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## Soccer Corner

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### Intercounty season winding down

The Inter County comes down to the final round robin playoff games in the respective sections.

First division section "A" leader is Caledon and they have qualified after defeating Blazers. Section "B" leaders and qualifiers are Merseyside. The second place in each section is still up for grabs. Section "A" second division leaders are Lions of Streetsville, they could be caught and eliminated, dependent upon Wednesday's result. Section "B" is also wide open. Each group is dependent upon the last games' results to settle the qualifiers in the semi-finals.

Last week Mariners lost a heartbreaker to Meadowvale. Mariners were two goals up with twenty minutes left for play when disaster struck, not for the first time this season.

The team hit the post, the ball ran along the goal line and stayed out of the net. Vale moved downfield and scored. Mariners were denied a foul.

Vale broke and scored. Vale were given a penalty and scored.

Mariners were denied a penalty and the game ended with Vale scoring the winner with three minutes left for play in the match.

This is not to take away anything from Vale who never stopped trying to match Mariners who had controlled the game.

Falcons, in a similar fashion had the same fortune. They were going along with the advantage of an early goal against Eagles when they became undone.

A couple of breaks on an off-side with advantage given to a defender who then failed to clear the ball and Eagles scored on the break. Next came an uncalled foul on Eagles as Falcons appeared to be given the advantage until a player slipped and the ball broke for Eagles who scored.

Again, not to take anything away from Eagles who were also playing well.

Blazers had problems in fielding a full squad against Caledon, a dangerous happening against a team in full flight. Caledon emerged victors by 4-1.

Meteor gave Merseyside a run for their money before dropping the points by 4-6 result.

Second division Milton gave Lions fright in winning 4-3 just managing to hold out in the end to a frantic finish.

Villa could not hold Winchester and the division leaders won comfortably by 4-0.

Ajax scored twice at Britannia which was not enough as they conceded four goals.

PRPA were in the lead by two over United in Brampton when the lights failed to come on and the game was abandoned with only half the game played.

The replay was likely to be at Alcott on Thursday, with Meteor and Meadowvale also playing off in a recast match.

An exciting finish to the season for most teams.

## Acton Soccer Club's Cup Weekend

# One-goal wins highlight championship games

The Acton soccer club wrapped up their house league season with some pretty entertaining matches at M.Z. Bennett and McKenzie-Smith fields last weekend.

In the boys divisions each of the four finals were decided by one goal. In under-9 action MacMillan's got a goal in the final 10 seconds to defeat Grand Valley 2-1.

In under-11 action Acton Veterinary downed the previously undefeated Rockwood Optimists 2-1.

The under-13 final was a nail-biter with Acton Travel edging Grand Valley 1-0.

At under-15 it was the two Acton squads meeting in the championship tilt with Acton 1 emerging with a 4-3 win over Acton 2.

In girls action Acton's Mr. Mugs defeated Acton's Leathertown Lumber 2-0 in the final match.

The under-11 girls from Acton's Achilles Motors emerged with their league title. They downed Acton's Lakeview Flooring 4-0 and Hillsburgh 9-0. Lakeview Centre claimed runner-up honors downing Hillsburgh 3-0.

The under-13 girls final was the thriller of the weekend with Fergus claiming a 2-1 overtime win.

### Under-15 boys

Acton I picked the right time to defeat their town rivals.

The Under-15 side scored three times in the second half to post a 4-3 win over Acton II in the Acton Soccer Club final on Sunday. The win avenged a 4-0 loss in the round-robin portion of the tournament.

"That was a big upset," said Bob MacDougall, who scored a pair of goals. "They've been better than us all year but we had a good team effort and we pulled through."

MacDougall put his team on even terms early in the second half. With his team trailing 2-1, MacDougall unleashed a strong kick from about 25 yards out that just snuck in under the crossbar.

Derrick McIntyre put Acton I ahead to stay with his second of the game. Acton I set up quickly on a free kick and caught their opponents off guard. That allowed them to send McIntyre in alone. He outraced keeper Kris Adema to the ball and slid to redirect it by him and into the net.

Meanwhile, Philip McIntyre was doing all he could to keep his team ahead. He came up with several big stops, including saves on Matt West and Ben Muggridge from close range.

MacDougall scored netted his second of the game off a direct kick with about eight minutes to play.

But what looked to be merely an insurance goal proved to be the winner as Acton II staged a late charge. Muggridge was in search of his second goal when he nailed the crossbar. However, Peter Sitarz was quick to corral the rebound and pounded it home.

The goal really got Acton II

pressing but McIntyre managed to hold them off to preserve the win.

Derrick McIntyre opened the scoring, the first goal allowed by Acton II in four games. Muggridge then tied the game at one and Andre Savard sent Acton II into the half with a 2-1 advantage.

