

# Mariners pride leads to deserved victory

Pride of place this week has to go to the Ancient Mariners. After 13 games without a point the lads came through to win their last league match of the season before entering the playoffs.

A battling, dour struggle with the enterprising young Eagles ended in several panic-stricken moments as the Mariners held on to win by Doug Morris' two goals to Terry Talsma's one goal.

Some nice football (the real kind) was displayed by both teams and Mariners just deserved the win.

Meanwhile Meteor and Marlin were engaged in their own struggle for supremacy in the attempt to win the league title. An end to end match in spells for both squads ensued in the early evening sunlight at thick grassed Meadowglen.

With five minutes left for play, a quick throw-in for Meteor caught Marlin napping in marking Mike Ackroyd who dispatched a left-footer into the Marlin net for the only goal of the game. This result keeps the title on ice for the moment.

The other first division match-up between Crown and Villa ended up in no contest land as the home team destroyed ailing visitors Villa, by 6-2. A result which also helps to keep the first three places in question. Last Monday (28th) at Meadowglen saw the battle continue with Crown away to Meteor. Should Meteor win the championship is theirs after being in third place all season.

Should Crown win, they go on to play Eagles and perhaps Mariners on succeeding Mondays and should these be won, Crown will emerge as title winners.

Exciting, isn't it?

The league now turns to the playoffs and begin with Villa vs Meteor at McKenzie, 6:30 p.m. and Stingers vs Milton, at Alcott and



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Sports Views

Mariners vs Marlin, at Cedarvale both at 8:30 p.m. Eagles travel to Crown, Ajax to Laurentian and United to Petrocan to round off the match-ups.

Each division plays for its own playoff trophy in two sections of round-robin to decide the semifinalists later in September.

The Ontario Cup has wound its way to the finals stage with the passing of the semifinals last weekend at different venues around the province. A fair amount of soccer interest was seen at St. Catharines, Oshawa, Scarborough and Kitchener. There is no local interest in the tourney, of course, and we simply report.

However, you may be interested to learn that SC Braga, 1988 senior winners over Georgetown United, have been ousted and are subject to a discipline hearing at OSA after their quarter-final match with Ulster United which were declared winners after the game was abandoned and the police were called in to remove a Braga player, or two, or three.

The finals are set for Sherwood Park, home of Burlington Soccer Club, on Sept. 9, 10, and 16 from 11 a.m. onwards. There is usually good soccer on view with the best of the open draw championships.

The first day hosts the boys and girls under-12 and under-14

culminating with the senior women's final at 7:30 p.m. The under-16 and under-18 boys and girls takes place on the 10th leaving the under-11, under-13, under-15, under-17 boys and finally, the senior men at 7 p.m. on the 16th. A couple of weekends of soccer feasting.

Took in the Steelers vs Vancouver CSL match at Brian Timmins last weekend and came away pleased at the Steelers' 2-1 victory over the 1988 CSL champions.

This was only the visitors' second defeat in four seasons, I understand, and both away from home. Steelers have not lost or tied a game in their last 16 and are closing fast on Toronto Blizzard.

It is worth noting, that Gary Morrow played international striker John Catliff 'off the park', literally as the big forward was withdrawn with 20 minutes left in play. Catliff did not score, nor his replacement, Muirhead, although Muirhead came close upon two occasions.

Indeed, Morrow has kept the top scoring strikers off the scoresheet almost every game when in direct opposition. Just over 4,000 spec-

tators were at the game which displayed a very 'cozy' atmosphere and a good result.

Edmonton drew over 10,000 to their last home game against Winnipeg. New club, Nova Scotia, have drawn more than 8,000 for two exhibition games as they prepare to join the CSL next season.

Top English club, Manchester United, has a new owner in a young lad named Michael Knighton, a Yorkshire baker of Scots extraction.

A promising young player he had his career cut short by injury in much lower levels. Unlike George Steinbrenner of baseball infamy, Knighton put his feet where his money lies, to change a well known phrase or saying. Before the first league game of the season Knighton put on a display of ball

control by keeping the ball in the air for several minutes with his head, body and feet.

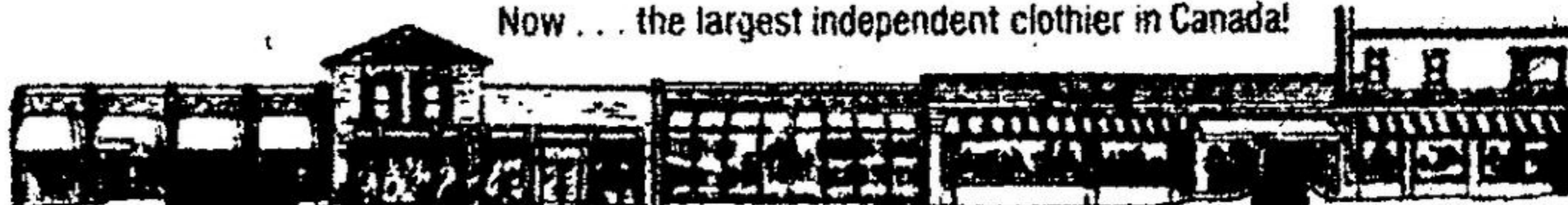
A local newspaper problem is the availability of staff to cover sports. Usually there is only one member of the staff and it is therefore a huge help to have schedules of games in order to have the opportunity of getting around the fields to see the kids in action. If you have wondered at the coverage and photographs of other sports and recreations perhaps the reason is a lack of schedules. Certainly my own league is guilty of this lapse.

This season's ladies finals days are in September - Friday and Saturday the 8th and 9th

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## Select squad falters

On Aug. 19 and 20, Georgetown Bantam Girls Select soccer team participated in the Oakville Regional Tournament.

The Georgetown squad was first pitted against Scarborough United (peewee '88 and bantam '89 winners of Brams United tournament).

Georgetown started off well, with Andrea McNeily scoring with a hard, decisive shot, following a Wendy Padillo corner. However, Scarborough tied the game on a breakaway, 1-1 at the half.

Scarborough attacked relentlessly in the second half and scored three quick goals. With an extra forward in the last 10 minutes, Georgetown did manage a few more forays into the Scarborough end, but this only left Georgetown weaker defensively - resulting in two more goals against. The final - a 6-1 loss to Scarborough United.

In the second game, Georgetown battled mighty Burlington ('89 bantam semi-finalists of Brams United tournament).

In a bruising game, Georgetown played hard from start to finish. Burlington scored at the 12-minute mark of the second half. Two minutes later, Tracy Fowler beat the Burlington goalie with a long, high shot from centre-half to tie the score at 1-1. In the last few minutes of play, Burlington won the game on a great goal by their left winger. The result - a 2-1 loss to Burlington.

The third game of the day saw Georgetown against Grimsby.

Now down to 12 players, Georgetown continued to play well, even knowing that semi-final play was not attainable.

At the 15-minute mark of the first half, hesitation by the Georgetown defence, resulted in Grimsby scoring an opportunistic goal. However, not to be outdone, Wendy Padillo scored on a great shot from right wing - from a beauty pass from Melanie Booth. The game resulted in a 1-1 draw.

Efforts was the name of the game for forwards Andrea McNeily, Melanie Booth and Wendy Padillo; midfielders Tracy Fowler, Janet Scida, Jennifer Chantler, Cathy Paul, Darby Erler and Ruth Burrows; defenders Mylene Benito, Leanne Englis, Michelle Doyle and Michelle Boulanger and of course 'keeper Jennifer Appgar.

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