



SPORTS

THE CANADIAN CHAMPION

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Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

The run stops here

Milton District High School's Jordan Gunter gets brought down by a Lester B. Pearson defender during senior football action at MD Friday afternoon. The Mustangs held a lead for most of the second half, but were eventually beaten 17-14. For full results of the week two clash, see page 27.

Under-18 Magic cap season with title win

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
The Champion

Milton's Under-18 girls soccer squad used equal parts drama and dominance to wrap up its season with championship gold in Michigan September 22.

The mix was delivered at the Global Soccer Tournament — where the Sargent Farm Magic rallied from an opening-round defeat to take top honours among the nine-team field.

With the tournament title hanging in the balance against Michigan's Mesa Fire, forward Holly Goddard deposited an upstairs header with about three minutes remaining to win 1-0. Setting her up with a picturesque cross feed was Amy DiPalma.

Sister Emma Goddard shared the spotlight in the nail-biting championship clash as the impromptu goalie. Replacing an absent Davida Denich, Milton's second-string cager made two dynamite saves through the early going and was steady the rest of the way to preserve the shutout victory.

"It was a real back and forth battle, very exciting," said coach Louie DiPalma, whose team won two tournaments and reached the finals of a third this summer while finishing fourth in the South Region Soccer League's Elite Division.

Holly Goddard and Ainsley Kent stood tall up front, while doing so in split duty between mid-field and defense was Ashley

Rainey.

Needing to score six times to win a goal-differential tiebreaker and advance to the finals, the local ladies began the tournament's second day by blasting the Midland Storm 7-0.

Amy DiPalma led the hit parade with three goals, two resulting from throw-ins, while tallying twice was Kent.

Aiding in the lopsided victory with single markers were Amanda Kiuper and Heather Moon — who along with Valerie Fazio and Krista Lenardon offered spirited play to reach the gold-medal showdown.

While the win was never really in doubt, Emma Goddard did come up big on a penalty shot to earn the first of two shutouts.

The back-to-back wins followed an opening-day split in which the champs were edged by the Ann Arbor Arsenal 1-0 before rallying to knock off USL Team United 3-1 — thanks largely to a two-goal showing by Holly Goddard.

Milton had to rally from an early deficit in game two, and helping out the cause with the other goal was Kent. Creating a number of scoring chances in the win were Amy DiPalma and Sylvie Noolandi.

Against Ann Arbor, Emma Goddard was rock solid between the pipes while providing exceptional defensive help was Erica Ercolani.

Strong supporting roles throughout the tournament were offered by Kiuper, Ruth Hamon and Ashley Grant.

Haydar scores in debut

So far, so good.

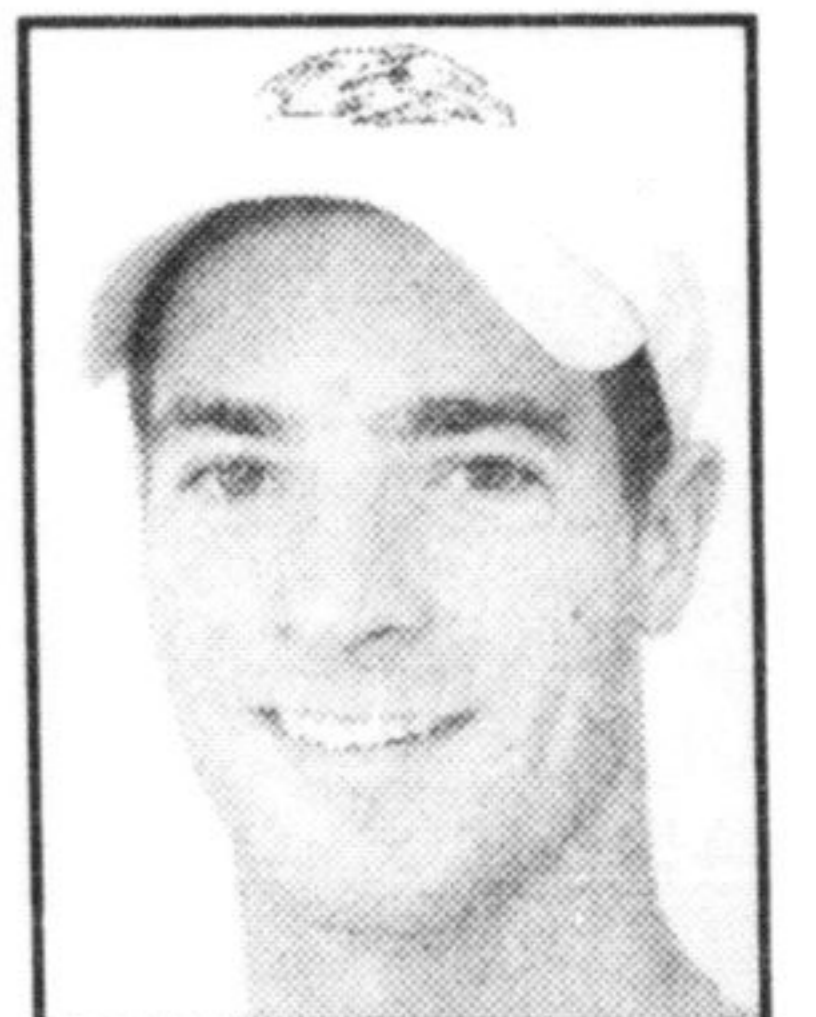
Miltonian Darren (Mini) Haydar marked his AHL debut with a goal and an assist in the Milwaukee Admiral's 6-3 win over the Chicago Wolves Saturday night.

The 2002 Hobey Baker finalist assisted on linemate Vern Fiddler's game winner in the

second period and then helped salt things away with a third-period tally.

Haydar will look to help Milwaukee sweep the Wolves tomorrow night in Rolling Meadows.

Milwaukee's regular season begins at home next Saturday, Oct. 12.



Darren Haydar



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