Speed biggest difference: coach Tough loss for U-14 Magic boys

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Bolton's Marco Roberti, an 18-year-old forward who saw about 15 minutes of play near the end of a 1-1 draw with Toronto Croatia July 9. "He's got a lot of promise."

Holding their own in the CSI's secondary ranks — with its only two losses so far coming against the division front-runners — the MFC Reserves have a number of players seen as having a legitimate shot at cracking the big team in the not-too-distant future.

Assuming they can handle the extra gear required to keep pace with most CSL teams.

"The biggest difference is without a doubt the speed of play," said Carbajal, who stressed that the MFC Reserves are very well coached under Vladimir Klinovsky. "That and the physical aspect of play."

That reality hasn't been lost on another local hopeful.

"It's much more mature at this level, a bigger commitment in terms of training and discipline, than what I've played before," said 17-year-old right defender Ivan Bosnjak, also part of Reding's OFSAA team last year and a member of Mississauga Croatia's Premier League team prior to joining the Reserves. "It's a big difference, but I'm really enjoying

MFC president/co-owner Dino Rossi is optimistic about adding to the big team's

twins Eros and Erick Olazabal and Tristan Scott — in the next couple of years.

And while encouraged by what he's seen so far, he realizes that certain players much like the club's development plans with the local youth soccer scene — may be lengthy works in progress.

"We are quite certain that next year there will be a lot more interest among young local players to try out for our program. Also, we need to start working closely with much younger players, especially during the offseason, to start the long process of developing players who will one day become important players in our program.

"This is how the most successful clubs throughout the world operate, and that's how we intend to nurture the best young talent in the area. It's a long process, but we're patient. Great players are not developed overnight."

Sitting at 3-2-2, MFC's Reserves are made up primarily of teens, including 15-year-old midfielders Bryan Romero and Yuri Klinovski. They're back in action this Saturday at Maple's St. Joan of Arc Field against Toronto FC Academy.

The Reserves' lone home game this season comes Saturday, Aug. 28 at 1:15 p.m. at 1 Bishop Reding Field, where they'll kick off a double-header against the Serbian White Eagles. The big club takes the pitch at 4 p.m. local content — which currently includes for a showdown with the Montreal Impact.

Third Division rankings Monday other goal. night — getting edged 2-1 by third-place Dixie Athletic B.

A questionable penalty kick goal evened things up just three minutes after Michael Warner put the Magic ahead on a bottom leftcorner shot.

From there, Dixie took the lead shortly before half-time and weathered a anxious moments down the stretch to pull out the victory.

Unable to preserve an early The narrow loss followed a 3-0 lead, Milton's Under-14 rep boys win over the Mississauga Falcons. missed a chance to move up the Jeremy Farquharson tallied twice South Region Soccer League's and Spencer Csajaghy netted the People who take first aid training reduce their personal

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