

SPORTS

Stouffville Intermediates are in the midst of a heavy two weeks schedule, playing six league games in fourteen days, two at home and four away.

The Stouffville Hockey Club has been invited to play an exhibition game against Sutton Intermediates in Newmarket as part of a Lions welfare fund campaign. No date for the meeting has yet been set.

From Lindsay comes word that Little Britain, with a population of 300, a bit west of Lindsay, completed a new ice arena and community centre costing \$20,000 and capable of seating 1,200. Some 500 district farmers were canvassed, and kicked in with coin, time and labor to make the project a success. The surface is 172 by 72, the entire building being 192 by 92. Syl Apps refereed an exhibition game between Oshawa Generals and an all-star district team the other night as part of the official opening ceremony.

Gene Tunney, who retired undefeated world heavyweight boxing champion, believes that Jack Dempsey, in his prime would have knocked out Joe Louis in three rounds. But, he added on his arrival at Sydney, Australia, from the United States, "Joe Louis is the great fighter of his generation, with no one in sight to replace him."

Comments by fans in the press following the recent clashes between the Markham Millionaires and Stouffville Clippers, have apparently started a snowball rolling, and with this issue appears the final comment, else the fans might continue to throw snowballs back and forth via these columns, on into the summer. Everyone is entitled to his own opinion, but none will be carried in *The Tribune* further on the present issue. Despite Mr. Wegg's contention, we have desisted all season from voicing any personal opinion, prior to the teams meeting, knowing the sports fever which has existed between these towns for a half century and which only requires a clash such as we recently witnessed to really boil over.

A rumour out that Weston Juniors who played last week to a 6-6 tie with Unionville, will shortly be hoisted into Junior 'B' is now said to be false.

Stan George, brother of the manager Roy George, who was in charge of the Toronto Mohawks on Friday night, was interviewed by "Foster" Farr over the P.A. system between the second and third period. He told of the team's recent barn-storming trip to the southern States where they played in such places as Milwaukee and Louisiana. One of their games was both broadcasted and televised. A brief sketch of the hockey career of each of the visiting players was also given the spectators. Toronto Mohawks are in reality; the Swansea Sentinels of the West Toronto Major Mercantile group.

Our note last week regarding Controller Balfour's petition to the Provincial government to relax the cost of birth certificates for minor league hockey players, has drawn comment from the local Juvenile management. It appears that birth certificates cost \$1 not 50c as was stated, and service in receiving them is very bad. In contrast, a certificate for a Stouffville player requested from the same department in Saskatchewan, was received from away out west in only four days, and in addition the cost was only 25c.

Lloyd Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lee of Bobcaygeon, and former well-known Stouffville residents, was in the hockey line-up on Monday night.

"Pinkey" Lewis, coach of Hamilton Aerovox, who eliminated Stouffville in the O.H.A. race for Junior 'B' honours last winter, took in the Stouffville-Bobcaygeon game here on Monday night. Lewis is understood to be scouting games for professional connections. He is still in charge of the Aerovox Club which he told *The Tribune* had only one player left from last year's classy crew.

Vic Sluce may be out of the Clipper lineup when they go to Bobcaygeon on Thursday night. Sluce was involved in a motor accident on his way to the game in Stouffville on Monday night, and although he went into the game and played, a torn ligament began to give him trouble in the last period and he was forced to retire.

There are more than 40,000 kinds of fish, ranging from the Philippine goby, weighing one-hundredth of an ounce, to the 20-ton whale.

NEWS and VIEWS

Group Standing AS OF MONDAY, JAN. 24

Team	GP.	W.	L.	T.	Pts.
Pete Legion	6	6	0	0	12
Markham	6	5	1	0	10
Stouffville	5	3	2	0	6
Tor. Meteors	6	3	3	0	6
Pete. H.C.	6	1	5	0	2
Lindsay	4	1	3	0	2
Bell A.C.	5	1	4	0	2
Bobcaygeon	3	1	2	0	2

Juvenile Opener Goes to Newmarket 5-2

Stouffville Juveniles dropped their home opener here to Newmarket on Thursday night by the score of 5-2. The ice was exceptionally fast, and the minors stepped right into the game all the way. Twelve penalties were handed out by Referee Gord. Lewis, five to Stouffville and seven to the visitors.

