

Bob Hassard who ran up over 35 points while with the Toronto Leafs in a short season this year, has signed with Smythe and company for the 1953-54 season.

A total of 327,545 fans paid their way through Senior 'A' OHA turnstiles in schedule games this past winter. Stratford had the top figure with 73,202, with the Dutchmen close behind at 72.402. Other attendances were Chatham 65.952. Owen Sound 41,806. Sarnia 41.636. Brantford 27,377 and Hamilton 5.170. Hamilton, as everyone expected, benefited most from the senior OHA pool division. This is based on a payment of 10 cents an adult admission from all clubs. Indians and Dutchmen each paid the highest amount into the pool, which finally totalled \$32,651. Referees cost \$9.123 and other expenses for printing, exchange and so forth left a balance of \$23,481. Split seven ways it gave each team \$3.354. This meant that Hamilton which contributed a measly \$517, got back \$2,800 more than Perce Thompson paid in. Senior attendance figures will be over 400,000 mark by the time the title is decided. It is safe toysay. The local Senior 'B' league including the Clippers' 30-game schedule had an all over attendance of about half the Senior 'A' figure.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Each week your sports reporter will attempt to select an' individual who, during the past seven days has stood out in the world of local sport. This week it's hats off to Ross Madill, local Bantam star and a member of the Chicago Black Hawks in the Lions N.H.L. On Saturday morning the Hawks trounced the Canadlens to the tune of 12-1 and Ross counted seven of the one dozen goals. The pint-sized speedster is one of the craftiest stickhandlers in the League and during the regular Bantam schedule he rose to the number two position in the goal scoring race.

T.H.L. BRINGS OUT THE TRUE "DESIRE" FOR SPORT

Why do hockey players drive fifty or sixty miles two nights a week in order to play forty minutes of hockey? Why do these same players pay 50c out of their pockets per game plus the referees fees immediatly following the contest? In the majority of cases it is the true love of sport in the heart of each individual that makes the T.H.L. the largest organized league in the world. In many teams who operate in the T.H.L. there is a firm or company that puts up enough money to equip the club with proper sweaters but from then on the team is strictly on its own. Could it be that some of the players have their eye focused on a distant star in hopes that some day they might rise above the rank and file of the average player and hit big-time prominence? It is true that many stars of today got their start on the road to success by joining a T.H.L. club but the number is quite slim in comparison with those who play for the mere fun of playing. The same plan is true for referees. These officials drive their cars throughout Toronto and suburbs, in all kinds of weather and road conditions, they practically freeze to death while handling five games of hockey a night and arrive home in the small hours of the morning for a mere \$7.50 a night. Certainly these men do not expect to retire from their earnings but without them the League could not operate. Sure, some day they might be boosted into the O.H.A. ranks where the pay is worthwhile but until that time arrives they are content to offer their services for the good of Sport. There was talk at one time that this well-known league would disband for want of financial aid but while there's hockey-loving young men within a fifty mile radius of Toronto the league should continue to thrive. At the present time the T.H.L. is using two and four nights a week for games in the Stouffville Arena. Stouffville has two entries this year in the juveniles under the nameplate of Stouffville A.C. and Peaches A.C. which are grouped in the Intermediate class.

> HOWE VOTED N.H.L.'S MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - RICHARD MOST COLORFUL

. Gord. Howe, Detroit's 190 pound package of human dynamite. was the overwhelming choice of the sports writers and sportcasters as the most valuable hockey player in the N.H.L. today. He was also given the nod as the greatest player in the League and the most improved player over the last five years. The Red Wing star was picked above the Montreal Canadien centre Howie Morenz who only three years ago was voted the greatest of the half century .. When Howe broke into professional ranks with Detroit in 1946, he was considered to be just another rookie. He scored but seven goals in 58 games; this season he scored forty-nine. Barring injuries he may become big-time hockey's most prolific scorer. Maurice 'the Rocket' Richard was named as the National Hockey Leagues' most colorful player. He has filled the gap made vacant by such colorful stars as Eddie Shore. King Clancy and Howie Morenz. In his eleven season swing with Canadiens, the 31-year-old Rocket has had an electric effect on fans and players alike. His fists and stick have left many a scar on the faces of opposing players and at the same time he has become the greatest scorer in the history of professional bockey. In Montreal he is the city's number one citizen while in Toronto he is public enemy No. 1. Richard's ability to eash in with goals when the chips are down makes him one of the top money players of all time. These are the choices of those who should know hockey best. Without a doubt both Gordie Howe and Maurice Richard are two of the most publicized players ever to hit the big time. Everyone to his own personal opinion. Whom do you pick?

