

Soccer Comer

by Alex Tough



Scheduled to play this evening at Cedarvale kicking off at 8.45 p.m. are Meteor White and Acton with Brackens hosting Meteor Blue at Dorsey at 7 p.m. There should be quite a feast of soccer at both fields in the Molson Inter County League. Varian travel to Guelph, Ajax to Milton, Rangers and Eagles have a free date. On Friday Butcher visit the Mariners at Dorsey at 7 p.m.

To the best of my knowledge our youth rep teams are all away from home this week, except perhaps the Junior Falcons. Schedules were late in issue and I do not have them yet. The team had a fine 2-1 victory at Malton with only the bare 11 players, with two playing their first match of the season at rep level. In spite of the bureaucratic problems the team has played well all season. A 3-6 result in exhibition play against the Mariners was not a bad showing at all last Thursday.

Shoppers Drug Mart minor peewees were three goals down against Burlington before deciding to play in this game. Another two goals were lost by half time. The visitors played well and

stroked the ball around with a particularly good midfield and striker. The goalie showed he could play when under some pressure during the second half. The SDM lads came back with a little bit devil in their play and were rewarded with two well deserved goals. The fight back should give the team a lift in their trip to the same opponents this week.

The Independents minor bantams travelled to Erin Mills to do battle with the high flying home team. I was unable to obtain the result or type of game for this one, however, the Independents travelled out of town on Ontario Cup play and lost that one quite heavily. Coach Jack White has gone for vacation to recuperate. Short of a goalie and with only 10 players makes me wonder where team loyalty lies.

Cup, or playoff, competitions are the premier competitions for our teams and yet we consistently over the years fail to turn out our full squads for these very prestigious events. Coaches can become despondent and despairing when faced with this attitude of non-appearances. Regrettably we lack depth in numbers to enable us to take disciplinary measures against offenders. At the same time we have not found the way to impress upon our players and parents fulfillment of commitment to the team is an important part of developing the youth and the team.

The senior Falcons are fast becoming

the draw champions of their division. Another 2-2 result against Chinguacousy United was a hard earned effort, particularly as Gary Richardson was ejected for violent play. It was a wonder his direct opponent at the time was not also ejected as he was committing the same offence. There were many incidents off the ball the referee could not see and he had great difficulty controlling the game, to say the least. A draw under the circumstances is a good result.

United took an early lead and looked as though they would sweep Falcons off the field. One thing about the team—they may lack skill; they do not lack fighting spirit and never give up. This is why they have five tied games and two wins and only one loss to date.

The Molson Inter County first division continues to be led by Butcher after an 8-1 walloping over Meteor Blue. The Blue were short of a regular 'keeper and it showed in the result. Although trying two deputies the team could not keep the home team at bay for long.

Although the official result is not yet in, I believe Acton pulled off a 1-0 win over Brackens in a well fought match. Brackens and Acton are both having their player problems this season. Injuries to Gord Barclay and Eddie Patterson, with Doug Hole out due to work schedules leaves the team lopsided at times

Mariners edged Meteor White 3-2 with an excellent goal from Archie Tannock clinching the win in an excellent match up between last season's two top teams. Good soccer, hard and fair tackling, goalmouth incidents, good and lucky saves at both ends. Tannock shook off three defenders on the edge of the penalty area and then delicately chipped the ball over 'keeper Martin Warner into the postage stamp top corner of the net. This was the winning goal. Earlier Dave Chapman netted twice for the Mariners with Meteor countering both efforts to draw level.

In the second division Varian finished with a 2-1 win over Guelph to again head their section by one point over their opponents. A 15th minute goal from Varian was held until ten minutes from the end when an appeal for offside was refused by the referee and a Guelph forward ran on to score from an oblique angle.

With three minutes left Varian scored a second goal from close in. The excitement mounted when Varian's left defender handled in the area in the last seconds and a penalty kick was given. Time had expired when the kick was to be taken, in accordance with the rules of the game. The Guelph kicker strode up, kicked, the ball went to the goalie's right hand side, he was beaten, and the ball struck the post—game over and a Varian victory.



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