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Peterborough and Brantford tied in their sixth Senior 'B' playoff game 3-3. Brantford still led the series on Monday 3 games to two.

Aurora lost their third straight game to Collingwood 2-1 on Saturday night, so it was do or die for the Yonge St. Black Hawks on Tuesday night in the O.H.A. Junior 'C' finals.

The Saginaw Bears of the Class 'A' Central Baseball League announced Thursday the signing of 44-year-old Luke (Hot Potato) Hamlin, one-time major leaguer, last year with Toronto, as a relief pitcher and coach.

Bun Sellers of Stouffville who has been playing this winter with Aurora Juniors was out of the lineup during several of the Collingwood finals due to the flu.

Stouffville Lions Club expect to hardtop the tennis courts in Memorial Park this spring, work to be done possibly when the construction gang is in town laying new streets. In addition to tennis, the paved section will be very useful for holding street dances. Street fairs, etc. will be moved from Main Street into the park and will be handled with much more ease and inconvenience.

Vic Meharg and Vic Brandon of Markham who played Intermediate hockey for Aurora this past season will also be available for baseball in the Yonge St. town—the boys are working at St. Andrew's College.

Planting of fingerling trout gets underway in part of the province this week of brook, brown and rainbow trout and bass. To improve sport fishing, speckled trout hatcheries will distribute 3,000,000 fingerlings and 2,500 adults this year. Brown trout production will be about 250,000 fingerlings and 75,000 yearlings. About 85,000 yearling Kamloops trout will be planted on an experimental basis.

Ferrets sing their swan song this year everywhere in Ontario. They are not to be used "for rabbits or any game." The idea is to stop catching cottontails at their front doors, a practice considered unfair to sportsmen, according to the department. The cottontail bag is now limited to six a day.

Markham Protests Metropolitan Area At Kitchener Meeting

Markham sent a representative to that special hockey meeting in Kitchener on Sunday, called by Lloyd Roubell. The workings of the O.H.A. are not satisfactory to many clubs in western Ontario, including the Kitchener-Waterloo Senior 'A's, and Roubell sought to form a new league or at least bring some pressure on the O.H.A. over various rulings. Stouffville also received an invitation to the meetings but was unable to send a representative.

Clubs present agreed to attend the O.H.A. annual meeting on Saturday, and vote solidly for reinstatement of the waiver rule and to eliminate the metropolitan area around Toronto. This latter point was the subject of protest by Markham delegates who said it was killing hockey in this area.

The ice is coming out of the local Arena this week, winding up with a big free skating night for everybody this Wednesday. The Arena opened on Nov. 1st, and will close April 26th, a pretty good season for a start. Only a little more than five months from now there'll be ice again.

A Calgary hockey fan who climbed over the boards and struck a referee during a recent game in the Western city, was sentenced in court this week to two months in jail with hard labour. Such a sentence will teach sport fans that if they have not enough self-control to behave themselves, it would be better to remain at home. Fighting "sports" are not wanted in any rink.

New 15% Sport Tax May Cause Some Headaches

Teams claiming to be amateur and wishing to be exempted from the tax must (1) show audited financial statements for 1947-48-49, listing in detail income and expenditure for those years; (2) give full details of salaries, wages, travelling expenses, etc., for the same years.

The feeling, accompanied by faint hope, persists around Ontario and district that the Ontario Government will not apply its 15 per cent tax as rigidly as the regulations now being sent to various sports clubs suggest.

However, there is a nascent whisper about that Queen's Park intends to be guided in its taxation on the basis of the old Amateur Athletic Union of Canada code of amateurism, which permits athletes nothing more than allowances—and not always liberal—for travel purposes.

Most clubs figure that for them, the strict AAU code is hotter than a wolf's breath. This is quite understandable in view of the prospect of having admission prices boosted for some clubs—and leagues—at a time when they haven't been breaking or else barely beating the red under the present scale.

Many seem inclined to the belief that the tax is aimed primarily at the higher salaried clubs in Ontario Hockey Association, and will not be applied as strictly in other leagues and amateur sport enterprises.

