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That sudden March blow in the weather on Friday night cut the attendance at the Markham-Stouffville game to just under the thousand mark.

The Barrie Examiner picks Collingwood Shipbuilders to win this year's Intermediate 'A' honors. They're likely to be Newmarket's next opposition.

Gus Morton of Toronto Leafs received five minutes for a "spearing penalty" in the game with Detroit on Sunday night. This is the second time we've heard of such a penalty being handed out in the N.H.L.

An average of nine hundred fans have attended all the Stouffville Clipper games this winter which is considered good. The team played a total of forty-eight games, thirty-five league games and thirteen exhibition games.

Andy Bellemer of Toronto, one of the top O.H.A. referees in the business, and one who has been to Stouffville for several of the Senior playoffs, has been assigned to the Maritime Senior hockey finals beginning this week. Jack Mehlenbacher of Hagersville is the other Ontario official going east.

Pat Patterson, one of the top referees in the business, teamed up with Red Farrell of Barrie to handle the final Markham-Stouffville senior game here. Patterson who hails from Cooksville was making his first appearance in Stouffville.

Brougham Bearcats were ousted from the O.H.A. Intermediate 'B' playoffs by Stroud who sport the Bowman brothers, former Bradford juniors. Brougham club lists in their lineup, Chub Spenceley, Wid Clark, George DeRusha and Lloyd Pascoe, ex-Stouffville Junior. If any amateurs are still to be found, this is the league in which you'll find them says Ab Hulise, Newmarket sports columnist.

Ronnie Rowe, ex-Markham pucker, is leading the scoring parade in the northern division of the Pacific Coast hockey league. Rowe has compiled 83 points for his Tacoma team in sixty-one games, with a week's play to go. He has scored 42 goals and has 41 assists. Nick Bangay, another Markham player in the same division, playing for Portland is not listed among the top dozen scorers in this season's point parade.

Right now, A's batters claim Marchildon, one of few big league ball players hailing from Canada, has as much speed and general pitching effectiveness as he did in 1947 when he won 19 games for a second-division club. Marchildon is a native of Penetang. X-ray treatments, special diets, and other methods failed to solve Marchildon's problem until Mr. Mack despaired and tried to peddle Phil to the New York Yankees for outfielder Johnny Lindell. The swap didn't jell, however, because the Yankees were reluctant to take a chance on Marchildon's arm being okay.

Stouffville Hockey Club is likely to hold a spring hockey meeting to lay plans for the 1950-51 season, rather than waiting for a fall meeting which always pulls up too little and too late. The Club wound up in a nice position financially, several thousand dollars making a nice pot for the boys in blue. Plans are likely to be made early to patch up some of the weak spots in the Clipper lineup. It's expected to take considerable "long green" to get the calibre of players added to the roster the management wants, but if they're the right calibre fan support will show that it pays off.

Rumours coming out of Aurora say our Yonge St. neighbors will likely be seen in Senior 'B' hockey next winter. Markham, Stouffville, Aurora, Newmarket, Bradford and Sutton would make a nice compact senior group, should the other Yonge St. clubs decide to follow suit.

That was quite a playoff series between Midland and Collingwood with two of the three games going into overtime. Flyers last hope to prolong the series came via the protest route over a 5-2 loss they sustained at the hands of the Shipbuilders. Basis of the protest was Section Six, Rule 42 of the C.A.H.A. constitution. This rule definitely states that a manager, coach, or rainer of a club, on being given a match misconduct penalty must not sit near the players' bench nor in any way direct or attempt to direct the play of his team. Midland officials contend that Collingwood playing coach Jack Portland, after being banished with a match misconduct for roughing referee Earl Johnston of Orillia, returned to coach Shipbuilders from a position near their box. O.H.A. officials failed to see it that way, however, and the protest was dismissed.

Sutton is meeting Woodbridge in the next round of the O.H.A. Intermediate 'B' hunt.

Frank Carr who has been alternating in the nets with Norm Stunden up until a few weeks ago when he injured his knee has resorted to heat treatment to fix up the irritation.

Lambert Malloy of Stouffville who has gained quite a name for himself this winter as an O.M.H.A. referee was in Oshawa on Saturday afternoon handling a Midget 'A' playoff between Oshawa and St. Catharines. He also refereed the playoff games between Marlboros and Kitchener-Waterloo Juveniles at Weston, Bolton and Sundridge teams, and Bolton and Keswick Juveniles.

