

Last-minute goal steals big win away from Milltown FC

Draw with Shooters leaves expansion club tied for third

It wasn't technically a loss, but certainly felt like one.

Close enough to taste victory at St. Joan of Arc Field Sunday night — one that would have put them back atop the Canadian Soccer League — Milltown FC surrendered a goal to the York Region Shooters with a mere 20 seconds remaining in injury time.

With the heartbreaking finish, they had to settle for a 1-1 draw.

Coming away with a valuable point to keep pace in the log-jammed top five of the CSL, MFC now sits at 7-3-5 and tied for third with FC Hamilton Croatia.

Poor defence led to the Shooters' equalizer, while goaltending captain Scott Cliff



made a couple of late saves in another rock-solid performance.

Once again proving his value as a second-half substitute, Cordell Benjamin put MFC ahead in the 63rd minute — heading in a free kick rebound by Martijn Kuijpers.

This marked Benjamin's fourth goal of the season, lifting him into a tie with Kuijpers and Agustin DeMedina for the team scoring lead. Lesly St. Fleur and newly-acquired Martin Artale had some big chances down the stretch.

MFC will continue its road trip with head coach Rafael Carbajal and key defender/midfielder Chris Suta. The two — along with the team's strength and conditioning coach,

Paolo Pacione — are now in Valencia, Spain for a 12-day training camp with Canada's Under-20 team.

Reserve team coaches Vladimir Klinovsky and Joey Iaccheo take the reins for this Sunday's game against FC Hamilton Croatia, which will be the hometown Olazabal twins'

final game before heading back to Manhattanville College.

MFC is back at home Saturday, Aug. 28 against the Montreal Impact Academy. The 4 p.m. game caps a double-header with the reserve club as part of Milton Youth Soccer Day.

MacLean shines in shutout of Cubs

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started to find the holes and breaks that had eluded them the night before.

Now firing on all cylinders, the Red Sox steamrolled through their third-round challenge, stoning the Cambridge Cubs 10-0 in five innings.

MacLean tossed a complete-game two-hitter. He struck out six batters and enjoyed flawless defence in the efficient disposal of the spirited but overmatched Cubs.

Brian Hunter and Brandon Banaschewski

had back-to-back two-run singles to put an early end to the game, while a handful of extra-base hits and some strong base running also factored into the commanding victory.

The Red Sox were the second-last team to be eliminated from this year's playdowns, after the Dundas Chiefs were ousted by the Brampton Royals 20 minutes earlier.

Milton's juniors now have nearly two weeks off before wrapping up 2010 in Chatham, where they'll look to defend their OBA 'B' title August 20 to 22.

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