Ernie Walters bagged both the local goals, one in the first period and one in the third. Wilkinson got two for Newmarket and Martin, Couch and Smith each one. Stouffville lineup: goal, Murray McMullen; def., Gary Lewis, Archie Fortar, Albert Jones, Harold Forster; forward, Doug. Burkholler, Ernest Walters, Percy Schell, Murray Redshaw, Derek Chadwick, Ron Smith, Lorne Broadway, Geo. Wilson, Alan Anderson. The team will play in Newmarket Wednesday night, and will meet Aurora for the first time here to-morrow night (Thursday).

Our Stouffville Intermediate Hockey Club

(By the Manager)

It would seem that this is a befitting time to acquaint our fans and followers of the grand old game of hockey, as to how and why our present Intermediate Hockey Club came into existence. Early in the season there were persistent rumors to the effect that all was not well with the Markham club and that it was doubtful if they would ice an Intermediate team for the 1948-49 season. During the past few years, Stouffville fans had consistently followed and supported the Millionaires, and had come to look upon them as their own team. Worried over the rumors that this colorful team was in danger of breaking up, a group of Stouffville business men got together to see what could be done about hockey for this community. The services of coach Ernie Lawrie were secured, and plans got under way for building up a team for Stouffville.

The Stouffville Intermediate Hockey Club was formed, and its officers are already known to you. At our first meeting it was unanimously decided that we would ice an 'A' team, thereby allowing us a larger area from which to draw players. It was also decided that we would sign as many local boys as possible, along with what boys we could procure from areas not too far distant from Stouffville. It was figured that this would create more interest in our club and help considerably our gate receipts. After all, it costs a lot of money to operate a hockey club. Realizing full well that practically all of our local payers, as well as those from certain outside areas, would be more or less inexperienced in the higher category hockey, we felt the necessity of bolstering our team with a few of the older and more experienced players. Consequently we approached certain members of last year's Millionaires. Fortunately we were able to sign sufficient of these players as would give our team the impetus and stability they would need. The signing of these Markham players, unfortunately appears to be more or less resented by certain members of the Markham club, as well as certain Markham fans, but we feel certain that if all true facts of the case were fully understood by the public, no blame could be justly placed on either ourselves or the players involved. I do hope, that as the season progresses, differences may be forgotten. I can see no good reason why our two towns, in the interest of good sport, should not get along together. We have plenty of material for two good hockey teams, and it should be a great convenience and considerable saving of money to the teams and fans alike, having two clubs so close together.

Now for a few words about our own Stouffville Clippers. Much care was taken to gather together a young team, a group of boys that are on their way up in the hockey world, not on their way out. Our team was not built for one season only, but for the years ahead. We did not hope or expect to ice a championship team for this year; all we could hope for was a team that would be pleasing to the fans and that had real possibilities ahead of them. To date, we feel that we have succeeded in this respect, and in a big way. Surely those of you who saw our team defeat the strong University of Toronto Senior Blues a few nights ago, will well realize just what a promising young team we have. About half of our team have just (continued on back page)

Clippers Play Well but Mohawks Too Good

While Stouffville Clippers turned in a nice performance in their exhibition game on Friday night, the Toronto Mohawks were a bit too good for the local aggregation. MacDonald handled a big pile of rubber in the Toronto net, in sensational fashion. The curly-haired net-minder saw action last winter with Port Arthur West Bruins, who won the Memorial Cup. Mohawks took the game 9-5, scoring five in the first round, and four in the second. The Clippers knotted three in the first, and two in the last period. Johnston scored two for Stouffville, and Crewson, Baker and Geo. Rumney each one. For Toronto, Scruton got two, Digby, Rich, Ford, Primeau, Wiecezorek and Johnston, each one. Over half the goals scored came on screen shots, which gave both Harper and MacDonald very little chance. The homesters' best show of the game came in the last period. They opened up with a real burst of speed, and the goals by Johnston and Geo. Rumney were smartly executed. Austie Baker and Jack Rumney assisted on both.

The game was comparatively clean, with seven penalties being meted out, two to Stouffville and five to Mohawks. The only flare-up occurred in the second period, when Sluce and Wiecezorek were banished for five minutes for fighting. The officials were referees Jim Grainger of Richmond Hill, and Ken Laushway, Stouffville.

