

Time to look over some rules of the game



Soccer talk
with JOHN MORGAN

Trevor Preddy tells me everything is going smoothly as the count-down proceeds towards the start of the MYSC season. Coaches have been appointed for all teams and a full slate of sponsors has been lined up. The pre-season meeting for coaches, assistant coaches and managers to get clued up takes place Wednesday, April 8.

The pre-season general meeting for all members is April 20. This is when you can learn all about the upcoming season and ask questions which might be on your mind.

With the season rapidly approaching, I thought it might be useful if we took a look at some of the laws of the game.

Confusion arises over direct and indirect free-kicks. When does the referee award a direct free-kick? What has to happen when an indirect free-kick is awarded? How do the players, and the spectators, know when the referee has awarded an indirect free-kick?

Let's take the questions in the reverse order.

When the referee awards an indirect free-kick, he will raise his arm in the air and keep it raised until a second player, that is a player other than the one taking the kick, has touched the ball.

When an indirect free-kick has been awarded, the ball cannot enter the net for a goal unless it has been played by at least one player after it has been kicked by the player taking the free-kick. Quite often you will see one player tap the ball sideways to a member of his own team. However, the second player does not have to be from the same team and sometimes you will see the ball kicked directly at an opposing player in an attempt to get a deflection. A controversial point, even among referees, is whether a player may lift the ball into the air, with his foot of course, so that a colleague may take a shot at goal on the volley. This point has not, as yet, been ruled on by the International Board.

There are nine offences for which the referee will award a direct free-kick. They are:

- Kicking or attempting to kick an opponent.
- Tripping.
- Jumping at an opponent.
- Charging an opponent in a violent or dangerous manner.
- Charging an opponent from behind unless he is obstructing.
- Striking, attempting to strike or spitting at an opponent.
- Holding an opponent.
- Pushing an opponent.
- Handling the ball.

A direct free-kick is taken from the spot at which the offence occurred unless it is in the offending team's penalty area, in which case it is taken from the penalty spot.

There are five offences for which the referee will award an indirect free kick. They are:

- Dangerous play.
- Charging fairly but when the ball is not within playing distance.
- Obstructing an opponent when not playing the ball.
- Charging the goalkeeper except when he is holding the ball, is obstructing an opponent, or has passed outside his goal area.
- When a goalkeeper takes more than four paces with the ball without putting it into play, or otherwise wastes time to the advantage of his own team.

An indirect free-kick takes place at the spot where the offence occurs. There are several interesting points which arise from the law relating to free-kicks and we will take a look at some of these next week.

If you have any query related to the laws of the game. Any law which is not clear or which is not understood please let me know. I will be pleased to give you an answer or find the answer for you.

I see the North American Soccer League has decided to comply with FIFA rules, at least for the start of the season.

That means the 35 yard line will not apply in NASL games and only two substitutes will be allowed.

I am pleased to see this happen as it will ensure players involved in the NASL will not be suspended for international games.

Sorry to see the Blizzard lost by the only goal of the game in Jacksonville last Saturday. They play in Florida again next weekend before coming north for the home opener on Sunday, April 12. I have good tickets available for that game.



Left open

A Burlington player is left unattended in front of Milton Aggies goal for an easy goal Sunday. Burlington won the game 4-3. Milton won Monday night to stave off elimination in the Tri-County championship series. Burlington leads 2-1.

Bantams awarded best sportsmanship at Strathroy tourney

Finding its strongest competition of the season, Milton bantam Selects dropped all six games in a tournament in Strathroy over the March Break Holiday.

Milton lost 14-0 to Leamington in the opener and followed it up with losses of 8-2 to Mooretown, 9-0 to Sarnia Township, 6-3 to Chatham, 11-1 to Petrolia and 5-2 to Mt. Brydges.

Although four scores were lopsided, two games were close until the end of the matches.

All teams were up rep "A" and "BB" calibre. Against Mt. Brydges, Milton led 2-1 after one period and trailed 3-2 after two frames.

With 1:34 left, Mt. Brydges scored a goal which looked outside to dash hopes for a Milton win. The squad pulled goalie Bill Simpson in the final minute and Mt. Brydges added an empty-net goal to ice the win.

Despite the size of the margins, Milton played against the strongest opponents it has seen.

Their opponents' superior skating and shooting took its toll on Milton as both goalies, Craig Defreitas and Simpson, were bombarded with numerous shots.

Milton hung in through each game and were rewarded for their team effort with a trophy for showing the best sportsmanship. The trophy was presented to Milton captain Steve James who along with Don Christensen were named to the tourney's all-star team.

