

# Referees still needed for Rockwood soccer season

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The biggest concern for Rockwood Minor Soccer this year surrounds the men and women in black. League president Bonnie

Zukowski says there are no carded referees this year, meaning substitutes will be imported from Fergus, Acton, Kitchener and Guelph.

She points out it could cost the league up to \$5 per referee for

each game once travel expenses are dealt with. Referees are paid based on the level of play they oversee (i.e., an Under-17 ref would get \$17 plus travel fee).

"I guess it's a sign of the times," says Zukowski of the shortage. "A lot of people are working two jobs and this comes last. But I would still love to have some referees."

The league pays for a referee's clinic and travel expenses.

With a shortage, players from the Boys' Under-17 rep team will also referee, but won't be paid.

Zukowski expects at least 200 players to join the league for the 1994 season, despite a count of only 80 as of Monday afternoon.

The anticipated horde of soccer buffs are expected to fill the Rockmosa Community Centre on Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm for the final registration. It's the only non-Tuesday registration day the league had set. The fee for house league and rep play is \$50.

Zukowski says there will be two teams in each of the Under-7, 9, 11, 13, 15 and 17-year-old mixed divisions. The Preemie Division of 3 to 5-year-olds will consist of 17 players who will learn where to run in game situations and how to kick the ball. There will only be one Under-17 rep squad this year, but it will be fairly large, she adds. The rep team likely will be un-

able to travel extensively for tournaments due to a shortage of funds.

They will do some travelling, though, visiting Owen Sound, Kincardine, Mount Forest, Woolwich and Listowel, to name a few.

"Acton is going with an all-girls team this year, but we don't have enough bodies to fill a girls team in any of the age groups."

Numbers for soccer have ballooned from just five years ago.

"Once the kids get hooked they stay. There's tremendous physical action in soccer and that's good for the young children."

Practices for all teams are slated to be on May 1, with games running from May 24 to Sept. 1.



DOGGING IT: Carlie Rauwerda, 9, did her best to get Harley the dog to pull her down a driveway on Thursday. Trailing is Kristin Vanderlaan, 10. (Doug Harrison photo)

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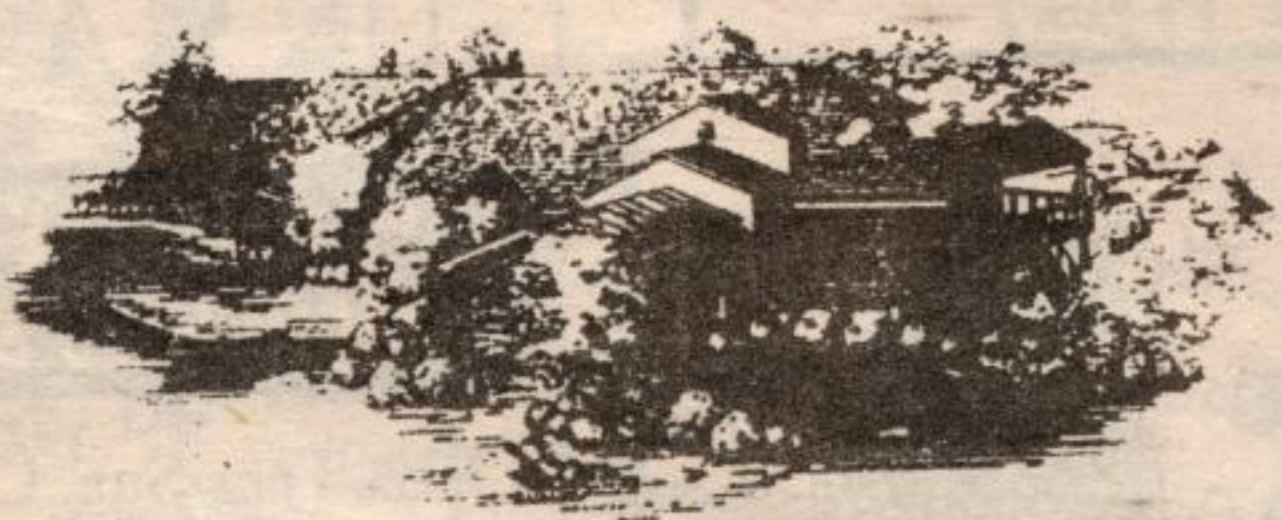


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