Aurora Juniors won the third game of their playoff round with Parry Sound by default. The northerners received quite a trouncing in the first two encounters and decided to pull out without a third game. Aurora expect Port Hope or Lindsay to be the next opposition.

For the benefit of those who have not yet clipped the fishing season dates for their wallets, here they are for 1950 as announced by the Department of Lands and Forests.

Speckled trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, Aurora trout, Kamloops trout, May 1 to Sept. 15. Pike and pickerel, general season opens May 15. Black bass, July 1 to Oct. 15 in all parts of the province except in River St. Clair and Detroit River where it will be June 25 to Dec. 15.

Markham Drops First Game in Peterborough Playoff Series

A three-goal rally in the third period by Markham Millionaires fell short on Monday night, Greenshirts went down 5-3 against Peterborough in the first game of their best of seven series. Peterborough led 3-0 at the end of two periods, but Markham roared back in the last twenty minutes with goals by Bell, Clement and Singleton. Two more tallies by Peterborough however, spelled finis, and sewed up the game for the northerners 5-3. The second and third game in the series will be played in Oshawa on Thursday and Saturday nights, with the fourth in Peterborough next Monday.

All Professionals Except Kids in Schools Says Government Member

"There are only two sets of athletes today—kids in school, who are amateur, and the others, who are professional," said H. L. Walters, CCF, Toronto-Bracondale member in the Ontario House, during last week's discussion on the possibility of collecting more amusement tax from sporting events. According to the O.H.A. rule book, players may receive remuneration and remain amateur so long as they receive it at the end of the season, more or less as a "donation," and are not paid a stipulated weekly salary. Players in Junior 'A' hockey ranks who do receive a set weekly wage, are referred to by O.H.A. officials as "professional Junior."

The subject came up when Robt. Thornberry (CCF, Hamilton-Centre) noted that an amendment to the Athletics Control Act, up for second reading, contained an provision for taxing athletic events "supposedly amateur, but actually professional."

Some people were promoting sports, under the amateur label, for their own aggrandizement, he said. The Treasury Department was entitled to the tax and might use it to promote legitimate amateur sport.

The province's amusement tax goes to the hospitals' aid fund. The sports he had in mind, Mr. Thornberry said, were football, hockey and boxing.

It was difficult to say where amateur sport ended and professional began, Premier Frost agreed. The decision as to which are amateur and which professional sports is made by the Treasury Department, the Premier said.

Apparently in reference to hockey he mentioned clubs which operate as farm clubs for professional organizations. He questioned their status from the amusement tax standpoint. It was only hypocrisy to speak of amateur sport when "a high school student can be signed to a form that says if he plays for money he will play for such-and-such a club only," Mr. Walters maintained.

Balmy Beach Srs. Move to Home Ice Here, Play Dixie Flyers Saturday Night

Winner in this Best Three-Out-of-Five Series Will Advance Against the Winner of the Markham-Peterborough Series

Balmy Beach O.H.A. Senior 'B' Club will open their playoffs here this week on Saturday night against Dixie Flyers Srs. The Beaches will play the first game of their three-out-of-five series in Dixie on Thursday, and the second game in Stouffville on Saturday night. Balmy Beach who have used local ice consistently since last fall are making Stouffville their home arena. Balmy Beach finished on top in their Toronto Senior 'B' group which included such clubs as Ryerson's, Canadian G.E. and New Torontos.

Should Markham Millionaires be successful in getting by Peter-

borough Legion in their next playoff round they may be back in Stouffville providing Balmy Beach win out over Dixie as the winners of these two series are expected to clash week after next.

Balmy Beach are handled by Don McAllister, but received much of their early season training from Bill Byer, T.H.L. referee, and a well-known O.B.A. baseball umpire. Both Beaches and Dixie present some snappy performers and should draw quite a crowd this Saturday night. The fact that one of them may line up against Markham shortly will add further interest to the game.

Millionaires Win Group Title in Four Straight Games

by Jim Thomas

In the third game of their Senior 'B' O.H.A. group finals, Markham Millionaires took a convincing 4-1 win from Stouffville Clippers.

The game played at the Oshawa Arena Wednesday night was a gruelling one and the victory marked the Moneyman's third straight decision over the Clippers and sent them home as favorites to win the group title without a loss.

Halfway through the period Markham opened the scoring. They pushed in another before the frame ended and were ahead 2-0 to begin the second stanza.

Through a rough period, which seemed to suit the Clippers, Markham sat back and waited it out. The Clippers scored their only goal of the game and thus had a 2-1 count going into the last period.

