

CLIFFORD JOINS DERRY UNITED

Jon Clifford, Tristar Boys F.C., has joined the Derry United set-up. Jon, the driving force behind Tristar, the very successful local junior club, joins forces with the Derry United team to give the United club management a wider dimension.

Derry United F.C. have founded their club on a youth policy. One of the aims of the organisation is "the continuation of an already existing youth policy, promoting the talents of the local youth in a top class youth team which will form the nucleus of the eventual senior side."

Jon joins up with Jim O'Hea and George McGowan who are already proven successful in junior and youth soccer circles in the past 20 years.

This appointment proves how determined the United F.C. officials are to have a youth set-up second to none.

To channel the energies of the gifted young footballers and to encourage them to work and train with dedication towards a higher standard of performance, Derry United F.C. have entered a youth team in the Dundonald Youth League and League Cup competitions. This league is reputed to be the highest standard for youth football in N. Ireland and is a magnet for all Irish league managers and football scouts.

The games are floodlit and all are played at Link Road — the pitch where the Irish schoolboy international squad train.

Jon Clifford and Jim O'Hea will jointly select the team which is a challenge for the talented Derry youth and an exciting outlet for their abilities. Their first game is on Thursday against Willowfield Juniors. Other teams in Section A are — Glengormley Cadets, Ballymacarnett, Braniel Rangers and Derry United Juniors.

Said joint manager Jim O'Hea: "This looks like being a good development ground for the future "Derry United" and I'm looking forward to working with Jon Clifford to field a top-class youth side fr ^ city