Hawks Smother Canadians 12-1

Bill Bockmaster's Chicago The local juvenile entry in Black Hawks almost white the King Clancy League later the onrushing Oshawans and Tinkess served penalties washed Mulholland's Mont-under the nameplate of were stymied when 'Don Mc- but the teams were at full realers on Saturday morning Stouffville A.C. will meet Beth was banished for hook- strength when Nelson aided as they chalked up a one- their supreme test when ing and during his absence by Dickens, got Oshawa's sided 12-1 victory. Ross they face Marlboros, one of Goodyears missed chances to second counter at 13.52. the Hawks smooth working lorging to Smythe and Commachine as he notched seven goals. Don Neale and Tran were also big guns for the winners. In a desperate effort to turn the tide Coach Mulholland threw his first line same Marlboro players have speedster. Steve Wideman, been in action here on a out on the second line to number of occasions and shadow Neale but the Hawks without a doubt, they cer- on Saturday night in Unionville ORHA Sr. semi-final. The concountered with Madill to tainly play for keeps. The as they downed the Sutton test will be staged in Unionfurther complicate matters, game will be staged in the Greenshirts by a score of 7-3. ville. Referees Davis and Peake Scarboro Arena on Friday The Sutton crew put up a valiant halted the play and both afternoon at 2.30 p.m. Last fight but were no match for teams returned to regular week the local squad capturlines. Some of the coaches ed their second straight win weights. Between the bluelines colorful Ice Revue to be staged consider second line forward by a score of 4-2. Bruce Fock- the Greenshirts could more than on Friday evening. April 10th. Don Neale, to be of first line ler paced the winners' attack hold their own but in the corners are on sale at the Arena, L. E. and around the opposition's net O'Neill's and The Tribune. A time the Hawks number one ing to Grant Wagg and Har- they let the Markhamites beat total cast of 150 skaters from forced to use him on the number two line. There is little doubt that Neale is one tender Frank Weinholt came in the goal scoring department Granite Club, Toronto, will of the most improved players un with another good game for Markham each scoring twice. perform. Reserved and genin the Lions N.H.L. league in the Boston cage warding Bob Lawrie. Bun Sellers and last season. The Hawks off many labelled drives from Wally Munroe were the other nceded the win in order to the Leafs' trigger-man Don Markham marksmen. Keith stay within striking distance Haynes. The

straight victory over the time for the game. Bruins by a score of 5-2. Don! Next Saturday morning On Wednesday night of last overtime. At 19:01 Holborne Haynes once again led the Boston will play Montreal in week at Newmarket the Sutton stack, the rubber from Learoyd winners attack with three the first game while Chicago squad led by Johnny Learoyd on a picture play to give the others. Gord Tarr and Har- second round. The standings contention as they edged Mark- worl men for Markham with Bob vey Skeltcher were the are as follows: marksmen for Boston. Skeltcher's goal came on a clean-Leafs ... cut breakaway and Tarr's on Hawks . . a, three-way passing effort in Canadiens front of the Leafs' net. Goal- Bruins

Juveniles Meet Marlboros Friday

desperate Dunn, Jim Taylor and George of the Leafs who are leading Bruins called on the services Holborne were the Sutton lamp- lead at 3:46 of the third period the group at the present of forward Eddie Saunders to lighters. A crowd of over 750 on a pass from brother Bob but fill a gap in their first line as fans was in attendance for the from that point on it was all In the other game the a number of players once contest. There were twelve pen- Sutton, Learoyd with two, Dunn Leafs scored their second again failed to show up in alties, eight to Markham and and Brett with singles tied the

four to Sutton. goals. Wayne Redshaw and and Leafs tangle in a very and George Holborne pulled the Greenshirts the game. Bun Selcounted the important contest in the game out of the fire to remain in lers and Ernie Lawrie were two-

Punching Bag Will Do Till April 10



Rocky Marciano takes a few hefty belts at the punching bag as he trains at Holland, Mich., for his

heavyweight title defence against Jersey Joe Walcott, ex-champ, in Chicago, April 10.