"Was then that the Markham form showed through and with two more goals they pushed the game in the refrigerator. In the same motion they almost salted away the final.

George Scott opened the scoring in the game when his slow low shot got past a Stouffville defence who was completely blocking goalie Harper's feet before he got around to moving.

To prove that it wasn't all going to be flukes, the Markham squad blasted into a 2-0 lead in the late moments of the period when Ronnie Bell coasted in on passes from Singleton and Perry and caught Harper waving his hands with a chest-high drive.

Stouffville came back in the second frame, weathering a storm of highsticks and body checks, and best front line of Hopper, Drummond and Sayliss turned on a power attack that held Markham in check for all the time that trio were on the ice.

This pressure told in the only goal for Stouffville, a clever passing play, Drummond shoving the rubber to Hopper for the goal.

Lots of rough stuff in the form of five penalties and more clipping and clouting that missed the referee's watchful eyes failed to slow the Stouffville attack, but inaccurate passing resulted in ineffective work close to the enemy net and they came out of the period with a 2-1 score.

A bad pass on a power play by Stouffville in the opening minutes of the last frame saw Brennan flip over to Bell to move him into a breakaway, Brennan moved in with Bell and the latter using his wing as a decoy tossed in the rubber for a 3-1 count.

Four minutes later Sluce worked for the puck behind the Clipper's net and catching a piece of it sent the rubber bounding out in front. It hit Rose's leg and rolled back into the net for the second soft goal.

It counted in the statistics though and made the count 4-1. That's the way it ended.

MILLIONAIRES 5 CLIPPERS 4

Yes, it's all over for this season as far as our Clippers are concerned, and the Markham Millionaires are again group champions for another year. Although four straight games might seem a convincing victory for the Markham crew the home town boys put up a determined bid in all the games and played better hockey than the decisions might indicate. In between the blue lines the local boys were a fast skating crew but on smooth passing plays and brain work around the net the Millionaires had a decided edge.

Bell line as they wrapped in four successive goals behind Harper, three of them coming only seconds apart. Singleton fired the hat trick while Bell counted the other marker.

With their backs to the wall and facing elimination the Clippers fought back in the final frame led by Gord Lewis with two goals to tie up the game and give new hope to their supporters. At 8:25 of the third Jewitt blinked the fatal light from Watson which spelled defeat for the blueshirts and victory for the boys in green.

It would be unfair to pick out any sensational star from either team since the boys put everything they had into the contest and both teams deserve credit for a clean well played series.

The defeat was certainly no fault of Harper's as he turned in a brilliant display in the last game. Les Clarke looked good on defence and Drummond worked hard up front with the rest of the boys. Of course the big line of Brennan, Bell and Singleton were the sharp shooters for Markham with four goals.

Clippers Split Two-Game Series in Clinton N.Y.

