

# New era beckons minor soccer

By Jane Stel

Minor soccer in the Richmond Hill and Thornhill areas will be carving out a new era in 1977 when the Region of York Inter-District Soccer League officially kicks off for the first time.

A total of 1000 boys will be competing in the new 50-team league which

encompasses seven areas comprising King City, Kleinburg, Stouffville, Markham, Thornhill, Aurora and Richmond Hill.

It'll be the first time that many of the youngsters will have an opportunity to compete against outside leagues and improve their talents. That's the way new

president Les Trotman of Richmond Hill sees the advent of the new league. "It means that competitive soccer can be brought to these areas where it did not, except in a few cases, exist before," said Trotman. "This should enable soccer skill to develop along more rational and consistent lines."

Trotman feels the greatest advantage lies "just as much in the breaking down of the old parochial barriers that existed thereby opening up the entire Region for the future."

"It offers minor soccer in a controlled and organized way associated with an organized and controlled Ontario body."

"Psychologically, also, it reinforces the realization of all soccer players' dreams — total involvement in soccer provincially, nationally and internationally."

Clubs in the league will be eligible to enter the Ontario Cup, many for the first time.

"Also, the names of the new clubs will be distributed much more widely, making themselves known to the many, many other clubs and associations throughout Ontario. This, in turn, opens many doors to tournaments on a very broad panorama."

Trotman observed that the new league would in no way diminish the value of the individual house leagues "which are the real backbone of any association or league."

As for the future of the new league? Trotman envisages the eventual entering of new communities from such places as Uxbridge, Nobleton, Barrie, Bradford and on up to and including Lake Simcoe. "Obviously, it will not be possible, for distance

reasons alone, to form one league in the future. I see a north and south split, and, possibly, an Inter-Region Cup competition."

Trotman said the Region will be running its own Cup competition in 1977.

"It will probably be known as the Region of

York Cup but this has yet to be confirmed", he said.

Trotman said the league got started by a combination of encouragement from the Ontario Minor Soccer Association but even more so the "earnestness of the clubs that promp-

ted the action into going Region."

He also thanked President Harry Kleine of North York Minor Soccer Association as well as the new league's executive and convener directors. The executive comprises President Trotman

of Richmond Hill; Vice-president Sal Mortelliti of King City; Secretary, Ron MacLachlan, Thornhill; Treasurer, Bob Small, Aurora; Match Secretary, George Johnstone, Newmarket; Registrar, Bill Church, Markham.



(Photo by Hogg)

## Some buddy

Ouch. Some early-in-the season minor soccer action here as Thornhill players Donald Mummy and Campbell Torrance get their signals mixed in exhibition game with Richmond Hill.

## Will enforce speed limit

A new brochure for power boat operators outlining speed limits in specific areas will be released next weekend by the Ontario ministry of natural resources.

The boating regulations, 99 of them, were passed by the Federal Government in October of 1976, but will be administered by the Ministry of Natural Resources and enforced by the Ontario Provincial Police.

Copies of the brochure can be obtained from the Ministry of Natural Resources, OPP offices, offices of the Trent-Severn Waterway and Rideau Canal and marinas in relevant areas.

"The 90 regulations dealing with speed limits are primarily meant to curb the recklessness and lack of responsibility shown by some pleasure craft operators," said Natural Resources Minister Frank S. Miller.

"This applies particularly around vacation areas," he said.

Most regulations apply to Southern Ontario, the Trent-Severn Waterway, Rideau Canal and Muskoka area.

Speed limits are generally set at six miles per hour in restricted areas. Thirty eight of the regulations apply to portions of the Trent-Severn Canal system, 26 to the Rideau Canal and eight to Lake Muskoka, Lake St. Joseph, Shadow Lake, Indian River and Walker Lake, all in Muskoka.

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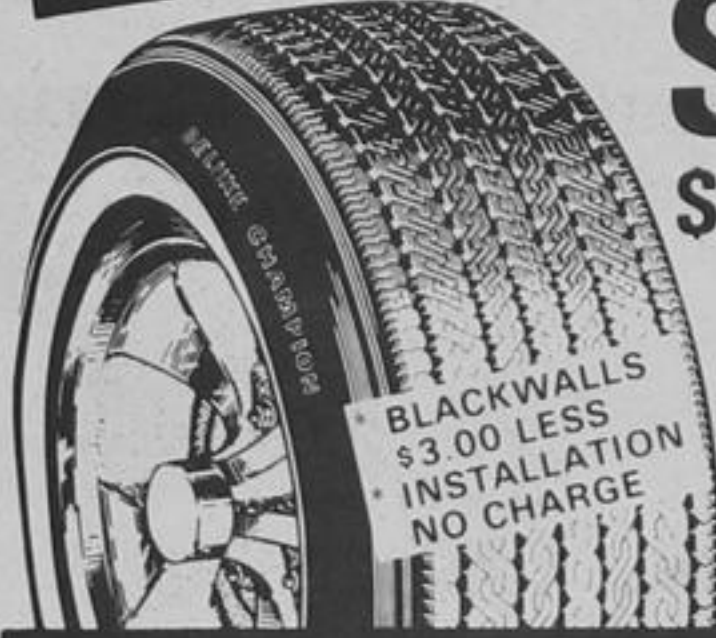
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