



Did you know that one of the longest throws in the record of big league baseball was set by Sheldon Lejeune of Cincinnati. This outfielder hurled the ball a total distance of 426 feet 9 1/2 inches.

**Star of The Week**

This week it's hats off to goaltender Barry Wilkes of the Montreal Canadiens in the Lions N.H.L. On Saturday morning goalie Wilkes held his team in the game with some amazing stops. Such puckstopping fetes have earned him the reputation of being one of the best netminders in the league.

**Wild Pitch Strikes Batter — OASA Rules No Penalty**

Delegates meeting at Hamilton to discuss rules and regulations concerning the Ontario Amateur Softball Association on Thursday voted down the resolution that a batter should receive a free base when hit by a wild pitch. Those not in favor of the move felt that it would tend to make the softball rules closer to those pertaining to baseball. In baseball if a batter is hit by a pitched ball he automatically receives a free ticket to first base. Ted Wilcox, head of the Hamilton Umpires' Association was whole heartedly behind the scheme. He claimed that softball was a much faster game than baseball and the windmill pitch was potentially dangerous when it goes wild. He added that a pitcher who cannot control the ball should be penalized in some manner.

"That ball isn't soft any more," a Simcoe proponent of the amendment warned. "We're going to have to do something to curb these windmill pitchers. The ball is liable to go anywhere, and a batter can be hurt."

A St. Catharines delegate seemed to reflect the majority feeling however when he claimed he was against any resolution that would make the game of softball into hardball. The Secretary of the American Softball Association felt that the resolution served as a means of protection for the batter. In the United States, rules permit the batter a free trip to first if he makes an effort to dodge a ball that hits him.

In the Markham Township Softball League there is but one regular windmill hurler. Lloyd Pascoe, 'Claremont's ace moundsman has perfected a jet-propelled fast ball that is equal to anything we've ever seen. Although no batter in the League has yet been injured by this whirlwind delivery it could easily happen should the ball go wild.

**Who's Suffering. The Box Office or The Boxer?**

Does anyone really know why the heavyweight title fight between Rocky Marciano and Jersey Joe Walcott was called off? Was the Champion's nose injured to such an extent as to warrant the postponement of the bout or does the real reason for the cancellation rest at the box office? It is known that a \$750,000 gate has been expected and up-until late last week a mere \$360,000 had been collected, a far cry from the total previously predicted. There is little doubt that money talks and you can't blame the International Boxing Club or the boxers themselves for wishing the time limit extended if it will enhance the gate receipts, but all the rumors that are flying around certainly do not go over too well with the sporting public. If the real reason lies at the box office, let the Commission come out in the open and say so. It has already been hinted that the bout may be switched from Chicago to some other city and if such is the case there will be little doubt as to the reason for the sudden cancellation.

**Local and Professional Talent To Star in Annual Ice Revue**

On Friday night of this week the Stouffville Skating Club presents its annual Easter Ice Revue which according to all reports will be the most colorful spectacle since the event was introduced. Local talent will be featured along with skaters from the Unionville and Scarboro Clubs. That professional touch will be provided by stars from the Toronto Granite Club. There will be a total cast of 150 skaters. The entire show is under the supervision of Miss Christine Kennedy of Agincourt who has spent considerable time preparing for this annual attraction. A sell-out crowd is expected to attend.

