

## Mosquito Madness a Huge Success:

This year the National Capital Amateur Football Association (NCAFA) partnered with the Panthers to organize the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual running of Mosquito Madness. The goal of this event was to showcase Mosquito level football and showcase it we did...



The Day began with opening ceremonies that really helped to set the tone for the day. All teams, approximately 560 players were marched on to the field led by a piper. This was immediately followed by opening remarks from Cumberland Panthers Past President Mr. Dix Lawson. The crowd of approximately 1500 then stood at attention for the National Anthem sung by 13 year old Panthers fan Allison O'Brien. Ottawa City Councillor Rob Jellett, Honorary Chair of this year's event then made the ceremonial kick off to officially begin a great day of football.



Mosquito Madness is not intended to be a full out competitive event. Rather it is intended to highlight youth football in our community and to give new players and their families a flavour for the game. With this in mind, teams do not compete for their individual clubs but rather contribute overall points in this East vs. West competition. This year the West dominated from beginning to end. While there was no trophy awarded, the West earned bragging rights until Mosquito Madness rolls around again giving the East an opportunity to redeem themselves next year.



The day also featured a Pass, Punt and Kick contest. Each team was able to enter 3 players into the competition and prizes were awarded for first and second place in each skill. First place in the Kick competition was awarded to Alex Brazeau of the Gatineau Vikings who kicked the ball a walloping 45 yards! Second prize was awarded to Christian St. Pierre of the Canterbury Mustangs who followed close behind with a terrific kick of 42 yards. In the Punt category, Alex Brazeau rose to the challenge again taking first

place with a punt of 39 long yards. Cumberland Panther Will Wojcik was close on his heels taking second place with an impressive 36 yard punt. In the pass category, Stephan Owens of the Bel Air Lions got in on the action with a pass of 47 yards! Christian St. Pierre made his presence felt once more with a pass of 44 yards. Congratulations to all winners in the Pass, Punt and Kick competition.



Attendees to the event were treated to some great football with 28 mini-games played throughout the day. It was quite impressive to see the general high quality of play by all teams especially given that most teams have only had a few practices at this point in the season. If the quality of football we enjoyed on the weekend is any indication, NCAFA football fans are in for a tremendous treat in this 2007 season.

There were great prizes to be won and won they were. Most of us looked on enviously as some lucrative 50/50 prizes were claimed and four lucky fans walked away with a brand new golf bag, a portable DVD player, an iPod Nano, and the big prize - a 42" Plasma screen HD TV. Congratulations to all prize winners. Thanks to all who came out to support this great event.

We hope that everyone had a wonderful time. Before long we'll be looking forward to Mosquito Madness again and the chance to win bragging rights away from the West.