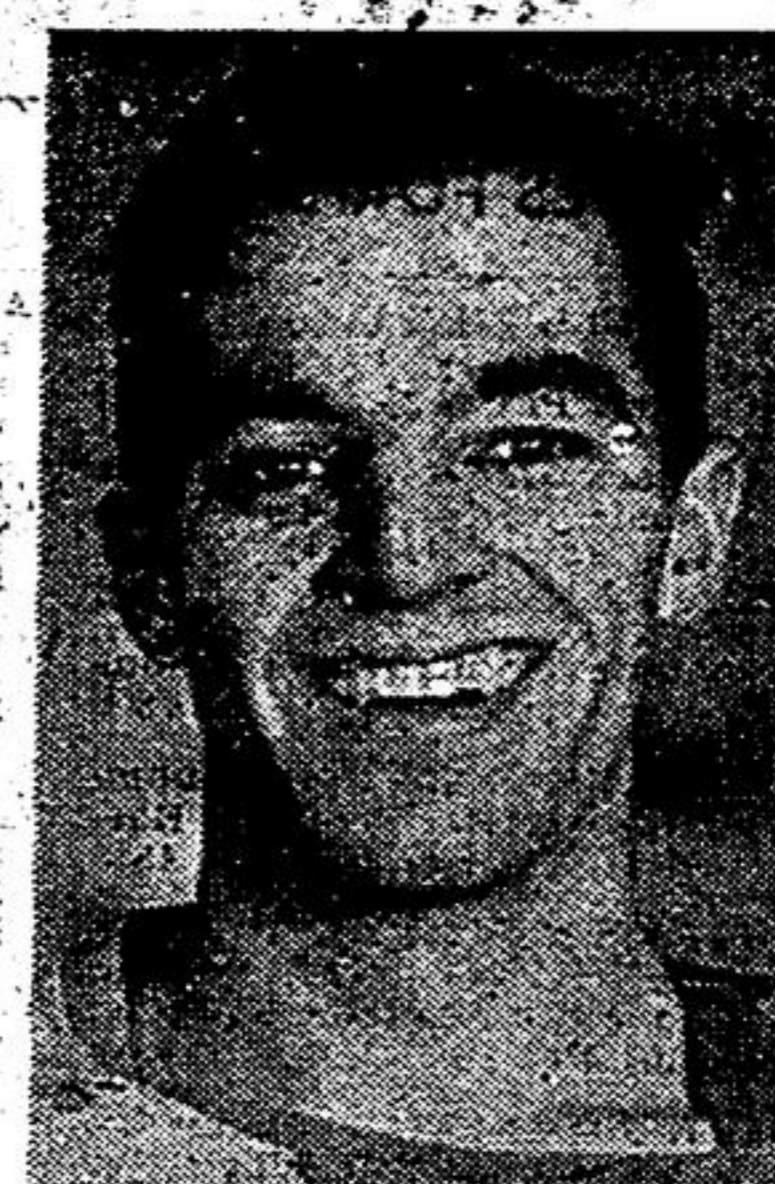
A leg-weary Stouffville team dropped an 8-3 decision to Clinton, N.Y. in the first game of a two-game exhibition series in the States, on Saturday night, but came back strong on Sunday afternoon to upset the Clinton Comets 7-5. This was only the Comets' eighth loss in forty games.

Sunday afternoon's game was a thriller before a capacity house. Clinton were going all out with only three minutes to go in an effort to tie the score which at that point was 6-5. Bobby Hopper stole the puck from Clinton's Dockrell as this player started to organize a rush and he made no mistake in rifling home the Clippers' seventh goal to put the game on ice.

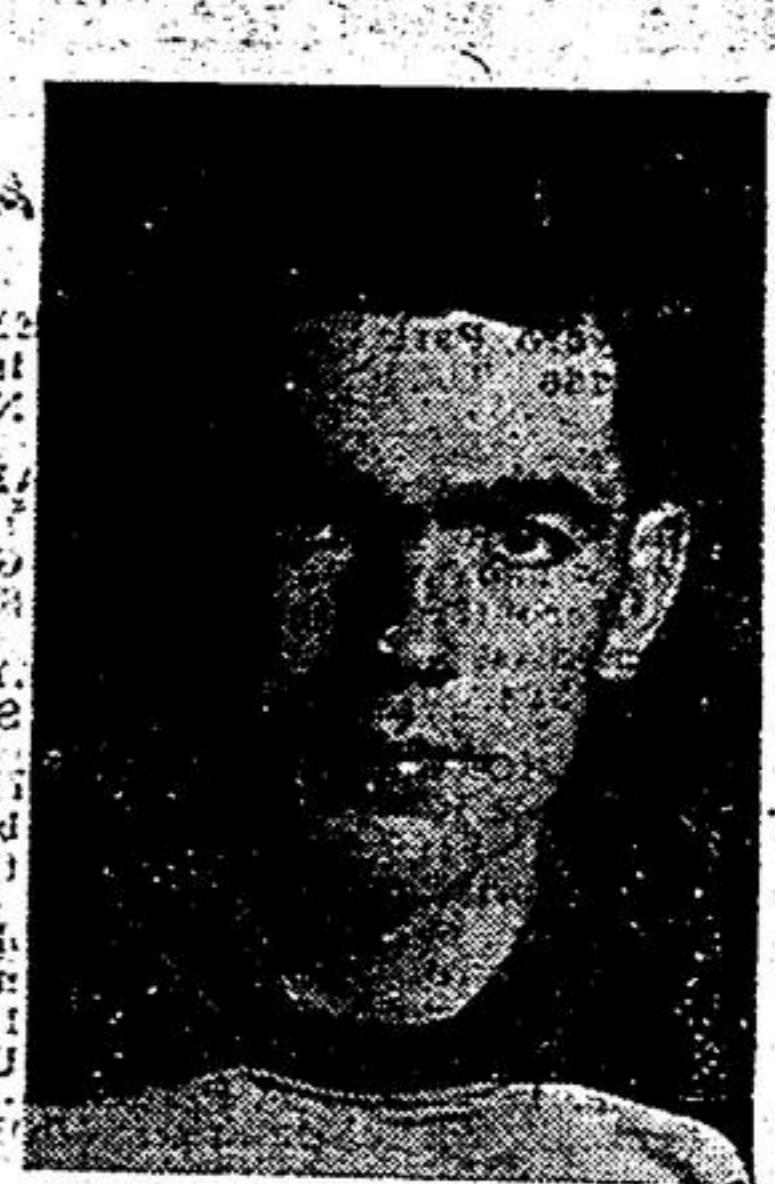
Players, members of the club executive and fans who went along to Clinton for the trip thoroughly enjoyed themselves. They were royally treated by their American hosts and invited back next year.

