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The Under-15 Magic girls kept hopes for a first-place finish in the South Region Soccer League's Premier ranks alive in Flamborough last Thursday, battling to a scoreless stalemate with the Flames.

With the tie, Milton now sits at 7-2-3 — just three points back of second-place North Mississauga A and four behind front-running Saltfleet.

The Magic had a number of quality scoring opportunities through the second half — generated by spirited midfield play from Danielle Vis and Mannie Montelpare — but ran into a hot Flamborough goalkeeper.

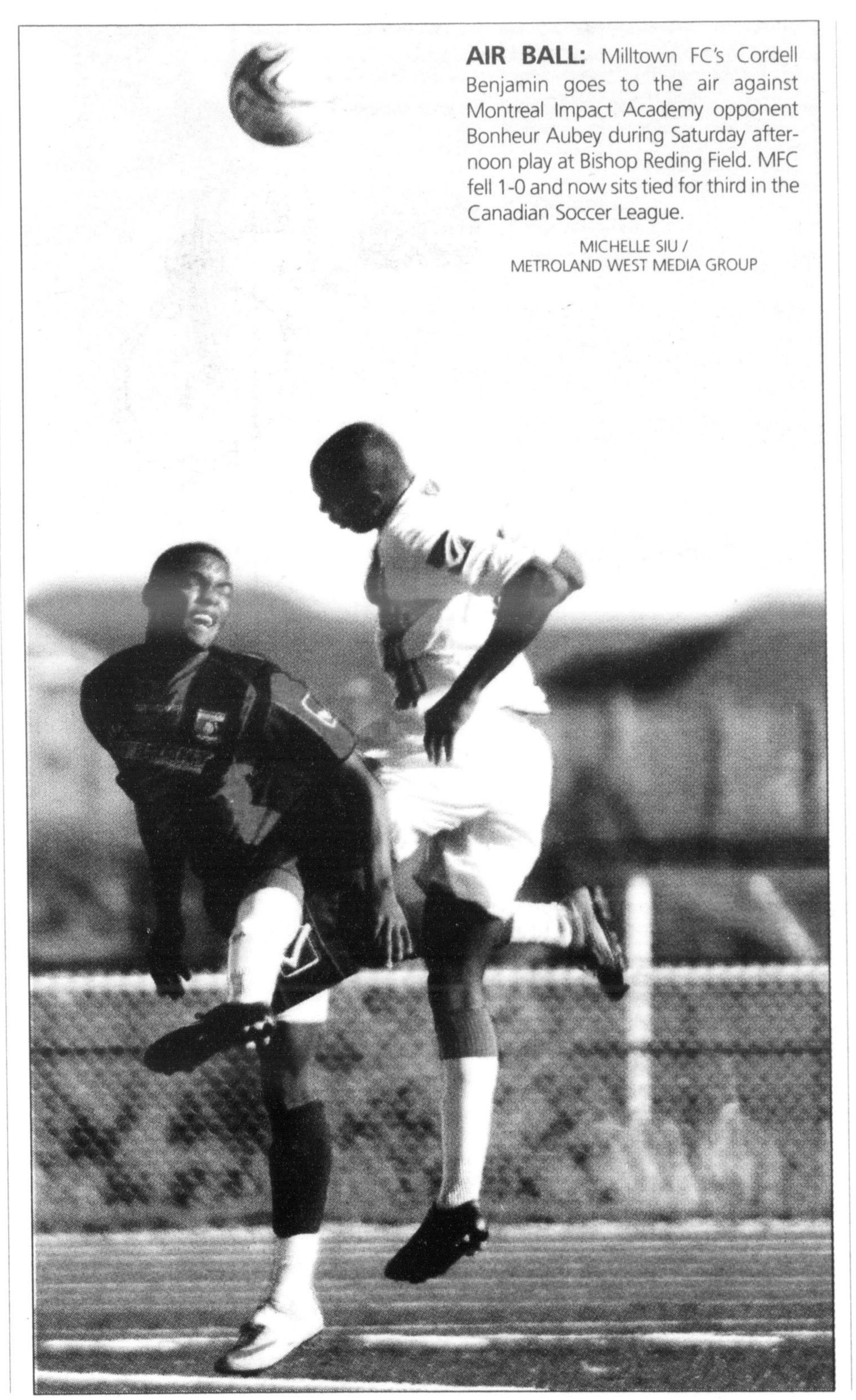
At the other end of the field, Alannah Fisher was solid between the pipes for Milton but had to leave at half-time due to a nagging hip injury. Replacement Meredith Rimmer was largely idle in the second half, as the Magic defence kept the Flames from registering any shots.

