

Remax reps win opener after solid tourney showing

The Milton Re/max under 13 soccer reps opened their tournament schedule in Whitby last weekend and while they didn't advance beyond the round robin stage they managed to play some excellent soccer against some tough competition.

Milton took the opening game 1-0 over Glenshields (Toronto) but suffered a 5-0 set back against East York before rebounding for a 2-2 tie against host team Whitby.

In the tourney opener, Milton controlled the game from the onset and held a wide margin in territorial play but did not capitalize on some excellent scoring chances. Milton coach Steve Griffin attributed the problem to the lack of exhibition games played prior to the tournament.

"The players didn't have enough time to learn to play together as a unit," Griffin said.

The two teams battled to a 0-0 halftime draw but Milton could easily have had four or five goals. Re/max took to the offensive at the start of the second half but were stymied by some great saves by the Glenshield keeper.

Persistence paid off when right winger Robbie Hans intercepted the keeper's goal kick and blasted a 35 yarder high into the net past the startled keeper. The goal came with less than a minute to play.

Against East York, Milton battled gamely to keep the contest close and trailed East York 2-0 at the half. As the game wore on the more seasoned premier division club pulled away for the five goal margin. Milton keeper Boyd Laanstra had an outstanding game limiting the high scoring East York squad to only five goals.

On Sunday, Milton came back strongly and played their best game of the tournament with a 2-2 draw with Whitby.

Early in the game both teams had good scoring chances but it was Whitby that hit the score sheet first converting on a corner kick at the 18 minute mark.

Less than three minutes later Keith Mallette set up Fabio Pento with a nice pass and Pento made no mistake to tie up the score. Whitby rebounded to retake the lead just before the half ended.

Whitby misfired on a second penalty kick in the second half which seemed to change the momentum of the game.

Milton rallied and mounted a strong offensive attack which paid off on the best scoring play of the series. Sunny Dhillon caught the Whitby team without a defensive wall on a

direct kick. Dhillon alertly rolled the ball through to Mallette who raced in untouched to tie the score.

Season opener

The under 13 squad then travelled to Mississauga for their season opener against arch-rival CSC Mississauga. They kicked things off in fine fashion with a 4-1 win, highlighted by excellent passing, and disciplined ball control.

From the opening whistle Milton was ready as they consistently beat Mississauga to the ball and put together numerous scoring opportunities. Moments after a penalty kick went wide Pento used his size to outthrust a Mississauga defender at the 25 yard mark before

blasting a shot into the left corner of the net to give Milton the lead at the 10 minute mark.

Milton managed a second goal at the 23 minute mark when Hans rolled a nice pass between the Mississauga fullbacks and sent right winger Robert Kesik in alone. Kesik made good on the shot.

Some sloppy work by Milton deep in their own zone resulted in Mississauga narrowing the gap at the 10 minute mark of the second half. Hopes for a complete comeback were quickly denied as Milton scored seconds later on a heads-up play by Mallette.

His quick pass sent David Boere in on goal and he made no mistake restoring the two goal Milton lead. Hans completed the scoring on a

Rep lacrosse

Novices pick up a pair of exciting wins

The Milton novice lacrosse squad picked up two wins in their last three games, losing to Kitchener 11-3 before downing Orangeville 11-9 and Brantford 6-5.

In the game against Kitchener, Milton managed to keep the score tied at one until the end of the first period. Kitchener took advantage of any chance Milton gave them after the locals were worn out from checking the superior Kitchener team.

Strong goaltending by Milton's Stuart Gilbert kept the Kitchener score from being much higher. Milton's three goals were scored by Cory Leigh, with an assist going to Willy McGinnis.

In the 11-9 thriller against Orangeville either side could have emerged the victor. With the

teams trading goals, the extra pair that Milton counted in the third period made the difference in the fast paced affair.

Milton counted goals by Leigh with eight, Kris Kovacs, Chris Ankli and Daniel Lennox. Assists went to Leigh, Lennox and Adam McIssac.

An excellent effort by all players characterized the 6-5 win over Brantford. Following coach Randy Nowak's directions, Milton hung on for a win thanks to the sterling efforts of Gilbert in the Milton net.

Cory Leigh scored all six goals for the locals with assists by Ankli, McIssac, Blair Beaulieu, Jamie Sweetland and Gilbert.

