

# SPORTS

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VIEWS

Harry Milroy, who has been one of the shining lights of Markham Millionaires for some years, is back in the fold again, and played his first game last week with the Greenshirts.

Gord Lewis, leading scorer with the Stouffville Clippers is out of action for at least two weeks with a back injury, and his presence will be sorely missed right now when the Clippers are trying to get off the skids and back into a winning stride.

Playing in the Senior Cape Breton League, Kenny Storey, formerly of Georgetown is in second place in the league scoring with 57 points, 17 goals and 40 assists. In seventh place is Bob Bangay, ex-Markham Millionaire with 39 points, 11 goals and 28 assists.

Lorne Heffering, a Junior 'C' Red Wing with Whitby not many winters back, is now officiating in Junior 'A' company at the Gardens. Heffering has handled the whistle for one game in Stouffville this winter.

There will be no skating at the Arena this Friday night, but on Saturday night the Stouffville Athletic Club is holding a giant Valentine Skating Party while a lucky draw prize will be given away every ten minutes.

The famous Bucko MacDonald of Sundridge hockey fame endeavored to arrange an exhibition game here with the Clippers last Saturday, but the local club could not oblige due to their regular schedule.

We watched Unionville's Buddy Watson pop in a goal for Stratford Kroehlers on Saturday at the Gardens against the first-place Marlboros. Watson of last year's Junior 'C' team is doing very well in his initial year in Junior professional company. Stratford have as their coach "Pinky" Lewis who will be remembered by Stouffville fans as coach of the Hamilton Aerovox, the Junior 'B's' who put Stouffville Red Wings out of the OHA playoffs three seasons ago.

Why Jack Harper who is still the most experienced goalie on the Stouffville roster has not been brought back into action lately, is still a mystery to a lot of people. While the replacements have been doing their best, they're younger lads, and can't be expected to step into Senior company and act like professionals. Harper has had many years of experience in comparison.

The OHA have been listed in Aurora's black book and for good reason. The hockey chiefs have scalped Aurora of no less than three players from their junior team and three from their Intermediate squad. Smith, Calhoun and Dillon, last year of Weston, are now definitely out as Aurora property despite frantic efforts by Aurora's management to make adjustments. In addition the OHA has refused to allow Vic Meharg, Murray Brandon and Tex Grove, all from down Markham way, to play with Aurora's Intermediate 'B' club. These three players were unwanted by Markham or Stouffville, and in addition two of them played for Aurora last season. Reason, the waiver rule which would previously allow teams even in the same series to pass players through their territory, is out.

However in a final appeal on Saturday, Aurora was allowed the three Intermediates, but not the Juniors.

Stouffville's request to use Dan Kewley of Windsor Spitfires was turned down. Because of failure to establish residence Kewley is unable to play anywhere except in Toronto.

Sports writer Ab Hulse of the Newmarket Era made an off-spoken comment in his column in the current issue, regarding the make-up of local hockey clubs, and one in which we concur. While teams in this north York area are guilty to possibly a lesser degree, the championship fever and professionalism is nevertheless showing itself. Mr. Hulse writes as follows: "Now you have to go to the bush leagues, the minor hockey leagues and of course, the T.H.L. for the kind of inner satisfaction that saw your own neighbors' kids and the guys you'd known for years battle with the best of them and go down with colors flying saying 'wait till next year,' or win through to a victory that kept the whole burg talking for years to come. As a spectacle hockey is great to watch but why you follow a team of practically strangers all over the country, simply because they wear sweaters that signifies they come from your hometown, will always be one of those mysteries of life. We exclude the four Metro teams: the Hawks and most of the junior entries in the local group as well as Stouffville and Markham of the present day from this line of reasoning."

**SENIOR OHA HOCKEY**

Standing	GP	W	L	T	Pts.
Markham	15	10	2	3	23
Orillia	15	9	3	3	21
Meteors	13	5	4	4	14
Stouffville	16	6	8	2	14
Collingwood	15	5	8	2	12
Midland	14	5	9	0	10
Eclipse	8	2	6	0	4

There is a chartered bus going to Collingwood for the Stouffville-Collingwood hockey match on Saturday night next, Feb'y. 4, leaving Stouffville at 4.30 o'clock. Persons wishing accommodation are asked to phone Walter Holden, No. 184w.