**Lions N.H.L. Provides Hockey For Over Eighty Young Lads**

Every Saturday morning for the past twenty-five weeks there have been steady streams of youthful hockey talent making their way to the Stouffville Arena. Some of the players arrive in cars, some on bicycles and some on foot, and even in the stormiest weather the young lads manage to attend. This season the local four team group sponsored by the Stouffville Lions Club has provided hockey for over eighty young men with many of them coming from as far west as Gormley and east to the Claremont, Goodwood and Uxbridge districts. The local service club sponsors these "stars of the future" at a cost of \$500. The league started its activities late in October and will close down this month. The coaches and referees who have donated their time during the past couple of seasons in order that this worthwhile cause might be continued have noticed a great many changes in the ability of the young players since the idea was first introduced. Two years ago some of the boys were scarcely able to skate let alone show any exceptional hockey skill, but now these same young lads have improved above all expectations. Those persons who were able to attend some of these games on Saturday mornings will have noticed how much enjoyment these young fellows receive from the sport. It is certainly one of the best services that a club could offer and it is to be hoped that the contract will be renewed when the arena doors swing open for another season of hockey next fall.

**Natural Ice Arenas Suffer Poorest Season**

Operators of natural ice arenas in the district have experienced one of the worst seasons on record. Generally the skating season lasts for at least two months, starting during the later part of December and extending into the early weeks of March. This winter however, flooding operations began in the first week in January and ended before the last week in February. There are five enclosed natural ice arenas in the immediate area, they being Uxbridge, Brooklin, Markham, Richmond Hill and Agincourt. All report limited hockey and skating activity because of the exceptionally mild weather. Richmond Hill for example under ordinary seasonal

**Brougham Edges Port 7-6 To Lead Arena Series**

Brougham, led by Swiftly Todd with three goals, went one game up in their quest of the Stouffville Arena silverware as they edged Port Perry 7-6 on Wednesday night of last week. Wilmot Gates netted two with Lloyd Pascoe and Fletcher scoring the others. Don Mark was the main cog in the Port's machine with four goals. Bud Heard and Barry Howie were the other marksmen. Brougham led 3-2 at the end of the first, 5-2 at the end of the second and although outscored in the final frame they managed to hold their slim lead. There were twelve penalties, six to Port Perry and six to Brougham. Port Perry were short-handed for the contest with but two forward lines. They dressed only eleven men.

**NEWMARKET LOSES TO MOUNT ALBERT**

Mount Albert qualified to meet Kettleby Jets for the Newmarket and District Hockey League championship when they defeated Newmarket Regents 5-2 in the fifth and deciding game of their best-of-three semi-final series Monday night. Mount Albert ran in three first and two third period goals to wrap up the decision. Ken Davie sparked Mount Albert with a hat trick while John Leary and Keith Dunn completed the victors' scoring with a goal each. The two-games-goals-to-count series for the Newmarket and District title, between Kettleby and Mount Albert, will be played in Newmarket this week.

**GOALIE NAMED MOST VALUABLE PLAYER IN WESTERN LEAGUE**



Emile "The Cat" Francis of the Vancouver Canucks has been named the most valuable player in the Western Hockey League. The agile netminder beat out Vic Stasiuk of the Edmonton Flyers and Saskatoon Quakers' Doug Bentley, who paced second and third, respectively.

**Hawks Make Championship Bid With 4-2 Victory**

The Chicago Black Hawks and Toronto Maple Leafs are battling right down to the wire in the Lions N.H.L. group playoff with the Hawks holding a one point advantage at the present time by virtue of their all-important victory over their arch rivals on Saturday morning. The winners coached by Cec Hendricks, replacing Bill Bockmaster who was unable to attend, spotted the Leafs a one goal lead but fought back on even terms and went on to win by a score of 4-2. Those two teams meet again one week from Saturday to decide the championship. The Hawks walked off with the honors last year. In the goal scoring department Ross Madill notched the opener but it was called back on an off-side by Referees Peake and Davis. The Leafs stormed to the attack and Wayne Redshaw blinked the light for the first legal goal of the game. Don Neal tied the score from Boston but Haynes put the Leafs out front for the second time on a pass from Redshaw to make the score read 2-1. Elson put the Hawks on even terms from Jackson and Madill fired what proved to be the winner. Boston sewed the contest up with a goal late in the game.

