

# Hill midgets have new coach

By FRED SIMPSON

When coach Bruce Richter has taken his Chateaugay team to the

Richmond Hill International Midget hockey tournament in 1975 he, well, fell in love with it. "I was so impressed by

the way it was run and the people I met I decided that if I ever moved to Toronto I would get involved in minor hockey in Richmond Hill." Presto.

Richter is now coach of the Richmond Hill Legion Midgets hockey team and, come next March, wouldn't mind bringing that same tournament championship to The Hill for the first time.

States Richter: "I was working in Montreal and my company transferred me to Toronto and I immediately applied for the coaching job here."

He got it and will be moving to Richmond Hill in a very short time and, after that, getting married in January to a girl he met while in Montreal.

**IMPRESSIVE**  
Richter comes with pretty impressive credentials.

He's an ex-Major Junior A player with the Kitchener Rangers (1967-68), attended Brown University in Rhode Island on a hockey scholarship, and then spent the past five years in Quebec coaching minor

and junior hockey. **WON TITLE**  
In the 1974-75 season his Chateaugay team won the provincial championship and got as far as the quarter-finals in the Richmond Hill tournament.

His team lost out in the provincial final championships in 1975-76 but still managed to impress with a first place finish in the Boston tournament.

Last season saw Richter move into the junior ranks as coach of the Fleur de Lis team from Thetford Mines and got as far as the finals. How will he do with the Legion Midgets?

**OPTIMISTIC**  
After four weeks of training camp, Richter is optimistic.

"We're coming along," he said. "We have a good, skating team and lots of depth. The key to our success will be how hard we work, how disciplined the players are. The ability is there."

Richter is serious about the "discipline" end of the game.

"Unnecessary penalties have got to go," he said. "If you can eliminate foolish penalties in midget hockey it means wins

against clubs who may have more talent going for them."

One of his "no-no's" will be levelled against players that berate game officials and draw misconduct as a result.

"If one of my players draws a misconduct for arguing he'll also sit out the next game. I just don't go for that type of hockey. You're not out there to argue or fight. You're out there to score goals."

Another "no-no" is profanity.

"I just don't want my players using profanity."

This season's Legion Midgets will also be subject to certain dressing and grooming regulations.

The players will be supplied with green, leather jackets and white turtle-neck sweaters and will be required to wear same to hockey games, both home and away.

"They must have suitable haircuts, be

neatly groomed. I don't want to be unnecessarily strict but I do feel that if a team dresses and looks sloppy they play that way."

**LINE-UP**  
Richter's lineup this season will include the following:

Goalies Ted Inch (who has been seeing a lot of action with the Richmond Hill Rams), Chris Butler and Rick Warren.

"I have a real problem here," said Richter. "All three goalies have looked tremendous. It'll be a tough decision to cut down to two."

His defence will comprise Jeff Josling, Danny O'Sullivan, Rob McKinlay and Len McVeigh.

He's especially high on McKinlay who hails from Richvale and "is a tremendous poke checker".

Yet another prospect is Jack Cross who has the versatility to play either

defence or forwards.

Up front one line will likely be Terry Thorsell, also of Richvale, centring Craig Halliday on left wing and Maurice Delfabro on the right side.

Richter is elated with the showing of Thorsell who he states is "one of the fastest skaters I've seen in midget hockey for a long time."

Another line will see rugged Jack Vantol on right wing, Richard Hughes in the centre spot and Scott Bartlett on left wing.

"Vantol is a big guy and he can really move the puck up the right boards," said Richter.

He'll also have another line made up of Ted Graham on the left side, Joel Reeves at centre and Jim Majury on the left wing.

Another hopeful is Bruce Buchan who, states Richter, "has tremendous potential if he puts his mind to it."

Coach Richter has certainly put his mind to having a winning year. Manager of team is Sandy Dunlop.

Especially come Richmond Hill Midget International Tournament time next March. Would be nice.



## Changes

New Richmond Hill Legion Midget hockey coach Bruce Richter has some new ideas on how he hopes this season will go.

## Judoka clean up

Thornhill Budokai Judo Club instructor Chris Toule was on the verge of being happy.

He's never really happy unless he's first. All the time.

"I'm never happy because you can't be. You're always trying to improve," he said.

But he admitted to a slight grin after last week's showing at the Centennial Open Junior Judo championships at the Japanese Culture Centre in Don Mills.

Toule sent 10 competitors and came home with four firsts, three seconds, and a third in the various age and weight categories.

To wit:  
His club racked up firsts in the following:

Ages 12 to 13, 110 pounds, Peter Rak; 12 to 13 years, under 80 pounds, Iain Reynolds; 12 to 13-year-old, under 125 pounds, Wayne Miller; 14 and 15, under 130 pounds, Steven Sheffield.

Seconds:  
Ages 11 years and under, under 75 pounds, Alex Thibeault 15 years, girls, under 125 pounds, Carol Rak.

Age 15 years and old, open weight, Terry Miller.

Thirds:  
Ages 15 years and older, under 125 pounds, Anna Syr.

"Yes, I'm happy," he concluded. "Although I thought we could have had one or two more first place ribbons. We were against good competition so I was satisfied."

## Thornlea ties soccer

The Thornlea Secondary School Junior soccer team had its perfect record despoiled somewhat last week via a couple of ties.

Last Wednesday it was a 1-1 tie against Aurora with Angelo Lavinio getting the only Thornlea goal on one of his "patented special", a 35-yard boot.

Coach Fraser Cartwright said Thornlea "had 80 per cent of the territorial play but we just couldn't score".

It was much the same story last Friday as the Thornlea fought to a 1-1 tie with Thornhill.

This time the Thornlea goal went to Ian Coles with Lavinio drawing an assist.

"Again we dominated play," said Cartwright, "but again we had difficulty finishing our plays."

Thornlea's Hal John and John Trimboli stood out defensively.

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