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SENIOR HOCKEY SEASON IS OFFICIALLY OPENED



Mayor Eddie Sargent officially opened the senior hockey season in Owen Sound Saturday night when he dropped the puck in the first face-off of a game between the Owen Sound Mercurys and the Stouffville Clippers. On the left of Mayor Sargent is Polly Minton, speedy centreman for the Clippers, while on the right is Tommy Burlington who later led his team to a 7-5 victory over the visitors.

Here's an oddity for hockey in this district. Owen Sound sports a lady treasurer on the club, Mrs. S. Norris.

Alliston-Markham Protest League Setup

From all reports Bradbury will be missing from the Clipper lineup for about six weeks due to his shoulder injury.

Markham Millionaires management made several urgent appeals to Stouffville Manager L. E. O'Neill last week to join with themselves and Alliston to endeavor to have the present Senior Hockey League broken up into two sections, to avoid making trips to the three northern municipalities of Owen Sound, Collingwood and Midland.

Two penalties were handed out to Alliston on Saturday night for delaying the game. This type of penalty is the first to be given in this rink and was hotly argued by the visiting players.

Markham protested the setup on the grounds that the trips, particularly the Owen Sound jaunt was too far. In addition Coach Earl Robinson stated that several of the Millionaire players could not quit work in time to make the long hop. Alliston's protest was a financial matter.

Friends will be interested to learn that Chas. Webster, formerly of Stouffville, now in Lucknow, is still on the hockey trails, refereeing in the Western Ontario Hockey Association.

The O.H.A. told the delegation that they had previously agreed to the grouping and would have to abide by it. Newmarket, Allistons and Markham made their bad mistake when they failed to do any complaining at the league meeting. John Wegg readily agreed to the setup at that time for Markham, but has since left the club, and taken considerable paunching from other executive members for making the agreement.

Unionville came up with their initial win of the Junior Hockey season the other night, downing Aurora with three quick goals in overtime.

The Stouffville Management, while admitting that the Owen Sound hop was quite a lengthy one, didn't go for cutting the league down to a ring-around-the-rosie setup with just three or four teams.

It seems that the Alliston fans are none too happy about their team having the word Toronto added to their name. The team is supported by Alliston fans and they believe that they should be known only as an Alliston hockey team.

"People get sick and tired of looking at the same teams play all winter, and besides Owen Sound is a good drawing card for us, and after all we only have to go there twice," Manager O'Neill stated to The Tribune.

John Wegg, hard-working secretary of the Markham Millionaires hockey club for several seasons, has quit his post. John has been a mainstay on the neighboring executive and an ardent supporter of the team.

Toronto Allistons beef is an old one, put every year by these Senior clubs coming out of the city. They have little financial backing to start with and cry hard times all winter long. They're only a headache to every O.H.A. group they get into and would be better off playing exhibition games, if they don't want to do any travelling.

Eddie Bush, ex-Detroit Red Wing, is both playing and coaching with the Collingwood Shipbuilders this season. He fired three goals to turn defeat into victory against Toronto-Allistons last week, and will be seen in action here against Stouffville on Saturday night.

Markham Beats Newmarket, 8-2

The O.H.A. turned down Newmarket's request last week for player help. The Newmarketers have been particularly hard-hit with injuries. The only offer the O.H.A. would make was to permit the club to step up to Senior if they so desired, and thus gain the right to bring in more players who would not be classed as imports.

George Scott's three-goal performance paced Markham Millionaires to an 8-2 victory over the Newmarket Spitfires in an O.H.A. Group Seven Senior B game Thursday night. The Spitfires' seasonal home opener was witnessed by some 800 fans.

Plans for the current Trolley League have not been definitely settled as yet. Aurora, Woodbridge, Navy Vets and Dawes-Danforth had hoped for a six-team group, with Brooklin and Alliston. These two dropped out. Now there are hopes of getting Orangeville into the circuit.

The sadly undermanned Spitfires emerged from the first period behind 3-1 and they never recovered. Newmarket had only six substitutes, including a spare goaltender, and they lost one forward with a cut eye in the second period.

Owen Sound was not too pleased with the refereeing at their 4-2 loss here in town the other night, and the daily Sun-Times had this to say of the affair: "It might be a trifle unfair to say that the refereeing in the Owen Sound-Stouffville game Tuesday night was biased—so we'll just mention that the referee was a Toronto man, well known in Stouffville, and the linesman was the manager of the Stouffville Arena. Draw your own conclusions."