In the other game Boston scored their first point of the current round robin playoff as they came from behind to tie Montreal in the final minute. Harmon, although arriving late for the contest, fired the winner with the Bruin goaltender Frank Weinhold out of the net in favor of an extra forward. The tying goal came on a wild scramble around the Canadian cage after Wilkes had pulled off one good stop only to have Harmon flip the rebound into the open corner. Don Neal paced the Boston attack with two goals with Lonsdale notching the other. Sandy Smith, Ron McCullough and Gord Taylor were the marksmen for the Montrealers. John Davis handled the coaching reins replacing Bill Mulholland. There will be no hockey on Saturday morning of this week. The standing are as follows.

	W	L	T	Pts.
Hawks	4	1	0	8
Leafs	3	1	1	7
Canadiens	1	2	2	4
Bruins	0	3	1	1

**Hold Judgment In Hockey Death**

Judgment has been reserved in the case of Walter Fines, 18, of Aurora, charged with manslaughter in the hockey death of Robert Gillies, 17, of Stayner, at Collingwood on March 4th.

Gillies was fatally injured during the game, and Fines was charged after it was reported he had crashed into Gillies and sent him into the boards. Fines was released last week on bail of \$6,000.

At a preliminary hearing George Gordon, a goal judge at the playoff between Collingwood and Aurora, said he overheard Fines telling the goaltender they were going to start a fight. He said the goalie replied that it would be better to wait until there were a few minutes left to play. A short time later Gillies was hurt.

Referee Bill McArthur said Fines crashed into Gillies in "a deliberate attempt to injure the player." Dr. R. N. Storey, of Collingwood, who attended Gillies, said the youth died of a brain hemorrhage.

**Hassard to Return Coach of Stouffville Red Sox**

Bob Hassard, well-known hockey and baseball star, has accepted the coaching duties of the Stouffville Red Sox baseball club for another season following an organizational meeting held at the home of Ted Cadieux, the business manager. Ten members of last year's squad were present and any new players who wish to try out for a position on the team are asked to contact either Ken Wagg or Ted Cadieux. According to all reports the home town team will

again enter the Tri-County League. A big tournament is planned for Monday, May 18th. Numerous diamond changes are being planned in order to improve the playing conditions. The pitchers mound and home plate are to be reconstructed and built up. The team still have hopes that a permanent home run fence might be erected. The team is getting an early start this season and practice sessions are to be held within the next few days.

**Unionville Curlers Planning New Artificial Ice Arena**

A delegation from the Unionville Curling Club comprising the president, Mr. Bruce Ray, and members, Doug Hood and John Grant, appeared before the Markham Township Council on Monday afternoon requesting the use of the property adjacent to the present arena for the purpose of erecting a new artificial curling rink. Mr. Ray informed the members that the building would measure some sixty feet in width with an approximate length of one hundred and seventy-five feet. It will be part of the Community Centre. The new arena will have a round roof, clapboard front and aluminum sides and back. The plant in the Union-

ville arena will be used to manufacture the ice in the proposed curling rink. The rink will contain a basement, ground floor and a top storey measuring from 25-30 feet in height. Mr. Hood claimed that satisfactory curling could not be carried on when the same ice was being used for hockey and pleasure skating. Mr. Hood added that it was impossible to build up the club's membership with the present ice conditions. Mr. Ray said that the structure might not be started until next year but they wished the council's O.K. on the property. The council granted the curling club their request.

**Markham Crushes Sutton To Enter ORHA Semi-Finals**

Markham Eagles walked over Sutton like so many steam rollers on Saturday night in Unionville and on Monday night in Newmarket with a crushing 28 goal attack. It turned out to be a field day for the Markham forwards in both games as they poured through the Sutton defence like a swarm of bees. Jack Rumney paced the Eagles attack on Saturday night with three goals with Bob Lawrie, Sellers, Munroe and Poots each notching two. The Petch brothers, Morley, Lyle and Bob each fired singles with Young tallying the other. Bill Brett with two and Holborne were the marksmen for the Greenshirts.