That may be, but the government's letter now in hands of one of the Big Four football clubs doesn't suggest anything of the kind.

There is always the possibility of the government changing its plans or interpretation and dealing differently with other amateur sports operators, but if it applies the extremely rigid AAU code of amateurism, very few clubs could escape the tax.

Practically all amateur clubs operate, in varying degree, in the same fashion as the big football and hockey clubs. The salaries may not run quite as high, but very few could take affidavits which the government maintains they will require if there is any deviation from the AAU code. They can't pay a man a dollar, even above legitimate expenses, and still qualify under these regulations.

Gar Lehman Elected Pres. Of Senior Hockey Club L. E. O'Neill Returned as Club Manager

At the annual meeting of the Stouffville Hockey Club on Friday evening, Gar Lehman was elected president of the Club, and L. E. O'Neill was re-elected manager. Mr. Lehman was vice president in the season just closed.

The following is the complete executive as elected at a well-attended meeting: Hon. Pres., Dr. S. S. Ball; Pres., Gar Lehman; vice pres., Morley Smyes; sec'y, Telf Rennie; treas., Norm Baker; manager, L. E. O'Neill; publicity, Chas. Nolan; equipment, Don Lewis and Elgin Wagg; transportation, Walter Holden and Jake Baker; program sales chairman, Geo. Morden.

This season's financial report was read to the meeting by secretary Telf Rennie, received with satisfaction and adopted. The report showed that approximately \$6,500 was received by the club in gate receipts this year. Members of the club were transported free from their homes to all games, and were given meals at all games, an item in the report which amounted to approximately \$1,000. In addition all players received a tidy cheque for their services. Receipts of more than \$1,000 were also received from the program department.

The players will also receive handsome windbreakers, an expenditure made possible by the recent exhibition games at Alliston.

The eastern group is expected to be made up of the same five teams, Cambray, Cameron, Lindsay, Fenelon Falls and Bobcaygeon. The central group will have Little Britain, last year's finalists, Valentia, Manilla, Oakwood and Sonya.

Another important question this year will be affiliation with the OBA.

Of the 10 charter clubs which formed the league in 1946, nine are still going strongly—Cambray, Cameron, Valentia, Little Britain, Lindsay, Sunderland, Woodville, Bolsover and Manilla. Cannington amalgamated with Manilla in 1946. Oakwood and Beaverton joined in 1947, Sutton and Port Perry were accepted in 1948 as the league pushed to the southwest. Last year a record number of four, Fenelon Falls, Sonya, Stouffville and Bobcaygeon entered teams.

Breslau Redshirts Retain All-Ont. Hockey Title

Climaxing one of the greatest seasons since the club was formed, Breslau Redshirts Thursday night won their second consecutive All-Ontario rural hockey championship.

In the second game of the finals the red-sweated crew battled to a 5-4 overtime triumph over Bright, the Intermediate "B" champs, to take the series two straight. Breslau won the first encounter by a convincing 11-2 score. The Redshirts won the senior O.R.H.A. trophy last week in Stouffville after a grueling five-game series with Haliburton and were challenged by Bright who defeated the intermediate "A" champs.

O.R.H.A. officials were on hand to present the "B" trophy to Bright while Breslau was the recipient of three trophies, the South Waterloo Rural Hockey senior trophy, O.R.H.A. senior cup and the All-Ontario trophy. Both teams received a tremendous ovation.

As for the game itself the Breslau team came up with one of their poorest showings of the season. The Shirts' usual pin-point passing and good checking was lacking. Bright on the other hand showed plenty of class in forcing the game into overtime.

The game was a rugged affair with seven penalties handed out, Hewitt being the bad man with no less than three trips to the sin bin. For Bright, Hall, a goaltender recruited from New Dundee, was outstanding. Hewitt and Pettigrew turned in good efforts up front.

H. Mader was the individual star for the Shirts due to the fact he tied the score with less than one minute remaining in the game and scored the winning goal in overtime.

