

Selects soccer league champions bow to Scarborough

Losses were rare this season for the under 16 girls selects but five of their six defeats were at the hands of Scarborough — the team that put them in runner-up spot at final tournament.

The weekend of Sept. 12 was the last (of nine) tournaments for the Leggett Weatherhead soccer selects.

The Scarborough United Esso Challenge Cup brought together 12 teams in this age group and Milton found itself in with three tough teams from Grimsby, London and Ajax. The close scores were indicative of this equality.

In the first game, Marisa Capobianco and Catherine Kemp lead Milton to a 2-0 victory over Ajax. London then lost to Milton, as Kemp and Angela Mastracci found the marks. Mastracci was fed by a pass up from Michelle Maynard at midfield.

In the final game of the day against

Grimsby, both teams fought back and forth until the final few minutes. Kelly Douglas initiated a long sprint around the defence from almost center field, then completed a letter-perfect pass out front to Kemp, who slammed in the winner.

The semi-finals against Georgetown saw Milton whip them 3-1 as Capobianco, assisted by goalie Linda Lipari who fed a long goalkick past center field, found the mark first. Kemp, assisted by another long pass from the ever-accurate foot of Shona Cameron, hit the second goal. Michelle Damp karate-kicked in the third goal from a scramble in front of the net.

In the final against Scarborough, Milton opened the scoring when Kelly Douglas blasted in a clearing pass from Capobianco and Kemp, who worked the ball up into the Scarborough end. The half ended 1-1 as Scar-

borough was awarded a penalty kick, which went wide. Then they were awarded a second effort as the lineman claimed Lipari moved too soon in goal. The second attempt found the mark.

The roof caved in during the second half, which seems to be the fate of Milton against this powerful and skilled Scarborough team, who proceeded to score another 2 goals, and win 4-1.

This is the third major tournament that Milton has lost to Scarborough for the tournament championship and cup (ie. Brampton, Oakville, and this one).

Perfect Season

Last weekend (Sept. 19) the Milton team was pitted against a strong and aggressive under 18 team from Bolton for the North Peel Halton finals. After the first half, Milton led 3-

0 off two fast and identical breakaway goals off perfect chip shots up from midfield, by Catherine Kemp and Kelly Douglas.

Shannon Prevost banged in the third goal of the half. That was all that was needed as nobody scored in the second half and Milton capped off a perfect season for their house league, with 17 wins and no losses or ties. They won both trophies; one for finishing first, and the playoff championship.

In total for the season, Milton scored 205 goals and only allowed in 46 against some difficult teams, which is a tremendous tribute to both the flawless and steady goaltending of Linda Lipari but also the rock-solid defensive unit comprising Viviana Gerace, Shona Cameron, Jody Gregory, Lisa Frizzo, Angela Mastracci, and Heather Woods, according to coach Fred Douglas.

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Drilled

Senior Milton District football players practice blocking drills Monday in preparation for a home game against Oakville's St. Thomas Aquinas Friday afternoon. The seniors kicked off their season last Friday and the juniors begin action tomorrow at home. Milton District High School is the only local secondary school to field football teams.

Merchants edged 1-0 in home opener to archrival Blades

By STEVE LeBLANC
Special to The Champion

Despite a solid performance in their home opener, including good penalty killing and some strong goaltending, the Milton Merchants were edged 1-0 by the Oakville Blades Friday evening at Memorial Arena.

In their season opener last Wednesday in Royal York against the Rangers, Milton scored a decisive 10-6 victory and now sport a record of 1-1.

The Merchants were short staffed Friday evening with four of their top penalty killers sitting out including veteran Clancy Seymour and newcomer Chris Arro, who had his hand stepped on by an opponent's skate in Wednesday's matchup.

"We were short staffed but I think we did a pretty good job killing off our penalties. As well, Aaron did a good job in net," said Milton head coach Rick Bince. "However, I don't like losing in my own building."

Merchant goalie Aaron Beals, who played with the Sudbury Wolves last season, played well between the pipes Friday evening, facing a dozen plus shots each period and coming up with several impressive saves throughout the game.

In fact, had it not been for a third-period scramble in front of Milton's net followed by a bouncing puck that found its way in, the game could very well have gone either way.

First period play saw some good action from the opening faceoff with exciting offensive attacks from both teams and some strong netminding from Beals, who held off attackers during many Blade power plays.

Oakville forwards penetrated Milton's defence several times in the opening period but just couldn't capitalize on their chances.

The first period was highlighted by excellent scoring opportunities by Merchant captain Daner Finn and teammate Sonny Cardillo. As well, Sean Lindsay lifted a well marked wrist shot past Blade goalie Martin Ethier which looked as though it went in. However, the puck had only hit the cross bar.

The Merchants began to show signs of improvement on defence in the second period, particularly from

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Runners prove to be mighty mites

The Athletique International mite girls ran away with the team championship at a cross-country meet Saturday.

Milton runners at the meet in Oakville's Shell Park took the top three spots in the 1,000 metre mite division with Rachel Truant leading the pack at 5:18.2 followed by Laura Dobrinski 5:21.4 and Vanessa Juzenas at 6:39.7.

In the 1,500 metre tyke girls event, Milton runner Alana Juzenas was second with a time of 6:14.9.

Winning third place was Bienne Camani with a time of 7:19.3 and in sixth was Milton's Tasha-Truant at 7:49.4.

Laura Greenwood ran her longest race as an entry in the atom 2,000 metre and managed a third place finish with a time of 9:08.3.

Another third for a Milton runner was captured by Chris McNeill in the bantam boys 3,000 metre event. It was the 13-year-old's first time in the bantam division and Athletique's coach Bruce Burton said the runner liked the look of the medals. That incentive appeared to work as he ran his longest race ever in a time of 12:08.7.

The Athletique International's next meet will be Monday, Oct 5 when they'll have a pizza party. The privately run team is open to all ages.

Mr. Burton currently coaches runners from the age of 8-41 years.

For information about the team call 827-1934.