Lintack sisters Amy and Corinne, Laura Dobson, Heather Laughton and Gabrielle Bouchard all showed strongly in the back end for Milton.

This marked the second draw in as many meetings with Flamborough.

The Magic have four games left, culminating with a road trip against North Mississauga A.

Their next challenge comes Tuesday against the Dixie Athletic 95s.



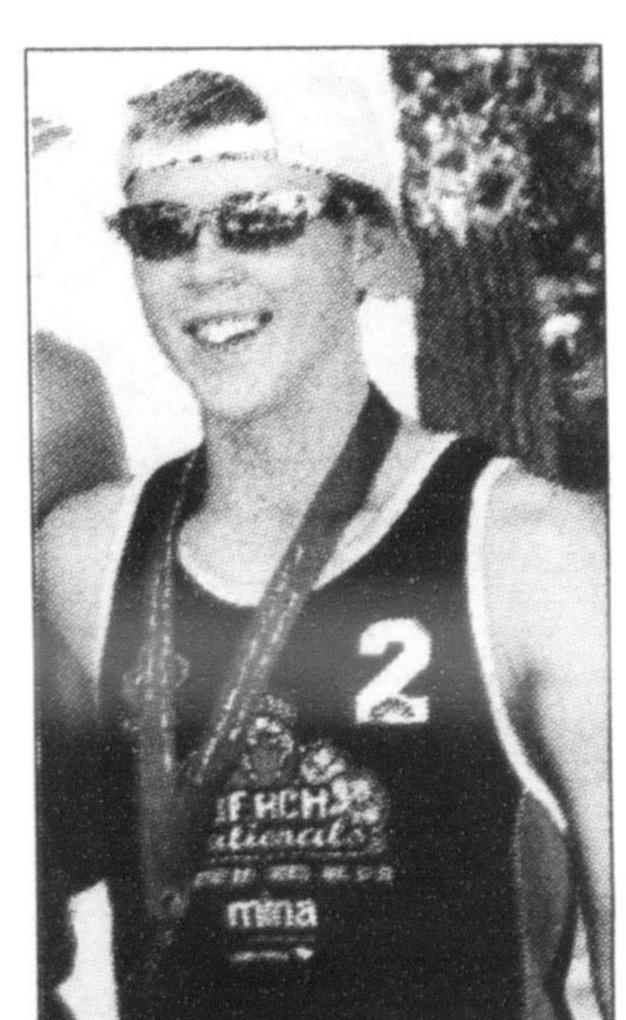
Painful finish to nationals

Broken toe costs MacIntyre and beach v-ball partner shot at gold

Jordan MacIntyre caught a major break at last weekend's beach volleyball nationals.

Just not the kind he would have hoped for.

Having pulled to within three points of their Under-16 championship rivals in the first set at Toronto's Ashbridges Bay Sunday afternoon, the 16-year-old Miltonian's partner — Steve Maar of Aurora — broke his big right toe on a misplaced landing. While persevering through the rest of the game, which the top-seeded Scarborough-area duo won 21-16, Maar's injury would soon force him to bow out of the match.



SILVER LINING: Jordan MacIntyre displays his national silver medal.

MacIntyre could certainly sympathize with his fallen teammate, having dislocated a couple of toes a few weeks earlier during the provincial championship quarterfinals, which also had to be forfeited.

"It hurts, all right," said MacIntyre, whose team was trailing 15-12 when misfortune struck. "Steve was in excruciating pain, but the most painful thing was forfeiting. We'd gone on a bit of a run before he got hurt and knew we could have given them a good game."

Hooked up with a six-foot-seven-inch partner this time around, MacIntyre didn't have to shoulder quite as much of the blocking at the nationals — leaving him free to cover the back court more and get to the line-out shots. This served him and Maar well throughout the weekend, and earned them a measure of payback in the semifinals.

Up against the same Toronto Crush duo that had beaten them in the provincial quarterfinals, the eventual

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