

Soccer teams head for sunshine



Minor Mosquito Richmond Hill Kinsmen are well aware of opposition's calibre



Minor Atom Dynes Jewellers are the only Canadian reps in their division

By JANE STEL

Christmas is a time for Santa Claus, exchange of gifts, snow and family reunions.

But for 78 members, parents and friends of the Richmond Hill Minor Soccer Club, Christmas 1977 will also mean travel, sunshine and soccer.

These lucky souls represent the Richmond Hill contingent in the 1977 Junior Orange Bowl soccer tournament in Miami, Florida, from December 26 to 29.

The local club will be making its third successive appearance in this international tournament and will be represented in the boys divisions by the Minor Atom Dynes Jewellers and the Minor Mosquito Richmond Hill Kinsmen.

For the first time the local girls will be represented by the Cadillac-Baif Mosquitoes.

The Dynes boys are the only Canadian representatives in their division and will face strong opposition from local Florida clubs as well as teams from the soccer hotbeds of Virginia, Maryland, Texas and Mexico.

Coaches Art Gossman and Brian Shephard are confident that their charges will put up a good performance, recognizing that they are entering the tournament as the Region of York League and Cup champions for 1977.

As Gossman remarked, "the name Dynes Jewellers is synonymous with champions and we would love to bring home the first international tournament soccer championship to Richmond Hill."

Team members making the trip are Mike Kenny, Mauro Paoletti, Guy Brown Piirto, Russel Armstrong, Dino Buffon (Captain), Jon Byers, Neil Berger, Terry August, Mark Shephard, Mike Nelson, Kelly Rheeder, Peter Bullock and Danny Jensen.

The Kinsmen are also well aware of the calibre of the opposition facing them which includes Annandale and Reston, Virginia, Bowie, Maryland, Northport, New York, Ridgefield, Connecticut, Instituto Mexico and

Guildwood from Scarboro.

Coaches Maurice Cooke and Martin Painter are quick to point out that the Hill boys are not exactly inexperienced in tough competition.

As a minor atom team they lost narrowly to champions Annandale in the 1975 Orange Bowl tournament and have improved since then.

They are also the reigning Region of York League and Cup champions and had an excellent tournament in Chatham, New Jersey in May of 1977.

Wearing the green and white will be Orveo Paolett, Gino Digioacchino, Chris Pescador, Shaun Cooke, Robbie Stel, Kevin Ryan, Terry Coles, Andrew Phelps, Kelly Grams, Scott Massey, Kenny Harrington, Jeff Mencil and Glen Dimpfel.

The enthusiasm of the Cadillac-Baif girls for the tournament can be judged by the fact they are carrying the maximum 16 players on the team.

This is the first venture of the fairer sex from the Hill into the Orange Bowl and coaches Joan Cowe and Carolyn Wynn are looking forward to doing battle with the best teams in the United States.

"In general, our girls are considerably younger than the opposition," comments Joan, "but we have a lot of enthusiasm and most of the girls played on the North York Cup championship team."

"We feel we can put on a good performance."

The girl's team comprises Monica Stohr, Natalie Ross, Susy Kelly, Susy Hamann, Linda Sciberas, Christie Traganitis, Helen Eggleston, Virginia Douse, Elizabeth Dandy, Pat Jeffreys, Regina Castelletti, Leslie Don, Leslie Dunbar, Bernice Granton, Anne Newton, and Susy Hohener.

Accompanying the teams will be executive directors Ed Kenny and Doreen Thomas, together with some 30 other parents and friends.

The party will leave the Richmond Hill Arena at 9:15 a.m. on December 26 for Toronto International Airport.

During their stay in Miami, the teams will be the guests of the Cutler Ridge Soccer Club.

Following the tournament, the party will spend two days in Orlando with a full day savoring the delights of Disney World, before flying back to Toronto on December 31.

Estimated time of arrival at

the Richmond Hill Arena will be 2:30 p.m.

Information on how the teams are faring during the tournament can be obtained by phoning Eric Byers at 887-5902 (Minor Atoms), Pat Cooke at 881-5170 (Minor Mosquitoes) or Yvonne Kelly at 884-3038 (Girls).



The girls' team, Cadillac-Baif Mosquitoes, is young but enthusiastic

Higher profile wanted

Although requests for advice on everything from sewers to cockroaches come in regularly to Helpmate information centre, the Richmond Hill service is actively seeking a higher profile in the community.

To help towards this goal, Canada Works has awarded the organization \$6,000.

