

Merseyside first

By Alex Tough

As soccer comes to a close in a month or so over here, the sport has begun a new season in Europe. Some countries have been under way for a couple of weeks and England's new "premier" division started last Saturday. The new law, denying the pass back to the goalie, is in vogue and it will be very interesting to see just how the law and the resultant plays will develop. Should TV coverage resume on TSN, or another, we shall have the advantage for next year's application.

The introduction of premier divisions for the so called elite teams in England, and previously in Scotland, was supposed to reduce the number of games and increase the TV coverage and finances from TV. Already both countries have experienced that TV coverage and finances from TV. Already both countries have experienced that TV provides money in return for calling the tune in televised games, which games on which day and what time to suit TV. The soccer barons are protesting — a little crocodile in my opinion. In spite of TV monies, match prices are much increased and the fans have been ignored to a great extent.

We do not have that problem in Canada. Our game is not that professional.

Locally, the Inter County is down to the last week of league play before beginning the playoffs. Merseyside have completed their program and lead the first division with 28 points. Mariners lie second with 25 points and a game to play this evening (August 19) at Cedarvale versus United. A win for Mariners ties the club with Merseyside, with the advantage in tie breaker of four points to six. Lurking are Meteor with 24 points and one game to play and one game in the hands of the discipline committee. If matters go Meteor's way the team can head the first division outright with 30 points, however... Meteor played their last game against Winchester on Monday and required a win. The 1992 promoted teams, Ajax and Blazers, finish in

the last two places and face return to the second division next season. Gunners, United and Winchester finish in the pack, safe and sound.

The second division is also up for grabs. Meadowvale lead and are completed, with 28 points. Eagles have 24 points and two games to go, Hare & Hounds have 20 points and two games to go. Both teams will have a say in the final outcome. PRPA, Milton and Villa are safe and Stingers finish at the foot of the table. This evening at Alcott Eagles face H&H in a must game for both outfits.

Last Wednesday, Blazers almost pulled off a meritorious win. Twice leading against the Mariners the youngsters gave up equalizers to tie the match. Meteor and Merseyside did what they had to do in winning over their opponents, United and Winchester respectively. Gunners took an away win over Ajax by the odd goal in five with a late, late goal snatch.

Second division leaders defeated H&H by 1-0 to remove the visitors chance of the title. Eagles retained their hopes with a sound 6-1 victory over Stingers. Last and not least Milton recorded as third win with three goals without reply from Villa.

In the European Cup first round are two intriguing match ups. Stuttgart host Leeds and Slavan Bratislava host Ferencvaros Budapests in the first leg. The East Europeans are past greats and relatively "local" and should provide good opposition for each other. Stuttgart defeated Leeds in the English club's own pre-season tourney final and the "return" should also prove to be a good match. In the Cup Winners cup Germany's Werder Bremen and Hanover 96 have been drawn in the first match. Liverpool return to European competition with an easy, on paper and form, tie against Cyprus' Limassol. In the UEFA cup Celtic are drawn to Cologne and cannot relish that trip. I must mention my old team, as supporter of course, Hibernian — they are likely to go down to defeat from Anderlecht. Ties begin this week with preliminary rounds.



The Family Optical Angels of the Georgetown Baseball Association's Tyke division are eagerly awaiting the Tim Horton Day of Champions, which will be held Aug. 29 at the Fairgrounds. Team members include front row from left: Chris Moss, Andrew Sllasas, Justin Shim, Cory Constant, Mathew Rodgers, Mathew Jones, John Murray and Steven Donaldson. Back row from left: assistant coach Peter Moss, Gerard Purcell, Simon Deeley, Chad Conrad, Nathan Zarnke, John Paul Zeni and coach Ken Conrad. Missing is Stephan Paulin.

CIBC remains unbeaten in GLFFL ranks

By Leanne Fournier

The stage was set for an incredible matchup. CIBC had not lost a match and Arnies had been defeated solely by CIBC. This matchup was for a veritable wrap up of first place. CIBC charged past Arnies by a score of 14-10. In other action Living Lighting beat JV 22-13 and Burns beat O'Tooles 27-6.

The wet weather might have put a damper on the matchup for first place but both offensive powers rose to occasion. Arnies sneaked on to the scoreboard first late in the second quarter after Kelly Cunningham picked off an end zone pass. Caroline McMillan converted.

CIBC started with the ball and Marg Walinga dazzled the fans with a 20 yard dance past the Arnies defense. Monica Mastalerz

tied it up with a convert. Late in the third, Mastalerz missed a field goal and the defender was flagged in the end zone for a single. Arnies marched the length of the field and had to settle for a McMillan field goal.

With 4 minutes to go CIBC marched the length of the field. With just two plays left in the game Mastalerz threw a bomb to Leanne Fournier to seal the victory.

The first contest may have surprised some as Living Lighting came out with a strong offensive performance. Rosemary Gale, Wysocki and Linda Ferguson scored 7 and 6 points respectively for JV.

Mary McLaughlin of Living Lighting picked off a pass and took it for 6. Jennifer Palmer had the other TD's while Karen Stockfish

chipped in with 4 points.

The last matchup of the day saw Burns Transport turn in a solid performance. Donna Dovey had a great day scoring 14 points. Brenda Hamilton and Joy Thompson had the other TD's while Janet Arnold booted a single. Janet Arnold and Kyra Kristensen Irvine pulled in interceptions to keep the purple guys at bay.

The O'Tooles squad had a change at the helm with Erin Tayler as new QB. O'Tooles lone touchdown came on a 35 yard run by Brenda Ryan.

Game Stars: Erin Tayler (O), Linda Ferguson (JV), Kyra Kristensen Irvine (BT), Jennifer Palmer (LL), Caroline McMillan (ABS), The whole CIBC Chargers team.

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