### Under-13 boys

The Under-13 final pitted two team that powered their way through the round-robin. Acton outscored its opponents 15-4 while

side. Verhoeven tried to cut it off but couldn't reach it. That left Andrew Martin alone in front. He got control of King's pass and boot-ed it into the open net.

### Under-11 boys

Before the under-1 boys stepped on the field cup weekend it seemed unlikely that anyone would stop the Rockwood Optimists. They were undefeated with a 13-0-1 season and determined to claim the Cup crown. Acton Veterinary had different

### Under-11 girls

Acton's Achilles Motors downed Acton's Lakeview Flooring 4-0 in the game that would eventually decide top spot in the age division.

It was a close game and Achilles had to work hard for each and every goal. Lakeview was missing their striker, Eva Sitarz so her teammates worked twice as hard. Achilles' Meighan McIntyre opened the scoring assisted by Stephanie Hynds. Shannon Gray added the



The action was fast and furious when AI and AI Meats and Tuitman's squared off in the under-15 boys final during the Acton Soccer Club Cup Day on Sunday. AI and AI's

claimed the crown upsetting the favored Tuitman's squad 4-3 in the championship tilt.

Photo by HERB GARBUTT

picking up three wins while Grand Valley, also 3-0, held a 10-2 edge in goals.

The opening half was scoreless in large part to Grand Valley goalie Ben Hutchinson. He turned away good scoring opportunities by Acton's Joel Petkoff and D.J. King but saved his best saves for late in the half.

He leaped high in the air to get his hand on David Hatch's shot to deflect it over the net. Petkoff then broke in and blasted a shot toward the corner but Hutchinson dove to bat the ball wide.

Jesse Verhoeven replaced Hutchinson, who moved out to play forward, in the second half. He performed well but Acton got the one goal it needed to win the title.

King sent a cross form the right

ideas.

The Veterinary crew jumped on their rivals early in the championship tilt, gaining a pair of first half goals from Shawn Gobin and Shawn Prentice.

They didn't threaten in the second half but played a solid defensive game to emerge with the 2-1 win and the championship trophy.

### Under-9 boys

The under-9 final was a heart-stopper with Blake Martin bulging the twine in the final few seconds to lift Acton MacMillan's to a 2-1 win over Grand Valley. Grand Valley had knocked off league champion J.D. Subcontractors of Rockwood in the semi-finals.

In the championship tilt Martin scored the lone marker of the first half to give MacMillan's a 1-0 lead.

It looked as if that margin would hold up until a penalty shot late in the contest allowed Grand Valley to even things up.

With the game looking as if it was headed for overtime MacMillan's netminder Reid Henry booted a long goal kick to Martin, who made no mistake beating the Grand Valley keeper.

Before Grand Valley could retrieve the ball from the net the referee whistled the game to an end with MacMillan's claiming a thrilling win.

### Under-9 girls

The two Acton squads, Mr. Mugs and Leathertown Lumber squared off for bragging rights with the Mr. Mugs crew carrying off the championship trophy.

Mr. Mugs got goals from Julia Sissett and Rena Dunn while holding Leathertown Lumber off the scoresheet.

second. The final goal of the game came from Meighan McIntyre yet again this time by Holly Goddard.

Achilles added a 9-0 win over Later the same day Achilles took on Hillsburgh.

Achilles was still hot from the morning's victory and began with a penalty kick for the first point. The second goal came from Nicole Findlay assisted by Shannon Gray and it was a pretty one at that. Next, Meighan McIntyre scored followed by Shannon Gray both goals were unassisted. Holly Goddard got a point for Achilles with another penalty kick. Meighan and Shannon took them on again for another point. McIntyre then scored a sweet one directly from the corner kick! Shannon Gray was up again with Jennifer to assist this time. The final goal was by Holly Goddard.

Lakeview Centre managed a win in their other outing to claim second spot. They got three goals from Manda Waples in a 3-0 win over the Hillsburgh crew.

### Under-13 girls

In the girls under-13 division it was three evenly matched squads taking the field.

Acton edged Hillsburgh 3-2 in their opening game and then came back later in the day to defeat Fergus 3-2.

That put the Dave's Home Services crew through to the final were they met Fergus again. Fergus had edged Hillsburgh in their battle to see who advanced back to the championship.

In the closest game of the day Fergus earned some revenge for their earlier defeat. The two squads settled nothing in regulation time, or overtime and needed a shoot-out before Fergus claimed a 2-1 win.



Acton's Ryan Samson and Rockwood's Ben Williams battle for a loose ball during preliminary under-13 boys action and the Acton Soccer Club's Cup weekend. Acton claimed the under-13 crown with a 1-0 win over Grand Valley.

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