

MFC looks to create new league with other Ontario teams

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 munication had clearly broken down between MFC and the CSL.

However, there's a huge difference of opinion on just where that breakdown began.

Adamson said that shortly before Christmas the CSL received a letter from a group of teams — including MFC and Hamilton Croatia (others not named by either side) — addressing concerns about the league's terms and conditions (which haven't been disclosed) for 2011.

He said the teams "demanded" a meeting that simply couldn't be accommodated around the holidays, and when that request wasn't met, MFC refused to discuss its concerns and repeatedly missed membership deadlines.

"They (MFC) never gave us a chance to work out these issues," said Adamson.

He added he believed Rossi spearheaded the group request for the meeting and that one of the other clubs met with the league in January and expressed that it was not a party to the initial submission as it was stated.

"The question that needs to be asked is why would they (MFC), in good faith, not continue with membership and keep discussions open?" said Adamson. "Why would they opt out so quickly?"

Dismissing the suggestion that he was the group leader, Rossi said the teams were simply seeking answers — in written form or in person — to concerns about 2011 conditions.

"They (CSL) threw terms and conditions at us that weren't acceptable, and they couldn't answer our concerns in a timely fashion," said Rossi.

"We asked for a meeting or writ-

ten clarification and never got it."

While highly unlikely for this coming year, Rossi said preliminary plans are in the works for MFC and a handful of other clubs to establish a new non-amateur men's league under the Ontario Soccer Association umbrella.

He added, "Right now about six teams have shown real interest in this. There's really not enough time for this year. It's more likely for 2012."

Until then, MFC will make efforts to provide its young core of players with opportunities to com-

pete in town. Rossi and coach/co-owner Rafael Carbajal will continue working together and are now in the early stages of "re-setting" their strategy for the club.

"We're starting clean and fresh," said Rossi. "We want to grow the game at the pro level in Ontario and

Eastern Canada, and I still think there's a lot of potential for pro soccer at the community club level. You look at other countries and almost every town has a senior team that the kids can aspire to. That's what we need more of here.

"We're (MFC) not going away."

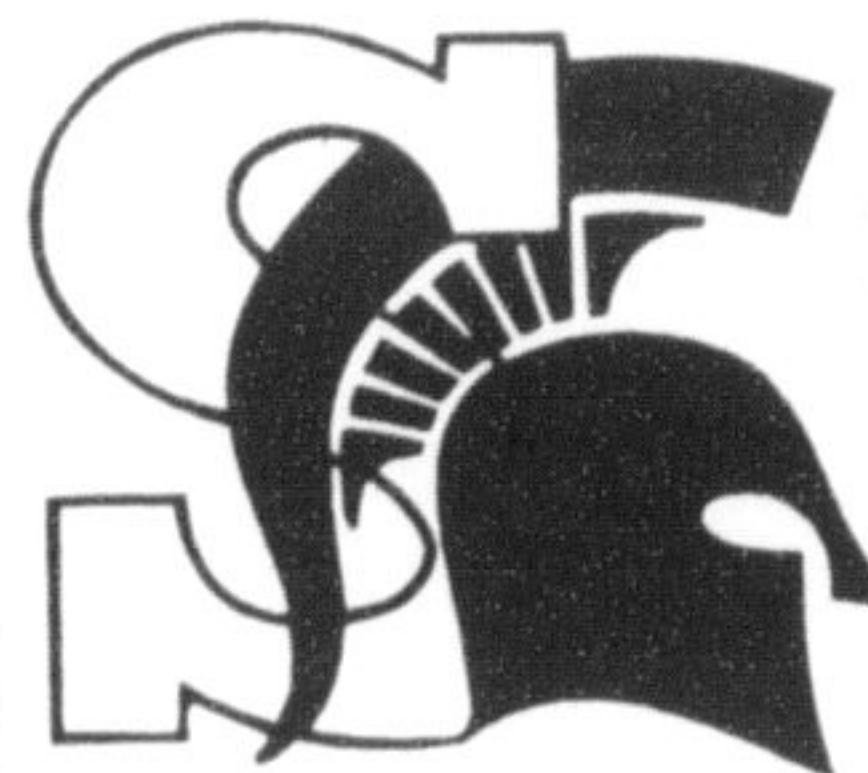
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squad were Kierran Smillie (38-kg), Zach Vandervelde (44-kg), Danny Stomphorst (61-kg), Stefan Djolovic (89-kg) and Jarrett Steptoe.

Jose Rambherose, Ryan Patterson, Colin Fraser, Armaan Neemachwala and Tyler Reis-Sanford claimed silver, while securing bronze were Max Michaelis, Reed Nicholson,

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