

SPORTS

News and Views

By C. H. Nolan

Not all hockey teams finished up as flush financially last winter as those in this locality. Lindsay, for instance has wound up the season \$259 in the red, according to the newspaper report from that town.

Three members of the Hamilton Oervox Junior 'B' team which defeated Stouffville in the race for Junior hockey honors, have been offered pro contracts. Kraftcheck, the burly defence star, will go to the Cleveland Barons, along with Jankowski, while Harsburg will go to Philadelphia.

LEADING SCORER
Ronnie Simmons, smart young centre player of Aurora Flyers, will hold the W. R. McQuade Tip Top trophy for another year as a result of leading Aurora junior scorer over the season.

VOTED OUTSTANDING
Eric Smith, talented young net minder of Aurora Flyers, has been chosen by his teammates as the outstanding player on the team. Eric will thus be placed on the 1948 O.H.A. honor roll and will receive a gold pin from the association. It is Smith's final year in junior hockey and the award is a most popular one with the fans.

Quebec Champions Made Long Trek West

Dolbeau Travelled a Day and a Night to Reach Oshawa for Playoff Round—Twenty-Seven in the Party

Dolbeau Castors, champions of Quebec Province in Intermediate hockey, who came to Oshawa last weekend to meet Georgetown in an Eastern Canada Intermediate 'A' championship round, left their homes on Thursday night at seven o'clock in order to reach Oshawa on Friday night in time for the first game. It was a jaunt of 800 miles. Dolbeau is located on the fringe of the Saguenay district, about 300 miles north of Quebec City. There were twenty-seven in the party who made the trip, four of the players bringing their wives.

Castors, incidentally, means "Beaver." The Dolbeau Castors are champions of Quebec province and winners over Kirkland Lake, and over Bathurst, the Maritime champs. The team is headed by Edgar Tremblay, coach, and is made up entirely of French Canadians. Only one of the players is in the veteran class, and all are from the little town of Dolbeau, 2500 population. Two or three of the boys can speak English, but not too good. Jacques Lafond, defenseman, was recently voted their "most valuable player." Their goalie is Maurice "Co-Co" Thifault, and is considered better than average, while left-winger, Paul Tremblay, is their high scorer. While in Oshawa, the Dolbeau boys made a trip to Niagara Fall. They will not play the western Canada Intermediate champions this year (if they win against Georgetown), but it is expected that before too many years, this newly created championship will be Dominion-wide.

Muskrat Season Comparatively Good Say Local Trappers

While the Fish and Wildlife Inspector A. M. Hodgson stated recently that this muskrat season which opened on March 20th and closes this Wednesday, April 21st, is the poorest in years in Haliburton, local trappers have not found the going too bad.

Messrs. Levi Fretz and Merv. Bunker of Altona, picked up over sixty pelt in the few weeks, and Mr. A. Harper of Stouffville who operates a line on the creek running through Stouffville has been having a fair catch. Bob Redshaw in Claremont has been purchasing local pelts.

Up in Haliburton, trappers will tell you, "this is a poor season for muskrat trapping but they hope to get better prices by saying this." That was the comment of a local muskrat skin dealer who was of the opinion that the season is just about the same as other years.

"Shortage of skins does not entirely determine the price—there are other factors," said the dealer. He stated that he had purchased quite a number of skins to date and was of the opinion that they were of good quality.

Muskrat trapping in Peterboro district is reported to be small to date although skins are of good quality with the prices averaging \$2.50 each.

Inspector Hodgson attributed the bad season to low water last fall which caused the bogs to freeze.

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Bert Bell Elected to Head Athletic Club

Organization Will Sponsor Two Baseball Teams and Three Girls Softball Teams

At a meeting of the Stouffville Athletic Club in the municipal hall on Monday evening, Bert Bell, local businessman, was unanimously chosen as president to head the organization for 1948. The other officers elected were: Vice president, Reg. Button; secretary-treasurer, Irwin Borinsky; directors, Henry Ogden, Harold Spofford, Ken Laushway, Don Lewis.

Following the election, the meeting immediately set to work to formulate a program for the summer. It was agreed that the Club should operate two boys' baseball teams, a Bantam team for lads under the age of 15, and a Junior team which will apply for a bye into the OBA playdowns. An important change in the Junior baseball setup is that the team will be comprised entirely of local talent, no imports whatsoever this year. A number of players from last year's Midget team will be graduating to the higher company to round out the Junior ranks.

Three girls' softball teams will be organized so that all will get a chance to play. One team will do the travelling during the schedule. Over fifty girls turned out last summer for softball, from which only about a dozen and half could be used on one team.

The Club received with sincere regrets the resignation of Mrs. Robt. Bone as softball coach, but it was thought that she might possibly be prevailed upon to give some guidance.

Messrs. Bruce Winterstein and Everton Smith will manage the girls' teams, while Joe Oulette and Ken Laushway will manage the Bantams and Juniors. Murray Holden and George Smith will do the coaching for the boys.

Georgetown Drops Two To Dolbeaus

Dolbeau Castors took a two-game lead in their Eastern Canada Intermediate "A" championship series with Georgetown OHA champs, in Oshawa Monday night. The Castors scraped out a 3-2 victory in a thrill-packed game before 2,500 fans. They won the first game Saturday night 4-3.

Balance of the five-game series now moves to St. Joseph D'Alm, Que., with the Castors needing only one more victory to clinch the title.

Faced with a one-game deficit, the desperate Georgetown Raiders went all out in their bid to even up the series, but they just couldn't beat Jacques Thifault, the Dolbeau goalie.