The project, called "Outreach Richmond Hill", is aimed at the whole town, with concentration on two specific areas.

Director Rhelda Stockall believes the service is not utilized to its fullest by residents in the new Baif subdivision and by Oak Ridges residents, who became part of the town with the formation of York Region.

"A lot of these people are not aware of activities and services they are entitled to," said Mrs. Stockall. "That's why we want to get to these residential areas."

The Outreach program, which will involve three people for 13 weeks, will

also make the public more aware of Helpmate's role by involving the social agencies, schools, churches, businesses and community groups.

Through this program, Mrs. Stockall also hopes to be able to recruit and train more volunteers. At the moment, she has the help of about 25 volunteers who give a total of 100 hours a month to the organization. She also has a half time staff assistant, Anne Gerber.

The Helpmate centre, located in the lower level of York Central Hospital, offers a variety of free services to the community, the most obvious of which is provision of information.

But the centre also organizes visitors for shut-ins, and daily phone calls and shopping for the sick.

On the community level, the centre compiles lists of everything from sports groups to Brownie organizations. And through its community calendar which runs in The Liberal, people get "an idea of just what an information service can do", says Mrs. Stockall.

HELPMATE INFORMATION COMMUNITY CALENDAR

883-2234 December - January 883-2234

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			21 Bayview Secondary Concert Band "Sounds of Christmas". St. Mary Immaculate. 8 p.m. Thornhill Amateur Radio Club. Thornlea Secondary, Room 248. Call 881-2891. R.Hill High School band. "Richmond Gold-Christmas Serenade". 8 p.m. in auditorium. Young Life Youth Group meeting at Consumers' Gas bldg. 8 p.m. All welcome.	22 Christmas Dance. York Central Association for the Mentally Retarded. St. Mary Immaculate Church. 8-10 p.m.	23 Christmas Tree Trimming party at Gallanough Library. 1-1 p.m. All welcome.	24 Breakfast with Santa. Hillcrest Mall. 8-10 a.m. St. Paul's United Church, Oak Ridges. Christmas Eve candlelight service. 7.30 p.m.	
	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS from Helpmate Information and The Liberal staffs. St. Paul's United, Oak Ridges. Combined Service. 10 a.m.	26	27 Legal Aid Clinic. By appointment only. 7-10 p.m. 884-9148.	28 Film program for all ages at Charles Connor Library, Oak Ridges. 2 p.m.	29 Children's program "Songs and Silliness". Thornhill Community Centre Library. 2-3 p.m.	30 Turtle races for children. Call Thornhill Community Library for details. 226-2862. Children's holiday film program. Richvale Library. Pre-registration necessary. 10.30 a.m.	31 New Year's Eve Dance. St. Mary Immaculate. 8.30 p.m. 884-9849 or 883-1863. Richvale Lions New Years Eve party at the Richvale Community Centre. 884-5097 or 889-3790. Richmond Hill Lions Club New Years Eve Dance. Lions Hall Buffet & refreshments. 8 p.m.
1 HAPPY NEW YEAR. St. Paul's United Church, Oak Ridges. Combined Worship Service. 10 a.m.	2	3 Mother's Break. Richmond Hill United Church. 9.30 a.m. - 11.15 a.m. Babysitting, coffee and conversation.	4 Parent Concern group. Call Joyce. 884-3503. 8-10 p.m. Jazz Festival Series. Hillcrest Mall every Wednesday. 5.30 p.m. - 8 p.m.	5	6	7	



MIKE PETERS

Lions prepare for 40th

By HAL BLAINE

Rescuing 65 Richmond Hill families a year from the ashes of disaster and despair...

In the 40th anniversary year of the town Lions Club, that's the biggest thrill of it all for 1977-78 President Mike Peters, 45.

"As a Lion you pay and give your time to help other people.

"It does cost a fair amount of money. If you're really sincere, it takes a lot of time. I believe it's a service," he says.

March 11 the club is celebrating its birthday with a Saturday evening dinner dance.

"It's a big event. We expect many people," says Peters, a 12 year Lion.

For President Peters one of the really big things about Lions International is that nobody is discriminated against. It's open to everybody.

"I consider it a great honor to be president of any Lions club, but for me especially, being from another country."

Peters was born in Holland and grew up during the wartime occupation.

He found Canada a land of opportunity for those wanting to work. He started his own upholstery business in Richmond Hill 13 years ago and has been in it ever since.

Local Lion Bill Mirrlees sponsored Peters' club membership a year later.