

On your way, Graham

Markham High's Craig Chuba, left, hands the baton to Graham MacDonald of Thornlea high and he's on his way to complete this area's miles in the big Cross Canada Run to celebrate High School Sport

Week in Canada. The baton will eventually travel right across Canada. Proceeds go to high school sports. All area relay teams participated. The pick-up was at the town hall Wednesday of last week.

Starting gun fires!

By Bob Thompson

The south zone, con- local educators. sisting of Bayview finalists in this sport.

the overall award at the Georgian Bay finals are pionships seems to be Parry Sound . . . a good secondary this season two hours drive north. among the six local teams participating.

placed on the develop- the west; then the OFSAA ment of individual athletes for the Georgian Bay and OFSAA competitions.

In my view, lack of proper training facilities, increased qualifying competitions, and finances, have combined to cause this cutback in enthusiasm for track and field by local high schools.

The pathetic facility situation with Richmond Hill is well known with only one 400-metre track at Langstaff Secondary School being available and this facility is in need of extensive repair.

The addition of yet another qualifying meet after the Georgian Bay finals is designed to minimize the number of competitors who will advance to the OFSAA finals in Sudbury one week later.

always been pressing Track and field com- close on the heels of the petitions among the local track and field season and high schools fires off the loss of study and Thursday at the Thornlea classroom time has never sat well with many of the

The lack of proper Secondary School, facilities also forces our Thornlea, Langstaff, high schools to travel Richmond Hill, Thornhill, great distances for the St. Roberts, Woodbridge championship meets. and Markham, have This year's York County always provided keen championships will be competition and Ontario held outside the region at Etobicoke Stadium in Enthusiasm to capture Metro Toronto, the York County cham- slated, once again for

A semi-final meet for OFSAA is scheduled for Emphasis appears to be Brantford, 100 miles to

finals are in Sudbury, for only the enthusiastic over a two day period in and talented athletes. the hinterlands of our province.

many of the high schools casualty list which have cut back from large, already includes football everyone participates and senior teams, to select coaching basketball.

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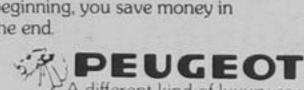
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Hill soccer league hosts Mexico squad

By Jane Stel

Richmond Hill will get senior ladies' team ages a taste of some "south of 18 years and up organized the border" soccer action for the first time. come the last week of July and the first week of is now under way and all August.

Mosquito team from Mexico will be competing days. against one in the Rich-Association.

The boys will be billeted by the parents of the local team. A series of exhibition games and social events are being prepared for the 10 day visit.

This will be one of the highlights during another booming season forecasted for 1977 with 525 youngsters registered



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Formation of the teams registered players should be receiving word from That's when a Major their respective coaches within the next 7 to 10

There will also be a

to date.

mond Minor Soccer team coaches have Minor Soccer Association get their teams together. Richvale Lions Youth A Soccer-A-Thon has parade next Saturday. been scheduled for June Any youngsters from participating.

> its development fund. Monies raised will be up.

hill minor

Town representative The Richmond Hill already been out trying to will have a float in the

with hopefully all players the soccer association wishing to participate in in order to be in the line-

soccer

shared equally with York Central Hospital. More details on this later.

The association hopes this event should be at to raise some money for Pearson Park by 12 noon.

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