Stouffville Clippers' two leading scorers, Gord Lewis and Don Couch may be found playing overseas next winter with the Scottish League. Both boys have signed supplementary contracts.

Ronnie Rowe, another former Markham hockey player, is doing alright for himself in the Pacific Coast Hockey League playing with Tacoma who is in third place. Rowe is in sixth spot in the league scoring with 49 points, 23 goals and 26 assists in 39 games played.

Linesman Jim Grainger who officiates in this capacity at all Stouffville hockey games had a narrow escape at the recent Thon-hill fire. Jim who is an insurance agent at the Hill, is also a member of the local fire brigade there. While moving some of the new stoves from the appliance store that was in flames Jim narrowly missed being struck down as the front of the building blew out just as our local friend was assisting out with the last stove.

Jack "Dutch" Wheeler has resigned as coach of the Midland Flyers and has been replaced by his predecessor of last season, "Bun" Deschamps. The resignation of the coach follows a flare-up in the club with the players demanding the resignation of the three members of the executive, claiming they were not legally re-elected to office this year, but merely re-appointed themselves. The members in question are Jack Rutherford, manager, Geo. Richardson, secretary, and Gord Henderson, member of the executive.

We hasten to make a correction of the scores as chalked up by the local curlers in winning honors last week at Oshawa. The figures as supplied for the daily press were rather mixed up, and should have read thus:

- J. Cadieux
- B. Mills
- C. Pipher
- A. King (skip) 15 Shadlock 22
- C. Brillinger
- R. Fleury
- G. Lehman
- D. Hodgins (skip) 6 Walton 16

## BANTAMS SHUTOUT UNIONVILLE KIDS

Stouffville Bantams scored a shutout against Unionville 3-0 on Monday night, in the opener of the four-game hockey night which saw the entire four local teams in action, and also saw them come up with three wins and a tie.

"Sharpie" Dunkeld performed the hat trick for the Stouffville minors aided by Barkey and McDowell. There were six penalties in the game as the pint-size performers went at it with everything they had, and hammered each other at every opportunity.

## Red Color Scheme For Hockey Sticks

It was Dick Irvin and not Joe Stalin who came up with that red color scheme for hockey sticks.

When Coach Irvin's Montreal Canadians invaded Toronto for a National Hockey League game with Toronto Leafs, the 14,000 fans thought they were seeing things. Several Canadian forwards and defenseman Ken Reardon carried sticks with red-colored tape on the blades. It was the kind of tape ordinarily used for binding parcels. As the game went on the tape was found too slippery and it wore through too easily. So the boys went back to sticks with the usual heavy black tape.

"My idea is that a distinctive color on the stick makes it easier for players to spot their teammates in power plays, scrambles and passing," said Irvin. "The fellows don't have to look up."

The idea, so far as Canadians club is concerned, was by no means a flop. General Manager Frank Selke now has a tape chemist working not only on the suggestion of heavy, durable, red tape but also finding an extremely lightweight inerasic paint that will grace the sticks in the French-Canadians club's colors—Blue-Blanc-Rouge.

## PLAYING IN THE BIG TIME



Jackie McLeod, member of New York's Broadway Blue Shirts was in action in Toronto last week against the Leafs. McLeod's sister, Miss Jean McLeod, was employed in the Stouffville Postoffice at Christmas time, but has since returned to her home in Western Canada. Mr. Bert Bell, local businessman, is an uncle of this New York Ranger. This is Jackie's first year in the N.H.L. coming right up from Junior 'A' company.

## Clippers Blow Lead and Lose to Midland 8-3

(Jim Thomas)  
After outskating, outshooting and outplaying the Flyers to the tune of 3-1 in the first period the Clippers literally fell apart as Midland blasted seven successive goals in the second and third periods without a single reply from the homesters.

Once losing the lead the Clippers became completely disorganized and resorted wholly to solo rushes in order to get back in the game. This failed to work as the defence and forwards took out each player in turn. The boys couldn't hold their position and allowed the unprotected forwards to race in unmolested on the unprotected Warriner.

Couch and Sayliss lost chance after chance by failing to pass the puck, and hogged the rubber until they eventually lost it. Stouffville after the first period was outshot by the Flyers, as the Clippers are determined to hike into the corner with the puck nearly every time they get in over the opposition blue line, and for the most part fail to even get a shot away.