The Editor's Mail

Unionville, R.R.1, Ont. Jan. 21, 1949.

Sports Editor, *Stouffville Tribune*, Stouffville, Ont. Dear Sir, With regard to what you choose to call "a disgusting display of fan animosity displayed by a section of the Markham spectators" I should like to take issue.

In the first place I was under the impression that it was not "a section" of the spectators, as you suggest, but a very healthy majority of the Markham fans.

In the second place, if you were more conversant with the Markham hockey situation, you would realize that this "torrent of unsportsmanlike taunts" of which you so glibly speak, was occasional—not by these ex-Markhamites deserting to another club—that is their privilege—but by the "unsportsmanlike taunts" to use your own words, and the insinuations and animosity displayed by a certain couple of these individuals toward the boys they had played with and the fans who had supported them for so many years. Insofar as what you call "unsportsmanlike taunts" are concerned, I might mention that on Wednesday night I, and a few other Markham fans, found ourselves in the midst of a very pro-Stouffville rooting section. We could hear nothing but cries of "drop that man", "cut him down" and "get so-and-o" directed at the Stouffville players. This is not intended as a criticism of Stouffville fans—they paid for their own tickets—but merely serves to illustrate the futility of failing to sweep off one's own doorstep before going to work on a neighbour's.

In closing I should like to ask "A.S." who calls himself "a disgusted Markham fan" if he saw the two games Markham played against Bell A.C. and Lindsay before meeting Stouffville. Since he describes himself as an "ardent and loyal follower of the Markham hockey team for many years," I must assume that he did and therefore cannot help knowing that during these two scheduled games only one minor penalty was imposed during 120 minutes of hockey.

Since this colleged "Markham fan" is obviously trying to put the onus for rough play on the Markham club, I should like to suggest that Mr. A.S. consult the penalty summary of any game in which Stouffville have participated this year, including one against Bell A.C.

The record speaks for itself. Fortunately the Markham club has a large following of genuinely loyal fans with no axes to grind. If Mr. A.S. were of their type, hockey in Markham would have been extinct long ago.

If the players, the fans, and more particularly the press, would desist from pouring oil on already troubled waters and deliberately stirring up hatred and animosity, we would then see the sparkling brand of hockey of which these two fine teams are capable.

Yours without malice, John T. Wegg.

If all the wooden match sticks used in a year were a quarter of an inch shorter it would save 350 carloads of wood!

Markham Win from Toronto Meteors 6-3

Paced by Harry Milroy who fired two goals and chalked up an assist, Markham Millionaires registered their fifth victory of the season Monday night with a 6-3 victory over Toronto Meteors.

The Forgie brothers, Howard and Bruce, also played a standout game for the winners. The game, slowed by soft ice was cleanly but ruggedly played. Six penalties were handed out by referee J. Heard.

Markham—Goal, Carr; defense, G. Scott, F. Scott; centre, Singleton; wings, H. Milroy, K. Brennan; alternates, H. Forgie, Baker, Watson, Routcliffe, Linton, Nesbitt, E. Forgie.

Meteors—Goal, Cleary; defense, Crowe, Campbell; centre, Beigel; wings, Delaat, Carter; alternates, Dallire, Robinson, Parks, Saddler. Officials—J. Heard, J. Junkin.

Doug. Moore Star of Aurora Win

Aurora defeated Orono, 10-6, in Aurora Thursday night in a high-speed OHA Junior "C" game. With both teams showing diversified attacks, the difference between victory and defeat lay in the agile netminding of Doug Moore, ex-Stouffville star, for the winners. He was sensational.

D. Ross and B. Attridge both scored two goals to pace the Aurora attack, while J. West and J. Ginson scored a like number for the losers.

GOALKEEPER HURT IN NEWMARKET WIN

Newmarket walloped Aurora, 8-1, in an OHA Intermediate "A" clash in Newmarket Memorial Arena Thursday night. The clean game was marred by an accident in which goalie Fred Dillman of the winners was forced out in the third period when cut on the face by a stick as he dived for a puck. Joe Tunney replaced him and held Aurora goalless the rest of the way.