In the first period the OHA champs enjoyed a big margin in the play, but the Dolbeaus scored the first goal, waiting for the breaks, and then breaking in to take advantage of their chances. Jack Lalancette took a short pass from Bernaquez and beat Rhodes with a sizzling shot. The Raiders evened the count about five minutes later, Birtwistle notching the tally on a pass that had the Dolbeaus beaten all the way.

In the middle canto Dolbeau again broke in front when R. Blackburn capitalized on a three-way play with two of his mates. About three minutes later Hoot Gibson tied the score on a play set up by Birtwistle.

Georgetown carried the play in the final frame but Dolbeaus were apparently content to have it that way. When Pruneau broke away to make it 3-2 it proved the winning goal.

Big Restocking Program Planned

The biggest fish restocking program in this area to date, will soon be undertaken by the Department of Lands and Forests, Fish and Wildlife Inspector A. M. Hodgson, has announced.

"This program will include the restocking of most of the rivers and lakes in the Trent district, which includes Durham, Haliburton, Northumberland, Peterboro and Victoria counties. We are moving brown trout now in preparation for the planting," he stated. Inspector Hodgson said that next the Department would plan to move speckled trout yearlings and fingerlings. "After that will come pike and late muskies and bass."

Last year in Victoria county alone, more than 2,400,000 fish were planted. Of this total, 1,800,000 were pickerel fry. Maskinonge fry planted in this county in 1947 totalled 460,000 speckled trout yearlings numbered 3,000. Over 2,061,000 fish were put in Haliburton waters. Inspector Hodgson says this year the number will be increased. "We are bringing in seasonal overseers with the hope of stopping all illegal taking of bass and muskies during the spawning season."

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Georgetown Face Elimination in Eastern Canada Intermediate Finals



Georgetown Raiders, winners of the OHA Intermediate "A" crown after a thrilling series with Markham Millionaires, are now chasing the Eastern Canada title. The Raiders are meeting Dolbeau Castors, Quebec titlists, in a best-in-five series. Shown here (back row, left to right): Doug Runions, coach;

Scotty Patterson, Rene Martin, Ken Nash, Aurele Emond, Jack Birtwistle, Kent Storey, Eddie Binsell and Percy Blackburn (manager). Front row: Hal

Gibson, Max Bradbury, Nick Ferri, Jackie Rhodes, Lee Broadbury, Del Beaumont, Art Murdock.

Robt. Johnston New Bowling Club President

Robt. Johnston will succeed Robt. Snowball as president of the Stouffville Men's Lawn Bowling Club. Mr. Johnston was elected at the annual spring meeting of the Club held last week. Other officers elected were, vice president, Norman Baker; sec-treas., T. B. Rae; membership comm., Norman Baker, Ken Laushway, W. R. Sanders; game comm., F. L. Button, J.B. Sanders, T. B. Rae; ground comm., John Scott, Elgin Wagg, M. E. Watts; district comm., Robt. Snowball, F. L. Button; caretaker, John Lehman.

Jack Harper Wins Hockey Award

Markham Millionaires have announced that Jack Harper was voted the most valuable player to his team by the playing members of the club. The voting for this new O.H.A. award was naturally very close and Jack was followed closely by Bob Bangay, Fred Scott, and Harry Milroy. Only one player failed to cast a ballot.

Jack Harper has given outstanding service to Markham Hockey Teams for five seasons. His first season was marked by the first O.H.A. championship in Markham's history. On the following four seasons that Jack has guarded the nets, he has been instrumental in helping his team reach the Ontario finals on three occasions in Intermediate "B" competition and this past season in the higher Intermediate "A" class.

Winning most valuable player awards is no novelty for Jack as he received this honour last summer in the Davisville Park Softball League. From this corner we offer our sincere congratulations to the silent custodian. The Millionaires in performing a difficult task have chosen wisely. Players will be meeting soon to present the O.H.A. award to their popular teammate.

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New OBA Rule Affect Local Ball League

A new OBA ruling passed at the annual meeting of the Ontario Baseball Executive may effect conditions under which the local Junior ball group will operate. A communication from the meeting reads as follows:

"In a move to stop the packing of teams, it was ruled that, "all clubs of any classification desirous of entering OBA playoffs, must affiliate either directly with the OBA through the affiliated association in their area, or if intending to operate in a local group, that group must affiliate directly with the OBA. The winning club of such a group, and not the pick of the teams in the group, will represent the league in OBA playoffs."

AMISH FAMILIES MOVING BUT NOT ON LARGE SCALE

Apparently representing a move to establish a community such as they have in Waterloo County, at least a half-dozen Amish Mennonite families have taken up farming in the Ailsa Craig area, northwest of London, Ont.

Five of the families are from the New Hamburg district. One New Hamburg resident says he knows three of the families. He says they owned three of the finest farms in the entire district, and that these were sold when the move was made recently.

A district Amish Mennonite said she knew of two families who left the town of New Hamburg to farm near Ailsa Craig.

She says she understands that the hope of these people is to start up a new community.

A resident of the Cassel district in East Zorra says an Amish farmer near Cassel sold out and moved with his family to the same sector about a month ago.

The farmer appeared to have been interested in developing the

land near Ailsa Craig, says the Cassel spokesman.

A check of the Waterloo County area indicates that there is no mass movement planned, and no large-scale exodus expected.

At the same time, one spokesman

spoke of "talk" which indicates others may follow the lead west of Waterloo. She didn't think that the number would be large.

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