Courtney.

White scored but was ruled

offside. Don Murray firing at

an ungarded net from the

Kingston defensive zone,

struck the right-hand post and

White arrived in time to bat

the disc into the webbing.

But White, Myke and Ger-

Kingston Goodyears Edge Out Smith Truckmen in 'B' Series Final

Kingston - In a history-tally on three occasions. making community Memorial With time running out the Centre setting on Saturday visitors threw all resources in the will be public skating will be held in the Stouffville in the arena on Saturday Arena with Sandford and night, Kingston Goodyears ston's rock-ribbed defence. night of this week from 8 Zephyr squaring off for the superbly guided by "Miracle Johnson stopped them twice c'clock to 19:15. Man" Pete Carr-Harris, edged in quick succession with less the battling Oshawa Smith than a minute to go. Then Truckmen 3-2, racked up Nelson who was unchecked, their third consecutive triumph missed a rebound near the and captured the . Ontario goal mouth. The arena was in Hockey Association Senior 'B' a continuous uproar. At 19:16 group title, while a record'a face-off was called in the breaking crowd of 4.512 thun-local defence zone and Oshawa dered in acclaim. sent in a forward to replace

Ironically enough, it was a goalkeeper Ken break-away from an Oshawa Another face-off in the same ganging attack that netted territory saw Oshawa gain Goodyears the payoff marker, possession. Johnson turned Jack White escaping from the aside two shots but seconds pack at 4.54 to take Johnny later Nelson scored only to Mykes long pass, and skate find it was a wasted effort. unmolested along that "Glory Swiftly another might-havebeen-gem followed but with Road." reverse effect when Jack

A goal by "Pinchitter" White lifted the Goodyears into a 3-0 advantage and sparked a sustained retalitory offensive that regarding thrills has seldom been approached on any ice surface. Led by the veteran Ernie Dickens and Gerry Scott, the Oshawans during that brief space of time two face-offs were staged reaped a dividend when "Regina" Tisdall hit the webb- but Johnson remained unassailed. ing at 6.32.

Throwing caution to the ow did even more than that winds the Truckers came on in altering a previous dim outagain but Ken Johnson made look. In Oshawa last Wednesthree thrilling stops with the day and in the community marksmen at the doorstep. centre on Saturday they Ted Nicholson was chased for were the most dangerous forfalling on the puck but Good- ward line attackers in Kingyears hung on grimly. Then ston livery. They manufactur-Clint Tinkess went away for ed only one goal, it is true, interference and the sea grew but it did decide the issue very rough in the local de- after two defencemen. Joe fence zone. Watts and Bob Londy had

Don Murray relieved the fired the first two. pressure momentarily when The Truckers threw caution he passed forward to Al De- to the winds and attacked the luca who almost scored. But enemies from the start of the Oshawa struck again and it final period but the strategy became a 3-2 heart throb when back-fired when White took a after taking a pass from long pass from Myke and Dickens near the mesh Ronnie skated away unopposed to Nelson steered the rubber score at 4.54. Tisdall got that past the helpess Johnson. The one back at 6.32 and the gang-

On Wednesday night, Brougham and Port Perry will meet in the first game for the Stouffville Arena League Championship and trophy.

Markham Eagles jumped into On Saturday night Markthe driver's seat in their quest ham and Sutton will battle it

Admission tickets to the them to the puck on every move. Scarboro. Unionville and Ernie Lawrie and defenceman Stouffville plus a number of eral admission seats are priced

score sending both clubs into ham 6-5 in an overtime thriller. Lawrie firing the other Close to

T Pts. The Eagles built up a 4-0 lead 1600 fans were in attendance. until midway through the second | The winner of this series will 6 period when Holborne broke the embark on a 240 mile jaunt to ice to make the score 4-1. Ernie Blythwood for the Ontario! 0 Lawrie lengthened his team's Championship.