Reg Singleton supplemented Scott's terrific effort with two goals and an assist. Norm Grey accounted for one goal and added an assist in the Markham cause. Swiftly Todd and Ken Thoms scored for Newmarket.

CURLERS' NOTICE

Any curler wishing to join the Ontario Curling Association, contact Walter C. Brilling, secretreas. Stouffville Curling Club, ph. 174w.

It is to be hoped the future isn't as black as it is being painted these days.

Most Canadian movies are now being made on acetate (safety) film, which does not burn as readily as the old-style celluloid.

A wallet is always a nice gift but it's seldom needed until several weeks after Christmas.

If it weren't for the cosmetic counters what would the young girls do to make up for lost sleep.

Stouffville Clippers Hand Alliston 10-1 Setback

Against rather weak opposition at times, the local Clippers ran wild in a scoring way to wrap ten goals behind Buffy in the Alliston cage, on Saturday night in a regular Senior hockey fixture. The visitors never threatened during the entire game and robbed Rhodes of his first shutout on a lone tally scored in the second period. McCrone turned in a great scoring effort with three goals and as many assists. Couch, Lewis and Sayliss each picked up three points for the night. Gibson also turned in a great job for the locals with an outstanding backchecking effort. On the defence Jim Mechen was brought up to replace Clarke who was moved up forward to fill the spot left vacant by Stark. Hochberg was a stonewall on the blueline with Bangay and Rose looking good also.

McCrone up for his second marker to end the period with the Clippers leading 3-0.

Only three minutes of the second period had passed when McCrone banged in Mechen's hard blueline drive to complete his hat trick for the night. At 11:59 with Jarvis of the visitors off Bangay was left uncovered in front of the open cage and took advantage of the opportunity to pop the rubber into the twine. In the closing minutes of the period McCrone worked in close to spoil a perfect night for Rhodes with a quick corner drive.

The final period was dominated completely by the Clippers as they added five more goals to their total. Couch drove in his second goal from Lewis and Gibson added another on the nicest passing play of the night from McCrone and Sayliss. At 8:32 Hochberg who played a great game all night netted the Clippers eighth goal from Couch. Not letting up for a minute the Clippers continued to carry the play into the visitors zone as Couch blinked the light from McCrone and Lewis batted in a hard corner shot by Bangay to end the scoring.

Ben Gayman Gets Manager's Job

Ben Gayman of Unionville was the successful tenderer for the position of manager of the new Unionville Arena. There were a half dozen applicants for the job and the tenders were opened at a meeting of the Community Centre Board on Friday.

Mr. Gayman recently disposed of his milk truck business, and will devote his entire time to his new position.

Clamp Down on Foul-mouthed Players

The Ontario Hockey Association last week cracked down on popoff foul-mouthed hockey players, coaches and club officials. Automatic three-game suspensions will follow every offense, the executive committee ruled after listening to reports of complaints on a practice which has become far too prevalent.

Determined to stamp out the trend of referee abuse in all series from major to junior D, the O.H.A. made a blistering denunciation of such practices.

"We must protect our referees and the fans from unwarranted abuse," declared President Jack Roxburgh.

Patrons sitting near penalty boxes in various games have complained about the off-color language used by hockey's future greats.

The executive put a new regulation in the book calling for an automatic three-game suspension for any offense on the part of players of club officials. Referees have been instructed to make a full report of such abuses and while the three-game hoist is automatic, further penalties may be dealt out if the situation merits.

On the suggestion of Dinty Moore, past president, the clubs will be notified of this new regulation and it will go into effect on Dec. 15.

Local Hockey Group Gets Hurry Up Notice

George Dudley in his dual role as OHA treasurer and CAHA secretary-manager, caused considerable excitement among senior club sponsors when he informed the OHA that it would have to have a winner for CAHA Allan Cup competition not later than April 11.

Accepting Dudley's suggestion the OHA ruled that the six senior groups name their top team for OHA play-downs by March 11 and the remaining clubs continue with their lengthy schedules and group playoffs before continuing for the OHA Senior B championship.

Markham Edges Collingwood, 6-5

The Collingwood Shipbuilders on Saturday night lost their second game of the season in the Big Seven Senior Group when they were defeated 6-5 by the Markham Millionaires, before 1,800 fans. The Millionaires, by virtue of their win, are still undefeated in first place in the group.

Outstanding in the Markham win was the line of Singleton, Bell and Galand, while Scott and Sluce also played well. Bowen was best for the Shipbuilders, with Gowling, Dance and Cochrane also coming up with good efforts.

