

*Veteran defender surprised with individual honor*

## Morrow named MVP for Steelers

By DAN RALPH

A roller-coaster Canadian Soccer League (CSL) regular season has come to a surprising end for Hamilton Steeler Gary Morrow.

The 25-year-old Georgetown native was named the Steelers' Most Valuable Player for the 1990 season. Morrow was formally presented with the honor prior to Wednesday's playoff game in Hamilton against Montreal Supra. Morrow and the Steelers went on to win the opening contest 2-1.

Morrow has enjoyed a lot of team success in his five seasons with the Steelers (1985 national amateur crown and four subsequent CSL East Division crowns and subsequent berths in loop final), but this marks the first time he has been singled out for such an individual accomplishment. He was quite surprised to learn of the MVP selection.

"I knew nothing about this until one of the Steelers' secretaries told me," the Hamilton centre-back said Wednesday afternoon. "I had no idea."

While being quite pleased with the individual award, Morrow said this year has been an up-and-down



affair for he and the Steelers. The Hamilton club has seen a number of players come and go during the course of the season, and Morrow himself has lined up beside six different players.

"We've had a lot of guys here, but we feel we've got a good crew



GARY MORROW

now," Morrow said. "It's just a matter now of jelling in the playoffs. "There's been a lot more parity

in the league this year," Morrow added. "A lot of teams have more quality players, which has made for a might tighter league."

Despite his youth, Morrow is somewhat of an old man on the Steelers' roster. He and teammate Lucio Ianiero are the only two players still with Hamilton from the Steelers' 1985 championship squad. Steelers' owner Mario Dibartolomeo has become the George Steinbrenner of the CSL, not hesitating to trade players, fire coaches/general managers or speak his mind on any league matter. Yet through it all only Morrow and Ianiero have remained team constants.

"I think consistency and being able to motivate myself have helped me stay in Hamilton," said Morrow said. "Our owner is the type of person who likes to see consistent play, and that's something I've always tried to do."

The Steelers are attempting to win their fifth straight CSL Eastern Division crown, but this time aren't favored to do so. Hamilton finished third overall in the standings behind Montreal and Toronto Blizzard, leaving soccer experts to figure on a Montreal-Toronto final

series. However both Montreal and Toronto lost the first game of their playoff sets, with Kitchener Spirit dumping the Blizzard 2-1

However Morrow said being in an underdog role could prove beneficial to Hamilton. During regular season play the Steelers lost two and tied one with Montreal while splitting with Toronto.

"It's going to be a difficult go to win the East," he said. "Both series will be physical and tough, but being underdogs the pressure is off our key players. Hopefully that will turn out to be an advantage for us.

"We're confident, but not overconfident. Montreal has a very good team and they've had a great year," Morrow added. "But for about 80 per cent of their players this is their first playoff experience. It's a brand new season now."

This year's playoff format is different from past seasons, in that it's a total points series. Prior playoff sets have been total goal affairs, but Morrow said he favors the present setup.

"In total goals, if a team had a bad first game, the second one was meaningless," he said. "This way you've got to play hard for both games."

## Limehouse bantam boys team ends dryspell with title victory

The Limehouse bantam boys softball team recently added the Halton championship crown to its regular season title. It marked the first time in 12 years a bantam boys squad had accomplished such a feat.

After starting the year 2-3 the bantams turned it around to finish

### AMHA is holding rep tryouts

The Acton Minor Hockey Association will be holding its rep tryouts this weekend at Georgetown's Alcott Arena.

Those interested in coming out are encouraged to do so, but potential players must first be registered before stepping on to the ice.

For more information on exact workout times, refer to Wednesday's Acton Free Press sports section. Further details can be obtained by calling Andy Williams at 856-4028. There will be a \$5 charge for each tryout session.

## GMHA decides on its uniform colors

By DOUG THOM

The Georgetown Minor Hockey Association (GMHA) executive has firmly established the player equipment colors for its Tri-County rep teams.

All Georgetown rep teams will be expected to wear black helmets, pants and gloves when they represent the Association in hockey competition.

The executive's unanimous decision was intended to end local speculation that the Association was contemplating changing equipment colors. This speculation resulted in parental confusion when buying hockey equipment. The GMHA also felt the speculation wasn't fair to local sports stores when they ordered their hockey equipment for the upcoming season.

"When Georgetown rep hockey players take to the ice in hockey

the season at 14-4. The team added three playoff wins to claim the overall title.

Limehouse opened post-season play with Lowville, with Lowville scoring a single tally in the first frame. But the Limehouse bats got going and the bantams scored four runs on five hits and three walks in the second and added three more in the third enroute to a 7-3 victory.

Cheltenham was next up in what proved to be the most exciting game of the tourney. The two sides needed extra innings to settle a 5-5 regulation tie. Cheltenham scored a single run in the first extra frame, but Limehouse scored its own run to head into the 10th. There the International Rule came into affect, with Cheltenham again taking a one-run lead. However the Limehouse bats got going with Derrick Robson's single tying the contest. Mike Gidden had the winning tally on singles from Mike McArthur and Fred McDonald. Jamie Willett went eight-and-two-thirds innings for the win.

That put Limehouse into the final with Cheltenham, and this

game wasn't close. Limehouse had a 9-2 lead through three innings and went on to net the 15-6 win.



The Acton Minor Lacrosse Association held its windup banquet last weekend. The tyke Rams were recognized. Team members included (not necessarily in order) Matt Wolfer, Mathew Hall, Jason McGuire, Jason McGuire, Chelsea Young,

Eddie Hess, Marty Gordon, Melissa Krause, Beeper Valente and Ryan Weatherall. The coaches were Wayne Young (back row left) and Mike Wolfer (back row right).



The Peanuts lacrosse contingent included (not in order) Elizabeth Wolfer, Chad Artem, Corey Mitchell, Michael Mills, James Duff, Stephen Berry, Trevor Hall, Brad West, Michael Berry, Katie Duff,

Corey Nadon, Sarah Lajeunesse, Nicholas Crowe, Chad Henry, Danielle Young, Michelene Welte, Steven Atkinson, Michael McDonald, April Leonard and A.J. Friolet.