The forward lines of the homesters were considerably shaken up with Mills moved up from his regular defence position to left wing. Gord Lewis always a scoring threat around the enemy net was out with a sprained back and was missed plenty by his wingmen Couch and Thomas.

Two new although familiar figures skated before the local crowd for the first time on Saturday night in the persons of "Kick" Paisley and Jack Warriner. Paisley held down a defence position while Warriner guarded the twine in place of Mulholland.

Mills who has been moved forward is threatened with a benching unless he gets the chip off his shoulder, and refrains from his senseless brawling. He wound up with penalties both Saturday and Monday which were inexcusable.

In the first period the Clippers gave signs that they would run up a one sided score as Hopper, by far the best man for the homesters, tallied at the twenty-five second mark from Rose. At 6:15 Sayliss fired in goal number two from Clarke as the Clippers played real offensive hockey. Midland broke the ice at midway mark of the period as St. Amant beat Warriner with a low shot to the corner. At 14:40 Jackie Thomas scored the homesters final goal to end the period with the Clippers leading 3-1.

As the second period opened Midland tied the score at 3:10 and forged ahead on goals by Deschamps and St. Amant.

The final frame was a combination of the second as the Flyers added three more to sew things

## Sneak Thief Lifts Hockey Equipment

Stouffville Clippers ran into double trouble on Saturday night. While it was enough to be beaten in their current game with Midland, it was laying it on pretty thick when some sneak thief or thieves lifted about a hundred dollars worth of hockey equipment from the lock box in one of the dressing rooms.

The equipment included sticks, some of them new, and goalie equipment. Whoever made the snatch was able to handle the lock on the box, as it had been opened and closed, but not broken.

## Clippers Eke Out 6-5 Win Over Woodbridge

Playing an exhibition game here on Monday night, Stouffville Clippers eked out a 6-5 win over the Woodbridge Intermediate 'A' squad. The home club was not impressive for two periods, but flashed a little of their capable form in the last twenty minutes.

The game was close with neither team gaining more than a goal lead over the other at any time. Tapscott was in goal for Stouffville for the first time, and displayed good form, despite two slap shots which got by him.

The Clippers added Ken Laushway to their lineup for the game in an effort to get a few more shots on the net, but Stouffville's goal-hungry front lines were not inclined to throw many passes around in his direction.

Whether or not the local Seniors can shake off their losing streak this Wednesday is yet to be seen. They've collected but one point out of a possible twelve in their last six starts, and now face the revitalized Eclipse AC and then a home and home series with Collingwood.

## Midgets Run Wild Over Aurora

Stouffville Midgets ran up an impressive 10-3 score over Aurora on Monday night in their scheduled OMHA meeting here in Stouffville. The local lads displayed some real combination prowess. Their play-making was nice to watch and will stand them in good stead should they carry this group and hit the Ontario playoff trail.

Joe Lewis, Bud Lehman, Harper and Fergie each scored twice, Procenko and Lintner getting singles. Bunt Lewis and Bud Lehman also came in for a pair of assists.

Knowles was Aurora's lone marksman and scored all three of his team's goals.

## Millionaires Open Aurora Arena with 7-5 Victory Over Eclipse

(Jim Thomas)  
Aurora hockey enthusiasts and rink supporters turned out in full force to pack their new arena to the rafters on Saturday night. It was a sight similar to the one witnessed here a few weeks ago as the ribbon was cut and figure skaters put on the pre-hockey entertainment.

As for the hockey game itself Eclipse started very fast and in less than a minute Jarvis had fired two goals past Stundeh. Not stopping at this they hammered in two more to the Millionaires one tally to give them a 4-1 lead nearing the half way mark in the game. From that point on Markham bore in and pumped home two counters before the end of the second period.

As the final frame got underway the Millionaires staged their familiar third period rally and netted four goals to the Knights' one marker.

Brennan and Bell were the big guns for the winners with two goals apiece while Jewitt, Watson and G. Scott each netted singles.

The game was cleanly played with only three penalties being handed out. Ecclestone of Eclipse served time on all three occasions. The Eclipse club seems to be steadily improving and although deep in the cellar may put up a real battle when play off time rolls around.

Referee—Archie Bellenger, Doug James.