Bowling

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Browers Machine	0	140
McCaig Insurance	7	134
Robertson Sockets	0	130
Mono's	7	122
All-Purpose G&M	7	121
Trelgar Ford	2	113
Duffern Aggregates	5	109
Knight Insurance	3	102
Lou's Place Flyers	5	96
Supreme Auto Coll	4	83
Standard Auto Glass	0	68
JD Currie P&H	2	52
High Singles (Flat)		
Jim Withnell	316	
Jack McDougall	311	
Carl Lonesberry	308	
Gilles Laframboise	303	
High Singles (w/hep)		
Jack McDougall	336	
Jim Withnell	317	
Carl Lonesberry	315	
High Triples (Flat)		
Jim Withnell	798	
Gilles Laframboise	780	
Harvey Hoare	758	
High Triples (w/hep)		
Jim Withnell	801	
Les Hayward	790	
Larry McDougall	781	
High Averages		
Warren Marling	257	
Al Hardiman	246	
Jim Nicholson	246	
Pete Vandenhoevel	244	

CANADIAN METER GIRLS

March 26
Ladies' high single, Ann Marshall 271, ladies' high triple Sue Stoddard 683.
Other top triples, Carolyn Lendvay 258, Sheryl Wingler 251, Ethel Arnold 248, Mary Heipel 243, Kath Coates 241.
Other top triples, Kath Coates 638, Marilyn Annable 638, Sheryl Wingler 634, Mary Heipel 620, Sadie Daviau 616.
Shirley Steptoe won 5 for 106, Glenn Rusk 5 for 100, Kathy Rusk 7 for 96, Sadie Daviau 2 for 86, Joan Deforest 5 for 90, Mary Heipel 0 for 90, Ruth Twiss 2 for 89, Ethel Arnold 2 for 86.

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Girls 5 to 7 years should register for T-Ball with Milton Minor Softball.

Compete in Cleveland

Body contact new to T-Birds

Milton Trafalgar Ford T-Birds closed out their season last weekend by participating in the first Cleveland Americans Gold Cup Tournament. T-Birds were grouped with three American teams in the pee-wee division round-robin, winning one game and losing two.

The tournament was the first effort of the Cleveland club which had gone to a lot of trouble to make their visitors welcome—off the ice at least. They had recruited the local Sheraton hotel as co-sponsor, obtaining favorable room rates for all visitors.

The adults were entertained Friday night at what was reported to be a first-rate party. Unfortunately, this correspondent arrived too late to confirm this. At the arena, things were just as well organized with the program running well to time and the refereeing generally very good.

The hospitality ended once the teams got on the ice and the T-Birds had great difficulty in adapting to the proper game of hockey—that is, the game including body contact.

Not only did many players appear very hesitant to mix it up in the corners and in front of the net, but a much more serious problem became obvious. With the lack of body checking all season, the puck carrier has found he can hang onto the puck much longer without passing and the T-Birds found themselves going nowhere fast as Sean Davidson and Darren Shaw got stopped with good clean body checks. One player who played consistently well all weekend was little Mike Del Papa who dug the puck out of the corners against the biggest opponents and also got himself parked just off the crease at the right time to collect four goals.

T-Birds met Fraser, Michigan, Saturday morning and got into a two-goal hole in the first five minutes and three goals down after two periods. However, they dominated the third period with goals by Davidson, from Ed Morgan and Del Papa, at 0:37 and Shaw, unassisted on a power play at 3:24, but were unable to get the equalizer.

After a day spent in the hotel pool and

games room, T-Birds could not do anything right Saturday evening when they met the host Cleveland Americans, losing 6-3.

T-Birds got on the board first as Del Papa scored on Todd Horne's pass from behind the net. Davidson also got an assist on the goal. The Americans got five goals before the T-Birds scored their other two goals, Davidson from Del Papa and Horne from Davidson in the third period.

Sunday morning, T-Birds had an early 7:30 a.m. date with Stirling Heights, Michigan, and came up with

an improved passing game to win 5-1. T-Birds goals came from Del Papa and Steve Scannell with two each, and Davidson, while Horne led the play-makers with three assists backed up by Rich Brodie, Shaw, Davidson and Morgan with one each.

On the way home, a call was made in Fort Erie to find out how Drulia and company were getting on in OMHA play-offs. Fort Erie is waiting for the results of the Newmarket / Whitby series after they had swamped Huron East in three games by scores of 6-3, 6-3 and 10-4.

NFL chaplin is speaker

Hollis Haff, chaplin of the National Football League Pittsburgh Steelers, will be the guest speaker on Monday, April 6 when the Halton Hills Christian Women's Fellowship hosts a buffet dinner at the North Halton Golf and Country Club, Georgetown, at 7 p.m.

Mr. Hollis was a native of Ohio and was an outstanding athlete in both football and basketball.

Mr. Hollis was recently selected by the U.S. Jaycees as one of the "Outstanding Young Men in America". As an outstanding speaker he is in much demand at sports dinners and as a conference speaker.

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