Peaches Blank Langleys 6-0

Grove started the ball rolling been deadlocked with one vic- John Young of Markham was for the seventh concession tory and one defeat. Brooklin the only new member elected squad when his rising shot defeated Port Perry 6-1 but to the executive. Mr. Young bounced off a defenceman's the game was awarded to the will hold the position of Viceback and into the corner of Port because Brooklin was President. the net past the amazed goal- using an illegal player. Brook- Although only four of last tender. Centreman Denny lin was out of the running year's six teams were repre-Smith suddenly caught fire anyway so the outcome of the sented at the meeting there and blazed three successive game had no bearing on the are rumors that there may be tallies and Clarence Fockler teams' playoff chances. made it 5-0 with a quick back- In the Peaches - Brougham season. Stouffville and Aginhand drive from about ten contest the Brock Road squad court are planning softball feet out. M. Grove ended the took a 5 goal lead before the clubs and if the proper calibre

night at Unionville the local scored, the lone Brougham again from all reports. squad suffered their first loss marker in the final frame and Another meeting will be held of the current Clancy schedule Peaches blinked the light for at the residence of the Presias they bowed to Lewis' Cart- two. Harry Lewis and Wilf dent Bob Rae on Friday night, game as J. Thomas donned game. the heavy pads and Jack "Cal The series between Broug- According to the secretary, were shorthanded for the with Brougham having a of an umpire from Toronto in game having but one com-slight edge if a full lineup is order that the local officials plete line, two defencemen on hand for the game. They may be brushed up on the and two extras. Gord Lewis play on Wednesday night of finer points of the game. With and D. Smith accounted for this week with future contests the erection of floodlights in the two Peaches goals.

On Thursday night of this date. week Peaches return to Stouffville for a game at 9.45 p.m. They are currently leading their group.

Brougham and Port Bob Rae Heads In Arena Finals

game with a solo rush and seventh concession squad of players are obtained it made no mistake as he whip-could click on any organized would no doubt be for the ped the puck, into the top scoring attack. Skelcher notch- betterment of the League. It corner of the Cleaners' cage. |cd two in the first period for is hoped that if any entries On Tuesday night of last the winners with Todd. Pais- are made they will remain in week Peaches, led by Senior ley and Gates firing three contention throughout the centreman Gord Lewis com- more unanswered goals. Wilf entire schedule and not drop pletely smothered Hoopers Lawrenson broke the ice for out midway through the sea-A.C. by a score of 10-2. Lewis Peaches on passes from M. son. The clubs represented at counted five goals while Wilf Lewis and Fockler at 10.07 but the meeting were Markham, Lawrenson counted three, J. once more Brougham struck Thornhili, Peaches and Clare-Thomas and H. Lewis each back with Morrish and Pais- mont. Buttonville and Unionnotched singles. On Thursday ley hitting the target. Gates ville are expected to enter age 5-2. Peaches made a major Lawrenson cashed in on goal- April 17th. Representatives switch in their lineup for this mouth chances to end the from all the clubs are asked to

Gardiner" Warriner filled the ham and Port Perry for the Mr. E. J. Appleton, the league gap on left wing. The locals silverware is strictly a toss up is hoping to gain the services to be announced at a later Markham's Morgan Park three

On Friday night the first Peaches. If Agincourt decides game of the Uxbridge-Sunder- to place an entry they will land Community League final also benefit from the home There will be public skating will be held in the Stouffville artificial lighting system. Championship.

Markham Softballers

Peaches A.C. chalked up The stage is all set for play. At the organization meeting their fourth victory in five off battle between Brougham of the Markham Township starts on Monday night in and Port Perry for the Stoutf- Softball League held in Mark-Unionville as they blanked ville Arena Trophy last year ham on Friday evening. Mr. Langley's 60 in a Clancy wen by Ux-Spring Combines. Bob Rae of Unionville was Intermediate contest. Goal- On Wednesday night of last returned to the office of Presitender Jack Warriner scored his week. Brougham earned the dent for another season while second shutout of the season right to enter the finals by Mr. Ernie Appleton consented with a faultless game between polishing off Peaches A.C. 8-3. to retain his post as Sec'ythe pipes for the winners. M. Both clubs had previously Treas. of the League. Mr.

> two additional entries this be present.

home teams will play their games under the lights. They are Claremont, Markham and

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