

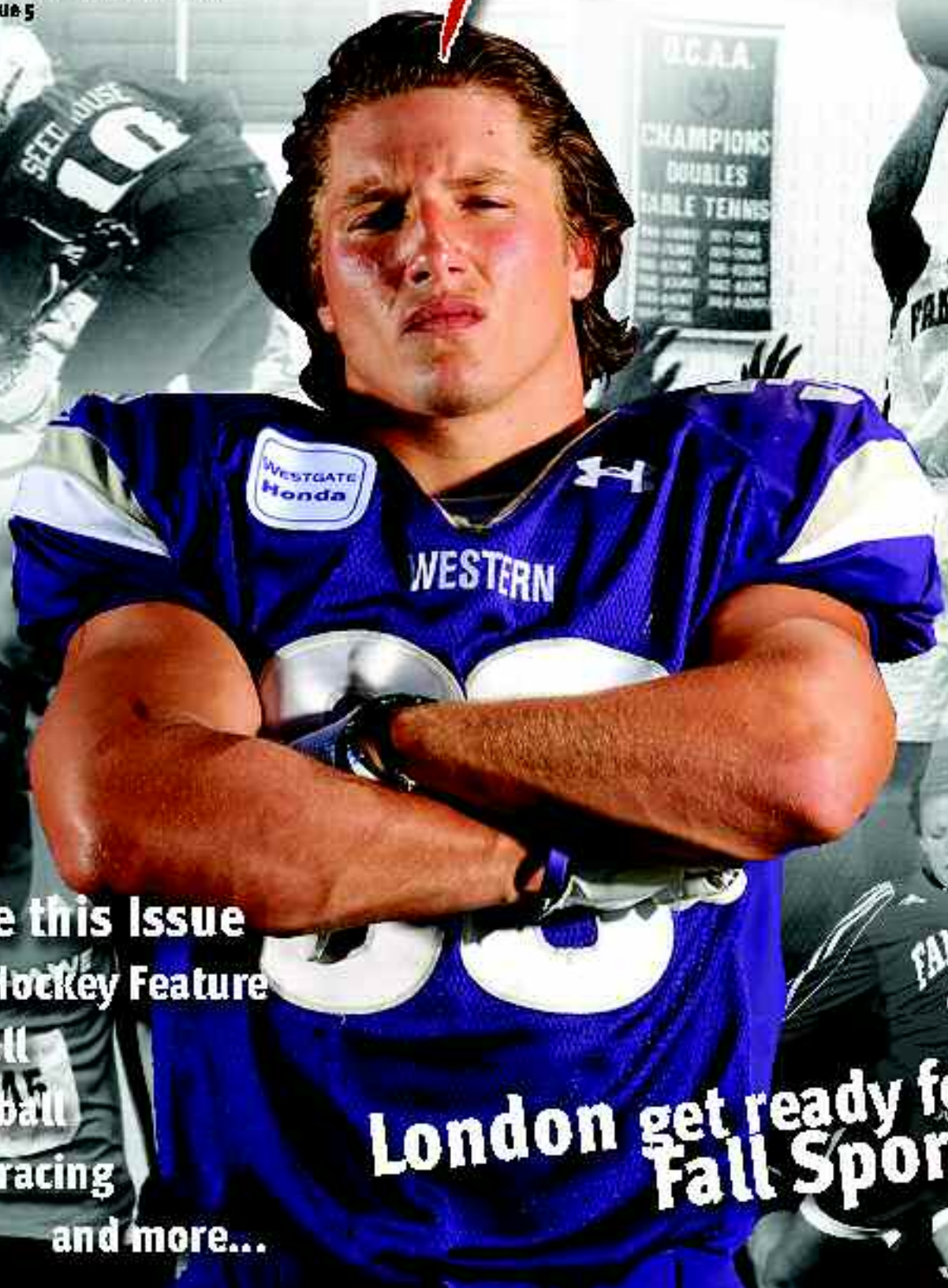
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ENGLISH PREMIER LEAGUE SEASON PREVIEW

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LAST SEASON	WATCH	PREDICTION
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st & FA Cup Winner • 103 goals scored (top of league by 17) • 6-0 record against top 4 • 1 loss and 1 draw at home 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Age of team a concern • Defense 	Fight w/ United for title
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2nd by a point • Break-through campaign for striker Wayne Rooney scoring 34 goals in all competitions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-field questions • Goal scorer besides Rooney 	Fight w/ Chelsea for title
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd • Arsenal had 2 wins, 4 losses and no ties against United, Chelsea and Liverpool and must improve. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need new keeper • Need healthy Fabregas 	Top 4 not top 2
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A solid year last season, manager Harry Redknapp is a skipper who gives it a go and can provide a lot of entertaining football. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start of season key • Need fresh star player 	Not top 4
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City went from 10th to 5th but not winning any silverware, extending their drought to 34 years • Spent most in PL 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shaky defense • Consistent late play 	4th seems likely
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th • 33% of their points coming on the road • Trouble converting 1 point to 3 points 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Manager • Need healthy Torres 	Same or up to 6th



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London Red Flying High

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London was represented as “Red Till Dead”, the London branch of the Manchester United Supporters Club of Canada, made their way to Toronto to watch a friendly between the red devils and Scottish Premier League club, Glasgow Celtic. United kicked off their pre-season tour beating Celtic by a score of 3-1 before 39,193 at the Rogers Centre.



Photo by Patrick Mooney

Manchester United has a reputation for being one of the best football clubs in the world. With that comes expectation. At times, passes lacked that crispness you would expect from the reds. The surging counter-attack was not quite there and most of the players only played 45-55 minutes. From the sounds of the fans at the game, that did not really matter as they bathed the stadium in red, singing songs and waving their flags - one even saying “United, Kids, Wife - In That Order”. In the sea of red, there was even one female Celtic fan screaming in a loud, high-pitched voice “Go Celtic” every minute, getting a rise out of the United supporters. She even spilled her drink on a United fan in front of her when Celtic scored. It was a game within a game.

Entering their second season, the London supporters club invites all United fans to come to The Scot’s Corner (corner of Wellington/Dundas). The club is raffling off a brand new United home jersey on September 19th as the Red Devils play host to rivals Liverpool.

For more information, go to www.redtilldead.com



Rona Soccer Day

On Saturday, August 7 at Rona on Commissioners Road East, the GOLS Soccer School and RONA put on a full day of soccer, food and fun for the London community.

More than 500 people — including London mayor Anne Marie DeCicco-Best — turned out to enjoy the free BBQ lunch and the chance to win lots of great prizes while watching kids aged 4 to 16 play the beautiful game.

The event was held to raise money for C.C. Carruthers and to help play for their Dream Playground. The goal was the raise \$5,000 — a goal that was easily achieved through the generosity of the London community.

GOLS and RONA have collaborated on several events in the past and both sides are looking forward to working together again, including a second running of this event next year.



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