Kennedy Ordered To Pay \$2,664 in Accident Suit

Theodore (Teeder) Kennedy, Port Colborne-born captain of Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League, on Thursday was ordered to pay damages of \$2,664 arising from a traffic accident in which Harold Shepherd, 14, was injured and another boy died.

An Assize Court jury, after hearing the suit brought by Shepherd and the Children's Aid Society of which he is a ward, fixed damages at \$3,088.25. However, Kennedy was required to pay only half of the amount since Shepherd was found 50 per cent responsible for the accident.

The jury awarded \$1,120 to the society.

Shepherd and Bobby Armstrong, another ward of the society, were struck by Kennedy's car last winter in the north end of the city as the Leafs' captain was en route to Maple Leaf Gardens to play in an N.H.L. game.

Shepherd had both legs fractured and was in hospital nearly five months.

Kennedy said he was travelling at less than 20 miles an hour, and saw the two boys when they were less than 20 feet away. He jammed on the brakes but the car "slid right into them. Mrs. Kennedy, only other defence witness, termed driving conditions at the time as "wretched" with snow "coming from all directions."

O.M.H.A. President Asks Service Clubs For Continued Help

President Herb Parker of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association has appealed to service clubs and boys' workers throughout the province to continue and enlarge on their support of minor hockey.

Pointing out that right across the province juvenile delinquency figures had decreased with every increase in registrations in minor sport organizations, Mr. Parker urged that there be no let-up in the efforts to provide organized recreation for the youngsters in the province.

"In many cases" he said, "only negligence prevents youngsters being given their opportunity to get started in organized sport. It has been our experience that in most centres the lads do get their chance through the excellent sponsorship of service clubs, but in many places it is left to the last minute, and in some cases completely overlooked, depriving the boys of an opportunity which they had been eagerly anticipating."

"The early spell of wintry weather has awakened the hockey spirit in every true Canadian boy. We must not let these lads down for lack of sponsors, and it is for this reason we are issuing this appeal. There are plenty of towns and villages still without organized minor hockey teams. It is time every centre in Ontario placed before their lads an opportunity to play hockey. To this end, the Ontario Minor Hockey Association offers its organizational facilities."

Service clubs or other sponsors interested should communicate with Mr. Parker or Secretary J. L. Christie, 688 Coxwell Ave., Toronto 6, for further information. If requested, the O.M.H.A. will send executive officers to organization meetings to assist teams to get started.

Stouffville in "Backwoods", But Has a Nice Arena

So says Les Smith, Owen Sound Sun-Times sports columnist, and sports analyst on the radio station there.

"Although Stouffville is a little almost backwoods town not far from Toronto, they've got an Arena there that any town or city in Canada will be proud to own. Constructed just recently, it's modern and up-to-date in every way. The population of this country town is just about fifteen hundred, but almost every man, woman and child turns out when it's hockey night at the Arena."

To reach the municipality from Aurora means travelling over about fifteen miles of country roads that wind and twist like a snake. Signs are apparently unheard of in that part of the country and a stranger must depend entirely on information gleaned from garage and store owners or pedestrians on the road.

And if you've ever stopped to ask anyone, very familiar with a certain district, how to reach a town, you'll understand the problems the Mercury hockey club had in travelling to Stouffville. They had to make dozens of inquiries and consequently were a little late arriving.

It's not difficult to reach Aurora, but from then on things get complicated. You stop, after travelling for seemingly miles on end, and inquire of a passing farmer: "Which way to Stouffville, friend?" The reply is nearly always the same: "Down this road about five hundred and eighty-nine rods, turn left at the cemetery on the corner until you come to I. Eata Margarine's farm and then go right until you come to the town."

RIFLES USED TO SLAUGHTER WILD ALASKA BEEF CATTLE

They're hunting beef cattle with long range rifles on a wild Alaska island once used by the Russians as a penal colony before the United States purchased Alaska.

It's part of one of Alaska's newest industries—an amazing meat-packing enterprise whose operators are slaughtering wild cattle that have roamed unmolested for nearly 75 years.

The island of Chirikof, lying west of Kodiak and about 100 miles south of the Alaska Peninsula. Treeless but covered with thick, high grass, it is roamed by some 800 head of cattle, first planted there in 1888 by the Semidi Propagation Co.

Now three men have formed a company to "harvest" the beef with an ingenious combination of surplus army vehicles, expert riflemen and air transportation.

The men are Harry Ryan and Walter Cooper of Palmer, and Charles Waller of Kent, Wash. Their company, with headquarters at Palmer, Alaska, flies processed beef from Chirikof to a Palmer cold storage plant.



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