On Monday night it was the same story as Markham ran wild in the goal scoring department. Pete Blake and Bun Sellers scored hat tricks while Morley Petch, Bob Lawrie and Frank Hill scored two. Bud Baker was the other lamp lighter. Bill Brett with two and Taylor scored for Sutton. At the present time it is still doubtful who the opposition for the championship will be. It is expected, however, that Milton will be the most likely contenders.

**Peaches Overpower Hoopers A.C. 5-1**

Peaches A.C. continue to set the pace in their King Clancy group as they downed Hoopers by a score of 5-1 on Thursday night of last week. It was their second victory over the Toronto squad since they entered into the league. Right-winger Don Thomas led the Peaches attack with two goals, one coming on a close-in scramble and the other on a breakaway. John Lawrenson made it 3-0 as he tucked the rubber in the corner and Harry Lewis deflected a blue-line drive for the fourth goal. Hoopers counted their lone tally when the seventh concession squad failed to clear the puck out of their own zone following a face-off. Murray Lewis ended the scoring when he picked up a rebound, swerved around the goaltender who had come ten feet out of his net and fired the puck into the empty cage. Murray Grove scored in the final minute but the tally was disallowed as the referee claimed he was standing in the goal crease. The local squad used Ken Laushway on defence for the first time since they entered the league and he picked up an assist on the fourth Peaches goal. The rural entry have two games this week, on Wednesday night here and on Thursday night in Unionville.

conditions have approximately forty skating days for pleasure skating but in 1953 this mark sank to an all-time low with only 10 days being used for public skating purposes. The lack of regular pleasure skating days greatly affected the crowds even when the ice was in good condition. On only one evening did the attendance reach close to 300 and on one occasion there were but 76 skaters out on a regular night. Although it is true that the operating costs have been greatly reduced, the revenue is close to rock bottom also. Outdoor rinks such as Lemonville and Cedar Grove have been likewise hard hit although our neighbors to the south are conveniently located in a shaded area which aided in lengthening out their season considerably. Some of the experts claim that our winters are gradually becoming milder year by year and 1953 certainly seems to have borne out the fact in their favor. In the snowfall department the depth is reported to have been the least this winter in 110 years. It would appear that Stouffville erected the artificial ice arena in the nick of time or our town would be suffering the same fate as our neighbors have experienced. The local ice palace has been in operation for over seven months for skating purposes and it is likely it will continue for another four weeks.

**Claremont Recreation Committee Has Approached Council Concerning A Pool**

Rev. G. Davison of Claremont appeared before Picking Township Council on Wednesday afternoon of last week to discuss the possibility of obtaining a grant for the purpose of building a swimming tank in the immediate area. Rev. Davison, representing the Claremont Recreational Committee, was well received by the council members who spoke in favor of the project. This committee has for the past few years carried out an organized swimming school for children ranging from Grades 5 to 10. Last summer there was an enrolment of over 100 students. Pupils from such schools as Claremont, Atha, Mt. Zion, Cherrywood, Brougham and others have all received this valuable instruction at the expense of the

**CLAREMONT**

Mrs. G. M. Forsyth has been confined to bed through illness, friends will regret to learn. Mike Valentino of Huntsville visited his mother here on Easter Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Pilkey of Toronto visited with friends here during the weekend. Miss G. Forsyth of Oshawa spent the Easter weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Forsyth. Coronation Ball in the Community Hall this Friday night. Various school boards. The swimming tank at Greenwood has always been used. The students receive approximately ten lessons each year.

THE STOUFFVILLE CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP invites you to the **ANNUAL LADIES NIGHT** Monday, April 13th at 8 p.m. in the Stouffville Baptist Church GUEST SPEAKER — REV. JACK SCOTT GUEST SOLOIST — MR. SAM CARSER Come early for a seat — You are welcome

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