although briefly, of our fall and winter activities.

The Wednesday night Industrial League is set to hold a pre-season captains meeting at the host premises, McGibbon Hotel on Wednesday Aug. 14 at 8 pm.. Returning teams and anyone interested in entering a new team are welcome to attend. In the meantime, last season's captains will be contacted to remind them of the meeting. The season's opening night will be set on that night.

The Halton League is, at the moment, about to arrange their pre-season meeting night, likely before the end of the month, based upon

prior years. Team and player registration may well be finalised around the 25th of the month. Play traditionally commences the first Monday night in September.

Brackys is hosting a blind draw open doubles on Aug. 19 and the inter-Brackys team night on Aug. 26 as an opener.

Several establishments, new to the league, have expressed an interest in hosting and sponsoring teams. They should be putting up lists for those interested in playing, in the meantime, in order to test the market.

The Halton league executive usually visits the bars to test the interest and provide information. I am certain this year will be no exception.

More later, as matters develop.

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