

Game officials situation improving, but rap-offs continue

By Alex Tough

Starting with this evening's (Wednesday) match-ups, we have Meteor vs. Meadowvale at Meadowglen at 7 p.m., Falcons vs. Eagles at Alcott at 7 p.m. followed by Ajax vs. Caledon and at Cedarvale at 8:45 a.m., Mariner play Blazer in a designated away-game. Other matches are Milton at Stingers and Merseyside at

Winchester.

Last Friday at Cedarvale, United defeated Ajax 7-4 in a make-up league game which defeated the storm. Meteor were leading Mariner by 2-0 with 35 minutes played when the heavens opened yet again and the

game was abandoned in favor of the George & Dragon, a fine choice. This game, a knock-out Challenge Cup first round fixture will be recast at a later date. The earlier match was abandoned whilst Meteor were leading 1-0 in

league play will not be replayed as the game had passed the league's official game time rule.

On Wednesday last, Meteor gave a workmanlike performance in subduing Blazer by 2-0, although there was an element of good fortune about the opening goal in the first half. Referee George Baines was given a torrid time by visiting Merseyside in their encounter with Mariner at Cedarvale. However, the referee did not let himself or his linesmen be phased out or intimidated by the constant dissent, to put matters mildly.

Mariners kept their cool and played to a 1-0 victory, the goal a cracking low drive through a ruck of players from 25 yards. No result from the Winchester/Meadowvale game.

In the second division, Eagles ran away 7-1 over Ajax, who gave away a lot of goals to their opponents. Falcons scraped through against an improved Stingers by 2-0, from some accounts.

Meteor head the first division from Merseyside by a very healthy seven points at the half-way stage. Eagles continue to keep all opposition well back also as they lead Caledon by nine points.

A late result in is Caledon 7-1 over United which brings Caledon three points closer to Eagles.

Game officials in town often present a problem from the point of appointments to games. In the past

few years, we have had a shortage of numbers which is a problem for seniors (and youth, for that matter), who can become quite vocal and sometimes sneaky in their play. There is no doubt that the assistance of lines persons is a huge help.

We began the season with a couple of injuries - Eddie Paterson and Luc Bertrand. Last week they both returned to duty. This, added to the arrival of Mike Cherry, a qualified referee in town, and George Baines taking up senior officiating, has given us the chance to vary our appointments. So much so that very few visiting teams have had the same referee twice.

Of course, that does not stop the moaning of some, and that will always be the case. I must say that the standards of our guys is no less than that experienced by our teams when we visit Brampton, Milton and Streetsville. I have no idea of what the Caledon situation is, although I know of two competent officials from that area.

Two other welcome additions to our scene are Rick Timmins, who lined last season, and Bob Burns. It takes a year or two or more to develop a style which is required at competitive and senior levels. No two officials are the same, just as players are different in style and application, as I have often noted.

Now to mundane matters. The "Little Man", also known as the "Hand of God" player, Diego

Maradonna, is at it again. He has left Seville for his home country, saying he has finished with the game - for the umpteenth time.

He has walked out on his contract with Seville of Spain, just as he did when with Napoli, as reported from Europe. FIFA want out of their way to have the player remain in the game after his drug ban and arranged his transfer to Seville of Spain, just as he did when with Napoli, as reported from Europe. FIFA went out of their way to have the player remain in the game after his drug ban and arranged his transfer to Seville. In addition to all this, I understand Seville has not paid their full whack to Napoli of the arranged fee.

The player has, or had, undoubted skill and usually was hacked to "death" for his skill in beating opponents so easily. As also happened to the Great Pele. However, the class exuded from Pele bears no comparison with the class, if that, of Maradonna.

Olympic Marseilles, conquerors of Glasgow Rangers and AC Milan in the prestigious European Cup, are in deep trouble. Accused of bribery and fraud, the club is in danger of having the Cup and French league championship, together with French first division status taken away.

The Club has been under severe scrutiny for several months and the case looks as though it is factual and strong. How the mighty doth fall sometimes!

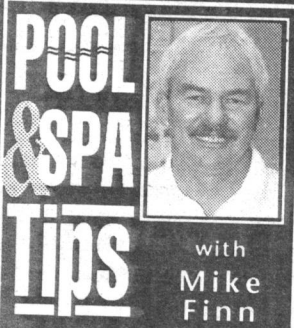
INTER COUNTY SOCCER LEAGUE

DIVISION 1							
	G	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Meteor	7	6	1	0	13	3	19
Merseyside	6	4	0	2	23	10	12
Mariners	7	3	0	4	13	15	9
Blazers	7	2	2	3	10	19	8
Meadowvale	5	1	1	3	9	9	4
Winchester	6	1	0	5	7	19	3

RESULTS
Mariners 1 Merseyside 0 Meteor 2 Blazers 0

DIVISION 2							
	G	W	L	T	GF	GA	PTS
Eagles	6	5	1	0	25	6	19
Caledon	6	4	1	1	31	5	13
United	5	3	1	1	11	16	9
Falcons	5	3	0	2	7	4	9
Ajax	5	1	0	4	9	29	3
Milton	6	1	0	5	7	20	3
Stingers	7	1	0	4	3	13	3

RESULTS
United 1 Caledon 7 United 7 Ajax 4
Eagles 7 Ajax 1 Falcons 2 Stingers 0



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Michelle Hofing right on target

By Judy Latto

Last week, Accura Molding continued its winning streak with a 3-1 victory over the Red team in the Girls' Under-9 soccer league. Michelle Hofing scored 2 goals, Melissa Williams scored a single and Julie Bakker showed excellent effort. Lisa Woods kept the Red team in the game with her goal. Laura Casey and Melissa Sommerville made several impressive offensive plays for the Red team.

Grasshoppers struggled to a 2-2 tie. Stephanie Young and Shannon Gray each scored a goal for Burger King. Amanda Dayment also played very well. Katy Duff scored both goals for the Grasshoppers. Jenny Kilmer was excellent in goal and Kristen Nielsen showed very good effort.

Standard Products had a decisive 2-0 win over the Red team. Emily Fisher and Shelley Dagenais scored a goal each and new teammate Erin Walsh had a very

impressive first game. Rachele Sommerville and Morgan Evans played very well for the Red team.

Leferink Transfer stole a 2-0 win over Leathertown Lumber. Eileen Hesselink scored both goals for Leferink. Nicole Gingras, Susanne Leferink and Lisa Butler were also noteworthy players. Playing well for Leathertown Lumber were Anna Burnett, Emily Thompson and Jennifer Murray.

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Acton Road Runners	6	3	
Warriors	5	6	1
Milton Cellular	5	5	
Panthers	4	6	1
Country Style Donuts	4	6	1
Ballinafad Blue Jays	0	1	2

Games Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 8:45 p.m. Sundays at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.