Some 1,000 fans saw Hal Tunstead lead the homesters with three goals, while Myles McInnis had a goal and two assists. Gord Todd, Bill Mabbett, Murph Jelley and Cliff Dunn added the others. Charley Taylor, Norm Cosgrove, Irky Ross and John White tallied for Aurora.

The reason the average person is never contented with his lot is that he always wants a lot more.

Bobcaygeon Snowed Under by 14-6 Score

Bobcaygeon Intermediates were no match for the scoring prowess of the Stouffville Clippers, who ran up a 14-6 score against the visitors on Monday night. However, the northerners were a game bunch of lads and slapped in a goal every time the homesters lapsed around the net. While probably the best ice of the season was enjoyed, the hockey was not of a very high-class variety, particularly the opening twenty minutes. Bobcaygeon played a slapping "up the boards" brand of hockey, and the Clippers were inclined to go along with them.

Ernie Nichols was the star for the Haliburton boys, copping four of his teams six goals. Kimble and Jockett were the other marksmen for Bobcaygeon.

For Stouffville no less than three players performed the hat-trick scoring three goals each, Don Smith, Vic Sluce and Bill Johnston. Defenceman Hochberg collected two goals, Les Clarke, Geo. Rumney and Bob Lawrie each one. Body-checking was heavy, but clean, and although referee Crosby handed out thirteen penalties, most of them were for slashing, and tripping. The Clippers absorbed seven of the penalties, and Bobcaygeon six.

Stouffville played without the services of both Bill Bradbury, and Austie Baker who are on the injured list.

Out of Action



Austie Baker, defenceman with Stouffville Clippers will be out of action for nearly a month due to a broken toe. The injury was inflicted a couple of weeks ago, but it was not until this last weekend that its seriousness was discovered.

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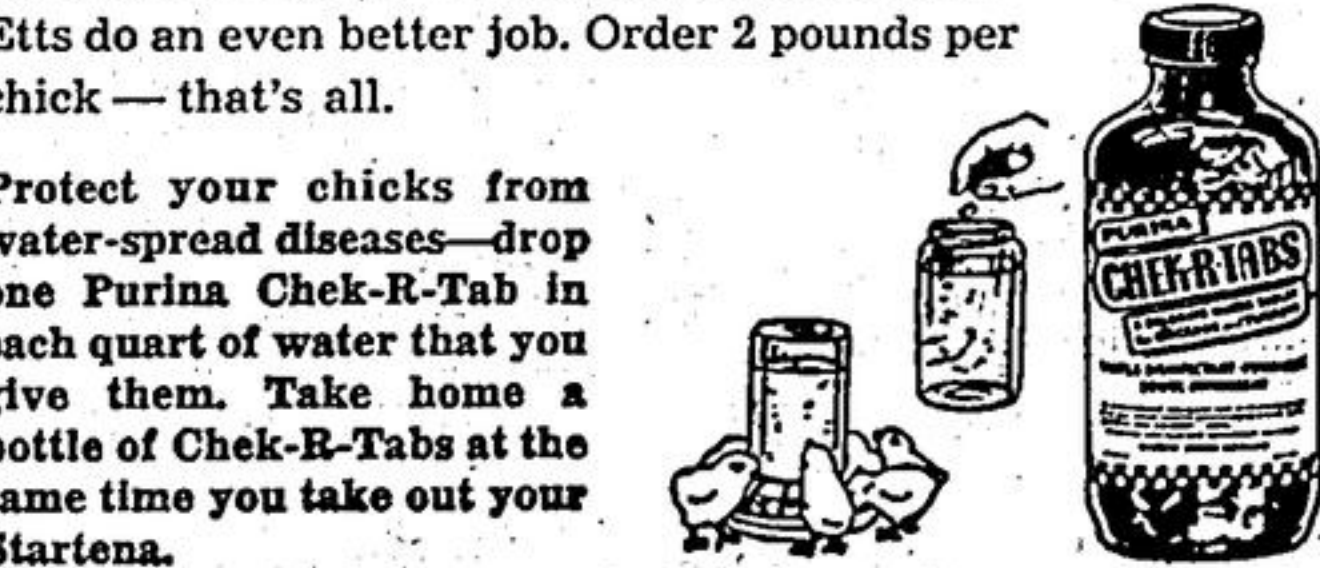
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