**First Period**

- 1—Eclipse, Jarvis (Morrison) 14:50
- 2—Eclipse, Jarvis (Johnston) 15:35
- Penalty—Ecclestone.

**Second Period**

- 3—Markham, Bell 4:55
- 4—Eclipse, Hill (Irvin) 13:13
- 5—Eclipse, Brough 15:28
- 6—Markham, Brennan (Bell) 18:03
- 7—Markham, Bell 18:27
- (Brennan, Singleton)
- Penalties—Ecclestone 2.

**Third Period**

- 8—Markham, Watson (Jewitt) 2:07
- 9—Markham, Jewitt (Sluce) 2:37
- 10—Markham, Brennan (Scott) 6:57
- 11—Eclipse, Walker (Hill) 10:00
- 12—Markham, G. Scott (Watson) 17:45
- Penalties—None

up. It just wasn't the Clippers night as they seemed confused for the greater part of the game. Austie Baker took his turn on the sidelines but will be used in the next game.

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**HOCKEY**  
STOUFFVILLE ARENA

**MON., FEB. 6**

COLLINGWOOD SHIPBUILDERS  
vs.  
STOUFFVILLE CLIPPERS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

TORONTO METEORS  
vs.  
STOUFFVILLE CLIPPERS

Game Time 9.00 p.m. Admission - 50c

## Juveniles Deadlock With Aurora 4-4

Stouffville Juveniles and Aurora played to a 4-4 tie on Monday night in their final scheduled meeting in the OMHA group. The game was tied 3-3 with less than five minutes to go, when Murray slipped one by Smith on a close-in scramble. Moyer broke in the clear for Stouffville but failed to score, then Redshaw took a pass from Chadwick and blasted one into the corner with only two minutes remaining to again clinch the count.

Ronnie Smith held the locals up continually in the net, as the homesters were lax in back-checking.

Redshaw scored two for Stouffville, and Boudway and Moyer each one. McRae turned in a three-goal performance for Aurora, with Murray getting the other goal.

## Toronto Meteors To Quit Lindsay

Manager Greg Currie announced last week that the Toronto Meteors, entry in the OHA Senior "B" Big Seven League, will play no more home games on Lindsay ice.

Currie said poor attendance at the Lindsay arena had run the club \$900 into the red and forced them to make the decision. Meteors, who have been sponsored by Norm McIntosh of Lindsay, have played here for two years. They expect to make Collingwood their home for the remaining six games. The club was undefeated on Lindsay ice, being in third place, two points behind Orillia Silver Bombers.

The move leaves Lindsay with two OHA entries to support, Hank Goldup's Kinsmen Juniors, who have drawn fans in large numbers, and the intermediate "A" Flyers.

Baseball fans ate \$9,000 worth of popcorn at the Maple Leaf stadium last season.

## Move To Correct Evils of 'C' Form

Intimation by Clarence Campbell, president of the National Hockey League, that the rules of professional hockey will be changed so that teams will not be able to sign a boy until he becomes 17 or 18 years of age, is a step towards solving the evils of that sport.

Owners of professional hockey teams or their representatives will never have the complete confidence of the public as long as they refuse to wipe out that evil 'C' form contract or are able to claim a player as their property without the boy entering into any agreement or contract with the club involved.


Publicity given the one-sided 'C' form is no doubt the main reason why the pros are considering increasing the age limit from 16 to 17 or 18 before they can sign a boy. The stories that appeared in the press concerning the way youngsters were grabbed off by the teams did hockey a tremendous harm.

Many sports editors deserve credit for making the pros see the light. It was their incessant harping on the subject that made sport writers in the big cities and the public at large suddenly sit up and take notice that a change in the rules was definitely in order.

Even if the pros decide that a player must be 18 years of age before they can dicker with him, and it shouldn't be any lower than 18, we believe that his parents or a guardian should also sign all contracts. After all, a boy of 18 is still regarded as a minor and he certainly should be guided, by someone who has his interest at heart.

If the age limit is set at 18, it'll be a great help to Junior 'A' teams. As it is now, those teams have a hard time finding a good player above 16 who hasn't been grabbed by a pro club. If players are still loose at 18 it means there'll be a better supply and, above all, a drop in the amount of money the teams are forced to pay the majority of these untried youngsters.

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