The novices play their next game tomorrow (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at Tonelli Arena.

Peewee rep

After winning their first two games the Milton Realty World peewee lacrosse team was beaten 8-2 by a strong Kitchener-Waterloo team at Tonelli Arena last Monday.

Kitchener outscored Milton 3-1 in the opening period and increased their lead to 7-1 by the end of the second. Each team scored once in the third period. Both Milton markers were by Pat Lennox. The first goal was unassisted and the second aided by Trevor Petherick.

Strong goaltending by Matthew Dow and Willie Noon kept the score down despite a high number of shots. The team faces another tough squad this week when it travels to Orangeville.

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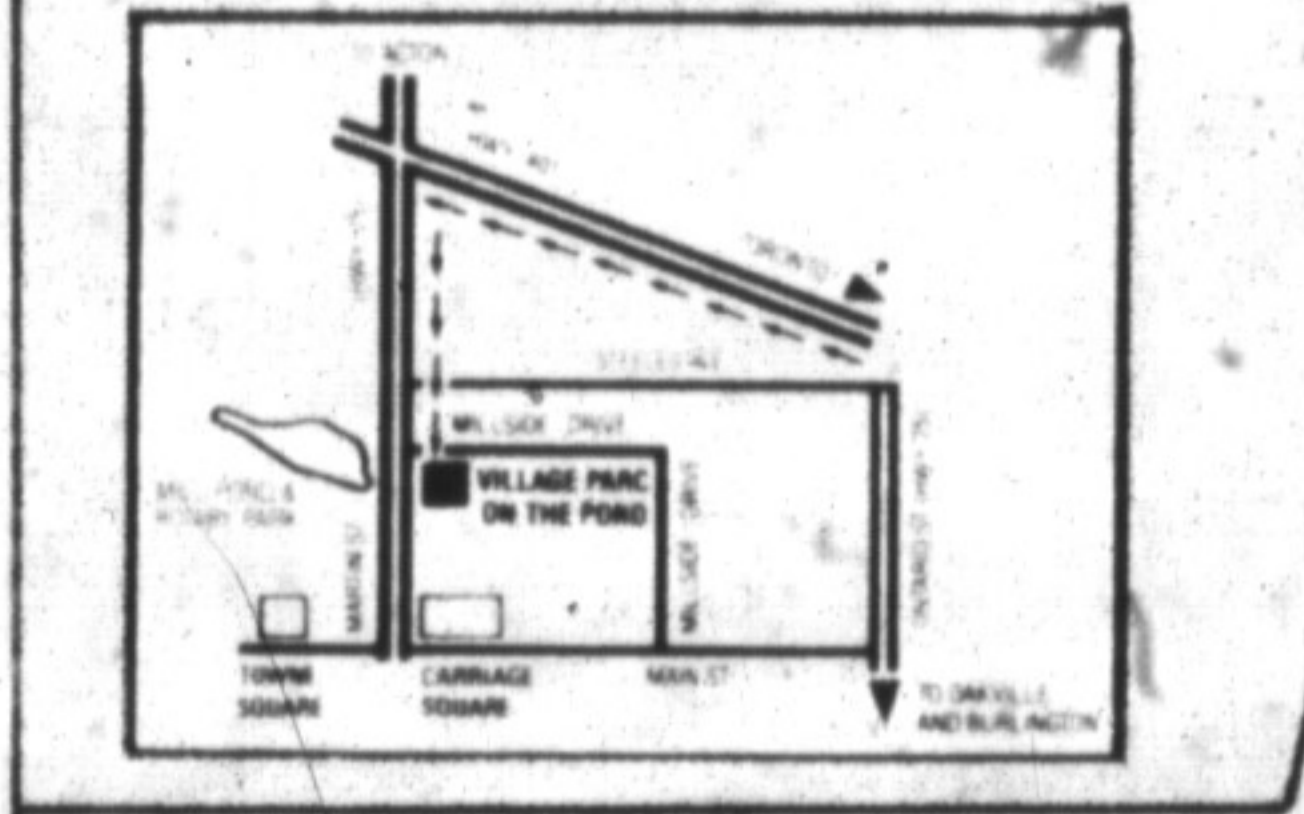
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