The boys tell us they saw much more snow near Utica than around Stouffville. Clinton has the only arena in the State of New York outside of Madison Square Gardens with a capacity of 3500. The games were well covered by press and radio, and the boys came home with record copies of the broadcast of the game.

Scored 63 Goals In 35 Games



Don Couch



Gord Lewis

Don Couch Top Point Man For Clippers, Wins Trophy

Don Couch, flashy wingman with Stouffville Clippers finished on top in the club's scoring race, getting a total of 62 points throughout the season's league and playoff games. Couch picked up 20 points during the eleven playoff games, five ahead of his nearest team-mate Gord Lewis, and more than double any other player on the team. The sixty-two points which the Clipper ace compiled was made up of 29 goals and 33 assists. His centreman Gord Lewis has been right up there also all through the season and finished the thirty-five game O.H.A. grind with 56 points, 34 goals and 22 assists.

Both Lewis and Couch have worked constantly together all season and have played practically the entire forty-eight games for the club which includes thirteen exhibition contests.

Between them, the two have run in a total of 63 goals in O.H.A. league competition alone. The balance of the players were fairly closely bunched, Sayliss and Thomas being next in line to the leaders.

Biggest individual effort in any one game was by Couch in the final game with Eclipse AC. on Feb. 23rd, when he picked up six points. The same game Gord Lewis gained

five. Lewis was top scorer during the eleven-game playoff run, getting 11 goals. Don Couch will be awarded the Bill Ball Trophy, donated by Bill Ball Motors, formerly of Stouffville, now located at Lansing. The trophy is a handsome silver column with a hockey player atop, and is presented each year for the Stouffville player compiling the greatest number of points during the season's regular play.

Both Don Couch and Gord Lewis are expected to be back with the Clippers next season, a fact local fans will be glad to learn, as they were one of the most popular pair of gents on the ice.

Scoring Record

	Goals	Assists	Pts.
Don Couch	29	33	62
Gord Lewis	34	22	56
Geo. Sayliss	24	11	35
Jack Thomas	16	15	31
Polly Minton	12	16	28
Bobby Hopper	11	15	26
Les, Clarke	10	16	26
Bill Braddy	11	14	25
Don Gault	9	15	24
Herb Rose	14	9	23
Jack Drummond	10	10	20
Ross Hochberg	13	7	20
Austie Baker	3	13	16

Opening Round Dates In Stanley Cup Action

- Series A
- March 28—Montreal or Toronto at Detroit.
 - March 30—Montreal or Toronto at Detroit.
 - April 1—Detroit at Montreal or Toronto.
 - April 4—Detroit at Montreal or Toronto.
 - April 6—Montreal or Toronto at Detroit.

- Series B
- March 29—Montreal or Toronto at New York.
 - April 1—New York at Montreal or Toronto.
 - April 2—Montreal or Toronto at New York.
 - April 4—New York at Montreal or Toronto.
 - April 6—New York at Montreal or Toronto.
 - April 8—New York at Montreal or Toronto.
 - April 11—New York at Montreal or Toronto.

Keith Fawcett's goal with 19 seconds left in the game gave Lakefield Indians a 6-5 victory over Sutton Greenshirts in an O.H.A. Intermediate 'B' game in Sutton on Monday night. Lakefield's win gave them the best-of-three first round series, 2-1, and knocked Sutton from the playoff picture.

Stouffville High School Hockey Champions, 1949-50



Back row, left to right: Mr. Davis, coach; Willie Moyer, Charlie Hill, Murray Wagg, goal, Bill Collins, Norman Fairies, Jack McKendry. Front row, left to right: Lorne Bowdway, Ron Smith, Joe Lewis, Bud Lehman, Murray Redshaw, Clarence Fockler.