

APOLLO HAS UNDEFEATED SEASON WITH TIE VS CURINGA



CURINGA FIELD, LONDON, ON (NR)

A capacity crowd of 39 were on hand to see Apollo finish their season undefeated with a tie against rivals Curinga 2-2. Last time these two teams met was early on in the season, and it was Apollo coming back to tie Curinga 1-1. This time around, it was Curinga's two late goals in the last 10 minutes to tie Apollo 2-2. Apollo missing 5 starters vs Curinga's 4 starters. So it was to be a tough game for both teams. 10 minutes into the game, it was Apollo's Marco Ianelli with a run down the right side, he then crossed it low to a wide open John Doris, who whiffed at it, only to be put in by Nunzio Raso to make it 1-0. It was Raso's 10th of the year. "Great run by Marco and a great let by Doris," said a happy Raso. Moments later, it was Marco with a bullet to the left side of Curinga's keeper, and it hit twine to make it 2-0 in the first half. The game was going back and forth. It was an even game to that point. Apollo keeper Kirk Farfaras had the start as he also played his only other game vs Curinga. Michael "Mustard the Mouth" Mastrandrea was promoted to striker. "You watch me, I'm going to score 2 goals, and 3 assists, I'm all over the place, you just watch. We did watch, but no goals and no assists for Mike. In the 2nd half, Curinga was pressing and not to be outdone, they were pinching relentlessly. A shot that Farfaras saved came back out and Curinga bounced on the rebound to make it a 2-1 game with minutes left. With a Curinga corner kick late in the game, Apollo forward Ianelli made contact with a Curinga player in the penalty box, and the number 1 ranked referee on Clarke Road, Roberto, awarded a penalty shot. Curinga made no mistake and tied it up 2-2. A great effort by Apollo considering who they were missing. They finished the season in 1st with 15 wins and 3 ties, while allowing a ridiculous 9 goals against. "I cannot wait for the competition to heat up in 1st division next year," said an ecstatic Ang Fragakos."

RAZ KICKS...congrats to Peter Marek who recorded 4 headballs and extended his heaballing streak to 16 games...Apollo outshot Curinga 7-4...Curinga, was the only team that Apollo did not beat this year...Apollo B of the 4th division, Sporting of the 4th division and Portuguese of the 1st division all finished undefeated...Apollo finished with home record of 8 wins and 1 tie, while recording 7 wins and 2 ties on the road...Referee Roberto was at 7 Apollo games to set a MMSL record...his guitar playing has now been banned at Hellenic Club, Curinga Club and at the Portuguese club...a special thanks to all our great sponsors, we couldn't of done it without you!