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fun in the snow . .

Extra Caution For Ice

A fragile mantle of snow may camouflage thin ice or open water. If you must travel on ice, know the waterway. Heavy snows often cause ice to settle, forcing water up through cracks in the ice. The slush ice that results is seldom visible and you may become stuck in it. A drive track jammed with ice in freezing weather can present a real problem. After passing through slush, clear the track quickly as possible by tipping the machine on its side and racing the engine. Ice around heater houses is usually thin and unsafe. Remember, USE EXTRA CAUTION ON ICE.

Q. HOW ARE NUMBERS PLACED ON SNOWMOBILES?

A. The numbers . . . same as those on the registration . . . have to be placed on both sides of the front part of the snowmobile. They can be painted or attached in a permanent manner. Letters must be of block type. They must be at least three inches high and read from left to right from either side.

Q. WHAT DO I DO IF MY SNOWMOBILE IS ABANDONED OR DESTROYED?

A. As owner, you should notify Albany within 15 days. Send in your registration certificate. If your snowmobile is abandoned or destroyed, your registration will be cancelled.

Groomed Snowmobile Trails Increase Under Project

Last winter there were 80 more Skidooz vehicles snowmobiling snowmobile trail areas than the previous winter, adding thousands of additional miles of safe-planned trails available to snowmobilers in the snowbelt of North America. This season additional clubs, government agencies, and private organizations plan to increase the number of miles of properly maintained trails.

The increase of groomed trails has been largely because of SnoPlan, a concept to provide groomed, safe trails, started by the Ski-Doo Division of Bombardier Limited, manufacturer of the world's largest selling snowmobiles.

This year Bombardier is adding increased emphasis to the plan to have more miles of safer snowmobile trails. Offices in Canada and the U.S. have been opened with people helping clubs consolidate efforts.

The two SnoPlan offices also are working with various state and local governments to develop ways in which communities can have groomed trails.

The Canadian company spent several years studying and testing their Sno-

plan ideas. The large snowfalls in Quebec Province provided exceptional conditions with a large number of snowmobilers enjoying weekend fun in the outdoors.

"Out studies," said Laurent Beaudoin, Bombardier president, "have convinced us that the key to the future of safe, enjoyable, correct environmental use of snowmobiles is good trails."

"Snowmobilers almost without exception stayed on and safely enjoyed the groomed trails provided for them," Beaudoin stressed, "wherever they did this, virtually all criticisms of snowmobilers and snowmobiling disappeared."

Assistance to snowmobile clubs has also come from Ski-Doo dealers who have been promoting snowmobile club membership among their customers. Many dealers are also providing their assistance, even loaning clubs an Alpine snowmobile for dragging trails, thus making them smoother and more enjoyable.

"We also are continuing to work with forestry, park and recreation, other public land managers, other government officials, and private land developers, in planning and maintaining good snowmobile trails," the Bombardier president concluded.

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Raiders Whip I.H.C.

Lowville Academy Red Raiders' football team captured a share of the Frontier League "A" Division title with a 34-8 trouncing of Indian River in the season's finale for both teams. The Raiders finished with a 4-1 record in League competition, sharing first place honors with immaculate Heart Central and Carthage. Overall, the locals compiled a 5-2 mark for the 1973 gridiron season under new head coach Neal Aubel.

Quarterback Mike Stewart wasted no time in getting Lowville on the scoreboard against Indian River, hitting banker Marty Hirschey with a 76-yard scoring strike on the second play of the game. Stewart hit fellow Junior Mike Niezaytoski with touchdown passes of 22 yards and 29 yards as the Raiders built a 20-0 halftime edge. In the second half, fullback John Harris tore up the middle of the Warrior defense and scored on runs of 7 yards and 2 yards. Hirschey was Makuch clipped in with a 2-point conversion run, and pint-size tackle Jim Schlieder gave the Red Raiders a 2-point safety when he caught an Indian River punter in the Warrior end zone. The Warriors' only score came on a 27-yard run with a fumble recovery.

The locals' defense did another outstanding job, limiting Indian River to 61 yards total offense, 31 yards on the ground and 30 yards in the air. The hardnosed Raider unit recovered two fumbles, grabbed three interceptions and held the Warriors to only three first downs.

Offensively, the Raiders had 12 first downs with 332 yards total offense. Senior John Harris produced his third 100-yard game effort of the season, gaining 105 yards on 16 carries. Marty Hirschey gained 29 yards on the ground and 92 yards in receptions. Mike Stewart hit on six of 16 passes for 151 yards and had numerous passes dropped.

The Frontier League "A" Division coaches met to decide which of the three teams - Lowville, L.R.C., or Carthage - should represent the "A" Division in the annual championship game against "B" champion General Brown. After lengthy discussion, a vote was conducted with Carthage being selected via four votes as compared to one each for Lowville and I.H.C. Coach Neal Aubel, commenting on the outcome of the vote, had this to say: "Needless to say, our boys were disappointed. We have made such great progress and feel that right now we are the better team. That 'inadvertent whistle' in the Carthage game cost us dearly. I expect that that 'whistle' will be as long remembered and talked about as will be the upset of I.H.C."

Accident Reports . . .

The operator of any snowmobile involved in an accident which results in the injury or death of any person, or property damage to the estimated amount of \$100 or more must report the matter in writing within seven days to the Division of Marine and Recreational Vehicles and a copy of this report must be sent to the sheriff of the county in which the accident occurred.

The operator of a snowmobile involved in an accident must stop and give his name and address, the name and address of the owner of the snowmobile, and its registration number to the other parties involved in the accident or to a police officer or other law enforcement officer.

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