Stouffville North Boundary of New Metropolitan Area

Stouffville will be the most northerly centre included in the newly setup metropolitan area as set up by the O.H.A. Executive, and which will be up for discussion at the spring general meeting this Saturday. Teams within the new area shall not be classified lower than Senior 'B' or Junior 'B'.

A further clause in the rule reads thus: "No player shall be eligible to play for a club within the Metropolitan area unless he is resident within the area. The Metropolitan area shall include the following: City of Toronto, towns of Leaside, Mimico, New Toronto and Weston, the villages of Forest Hill, Long Branch, Markham, Port Credit, Richmond Hill, Stouffville, Streetsville, Swansea and Woodbridge, and the townships of East York, Etobicoke, Markham, North York, Scarborough, Toronto-Gore, Vaughan and York.

Fans Appreciated Stouffville Visit

Alliston, Ont. Apr. 5, 1950 Stouffville, Ontario.

Dear Sir:—Having witnessed a fine hockey game between the team from your town, and the RCAF Flyers in the Alliston Memorial Arena last night, I am taking the liberty of passing on to you in order that some sort of story may be published in your paper regarding what folks from other towns etc. think of them.

They sure were not a disgrace to Stouffville and proved to be the better team in the long run by defeating the Flyers by the score of 5 to 4. This of course is roughly the first defeat for the Flyers and the people of Alliston proceeding from the game were sure pleased with the exhibition of hockey. In fact a great number of them said that if they would come back again they would be glad to pay a good price to see such a team in action.

Am not trying to blow up the team from your town and degrading the Flyers, but all year we have seen teams playing the Flyers who were so far below them, truly it wasn't worth seeing. Then when such a good team comes in from another territory and gives them a good game and defeats them, one cannot help but be pleased.

The boys from Stouffville are really a fine class of boys and good sports in the bargain, that is what people of other places think of your representatives when they are away from town. Kind of think that is good to be able to pass on such good reports.

Yours truly, Stan. Nosworthy

P.S.—Things like this passed on often help the morale of the team and to the people who support such teams.

WALKERTON PASTOR COMING TO UNIONVILLE At the afternoon service on Sunday last of Walkerton Lutheran Church, the pastor, Rev. E. J. Fischer, announced his resignation from the Bruce County pulpit, to take effect the end of June. Rev. Fischer, who has been pastor there for many years, will take over the charges of Unionville and Sherwood.

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Kraftcheck Ex-Hamilton Junior "B" Sold to Boston Bruins

The deal for some new strength for Boston Bruins from the Cleveland Barons of the American League finally jelled last week with the announcement that the Bruins had made the outright purchase of Steve Kraftcheck, and Ed. Reigle, defencemen. The amount of the cash deal was not made known.

Oddly enough both players are of Polish extraction. Kraftcheck who is recalled by local fans as a member of the famous Hamilton Aerovox, O.H.A. Junior "B's", hails from Tinturn, Ont., but now makes Hamilton his home. He's a big lad, standing 5'11" and weighing 190 pounds, started his professional career with the San Francisco Shamrocks in 1948.

He's the type of player that Boston is looking for to bolster their sagging rearguard. He's a hard-hitter and likes the rough going. He was the only member of the Cleveland team to play the full 70 games this winter.

Kraftcheck lives in Hamilton with his wife and during the off season he works as a welder. He's twenty-one years old.

STILL HIGHER BEEF?

Beef prices may go higher still with continuing strong U.S. demand, says the federal agriculture department in The Financial Post. Choice cuts might become very scarce as well as high priced. General situation will likely continue till grass-fed cattle come on market around midsummer.

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MAY ERECT BIG SCHOOL NEAR CANNINGTON
The Ontario County North High School Board are planning to build a new collegiate. At present the plans are in the drafting stage but it has been proposed to erect the building on a ten-acre site not far from the village of Cannington. The estimated cost for the proposed school is about \$500,000.

Curiosity not only killed a cat, but it has killed many a person—especially teen-agers who wondered how fast a car would run.

Aurora like Newmarket, are interested in Intermediate ball this spring and may add their application to others trying to get into the Tri-County League.