



Baker Nets Winner, Clippers Down Oshawa Truckmen 3-2

Bert Baker, hard driving Clipper defenceman picked up a loose puck inside the Oshawa blueline and fired a knee high shot past Naylor in the Truckmen's cage to give Stouffville a 3-2 victory over the Motor City crew in an exhibition benefit game here on Saturday night. The win aided the Clippers to gain partial revenge for Oshawa's mastery over them in the group semi-finals last season.

Bob Bangay used five familiar faces in his starting line with Polly Minton centering Geo. Stark and Nick Bangay. Bert Baker and Jim Machin formed a solid defensive obstruction. On the second line, Ronnie Bell worked between Hal Gibson and Speers with Mark Mills and Joe Scatalan on defence. A third attacking unit had a newcomer Penoleberry centering Stephenson and Small. A fourth line was made up of Jack Watson, Tunstall and Crust with Don Lewis taking a turn on left wing. Les Clark and MacKintosh formed the third set of blueline barriers. Blake Eatough was back in his old familiar position in the Stouffville net.

The Clippers opened the scoring at 3:11 of the first period as Nick Bangay drove Baker's screen shot rebound into the bottom corner with McBeth of Oshawa in the penalty box. Hardly had the teams returned to full strength when defenceman Mark Mills was waved to the cooler for tripping. While sitting out his minor penalty Oshawa turned on the pressure but failed to pierce Stouffville's solid rear-guard unit. Bert Baker was especially effective not only when shorthanded but throughout the contest.

With Stouffville playing two men short, the Truckmen evened the score. Thaler tipped Williams goalmouth pass into the net at 13:25. When both clubs returned to full strength the tempo of the game increased with the Clippers having a decided edge in the play. Hal Gibson had a good opportunity to put Stouffville out front but Courtney in the Oshawa cage stopped him cold. Bert Baker had another wide open chance as he cruised in from left wing but his bullet drive bounced off the goal post.

Early in the second frame, Jago of Oshawa was penalized and Stouffville poured around the Truckmen's net like a swarm of bees. Polly Minton, Stark, Nick Bangay, Mills and MacKintosh combined on numerous clean cut plays but they failed to find an opening. Midway through the period Naylor replaced Courtney in the Oshawa net. Hardly had he set himself between the pipes when George Stark tested him with a backhand drive and Scatalan sizzled a slap shot to the top left hand corner but the versatile goalie pulled off spectacular saves as he picked the rubber out of the air. Scatalan, a former A.V. Roe rear-guard and already a favorite with local fans handed out the stiffest check of the night as he sent "Red" Peters spinning to the ice when he attempted to split the defence.

Les Clark set up the second Clipper goal slipping winged Hal Gibson a blueline pass as they sailed into the Truckmen's zone. Gibson cut in on the net, switched his stick right to left in one motion and fired the puck into the far corner of the net. Stark was serving a penalty when the Stouffville goal was scored.

Oshawa tied the score for the second time early in the final frame. Hooper blinked the light from Holden and Jago. With but five minutes remaining in the contest, Bert Baker moved in from the blueline to snare a loose puck and rifle it into the twine.

With twenty five seconds left in the game, Naylor vacated the Oshawa net in favor of an extra forward but the move failed to pay off. On the nights' play, the Stouffville defence appeared to be the greatest improvement over last year's club. Newcomers Scatalan and MacKintosh looked especially good with Machin, Baker, Clark and Mills also turning in a steady game. Oshawa's big line of Scott, Wilson and Samolenko failed to get going and their scoring punch was missed. In two previous exhibition contests the Motor City crew defeated Barrie Jrs. 7-2 and tied Hamilton Sr. A's 3-3.

"The greater bird of paradise, noted for its magnificent multi coloured plumes, is a cousin to the common crow. That's the way it goes — some kinsfolk are pretty, and others are smart."

Lions Pee Wee NHL To Have Six Teams

There will be six teams in the local Lions Club Pee Wee League this season instead of four clubs. This arrangement was decided on by the Sports Committee of the Lions, headed by chairman, Ted Edwards. Coaches have been approached to handle the six teams. Bill Lennox, Bill Bockmaster, Geo. Pearce, Albert Smalley, Tom Wedelsloft have all given notification that they will be willing to assist in organizing and running the group. More hours have been made available this season as the league will operate from 12 o'clock noon until 4 p.m. every Saturday. Any boy 8 to 14 on Oct. 1st is eligible to play. The league opener was held last Saturday afternoon with some seventy lads taking part in the pre-schedule practice sessions under the direction of Ron Peake and John Davis. A regular schedule will be drawn up shortly and the boys will be divided up according to age and ability. Any parent who would like to assist in operating the league is welcome to drop into the arena on any Saturday afternoon.

OHA Senior Hockey Schedule (First Half)

- (Note: first team mentioned is the home team in each case)
- Monday, Oct. 19
Dynes-Leasiders vs Wheelers
 - Tuesday, Oct. 20
Wheelers vs Lyndhursts
 - October 21
Stouffville Clippers vs Leaside
 - October 23
Lyndhursts vs Ki-Y Flyers
 - October 24
Ki-Y Flyers vs Stouff. Clippers
 - October 26
Leaside vs Ki-Y Flyers
 - October 27
Wheelers vs Stouff. Clippers
 - October 30
Lyndhursts vs Leaside
 - October 31
Stouff. Clippers vs Lyndhursts
 - November 1
Ki-Y Flyers vs Wheelers
 - November 2
Leaside vs Stouff. Clippers
 - November 3
Wheelers vs Leaside
 - November 4
Ki-Y Flyers vs Lyndhursts
 - November 6
Lyndhursts vs Wheelers
 - November 7
Stouff. Clippers vs Ki-Y Flyers
 - November 9
Leaside vs Lyndhursts
 - November 10
Wheelers vs Ki-Y Flyers
 - November 13
Lyndhursts vs Stouff. Clippers
 - November 14
Stouff. Clippers vs Wheelers
 - November 16
Ki-Y Flyers vs Leaside
 - November 17
Leaside vs Wheelers
 - November 18
Wheelers vs Lyndhursts
 - November 20
Stouff. Clippers vs Leaside
 - November 21
Lyndhursts vs Ki-Y Flyers
 - November 21
Ki-Y Flyers vs Stouff. Clippers
 - November 23
Leaside vs Ki-Y Flyers
 - November 24
Wheelers vs Stouff. Clippers
 - November 27
Lyndhursts vs Leaside
 - November 28
Stouff. Clippers vs Lyndhursts
 - November 30
Ki-Y Flyers vs Wheelers
 - December 1
Leaside vs Stouff. Clippers
 - December 2
Wheelers vs Leaside
 - December 2
Ki-Y Flyers vs Lyndhursts
 - December 4
Lyndhursts vs Wheelers
 - November 5
Stouff. Clippers vs Ki-Y Flyers
 - December 7
Leaside vs Lyndhursts
 - December 8
Wheelers vs Ki-Y Flyers
 - December 11
Lyndhursts vs Stouff. Clippers
 - December 12
Stouff. Clippers vs Wheelers
 - December 14
Ki-Y Flyers vs Leaside
 - December 15
Leaside vs Wheelers
 - December 16
Wheelers vs Lyndhursts
 - December 16
Stouff. Clippers vs Leaside
 - December 18
Lyndhursts vs Ki-Y Flyers
 - December 19
Ki-Y Flyers vs Stouff. Clippers
 - December 21
Leaside vs Ki-Y Flyers
 - December 22
Wheelers vs Stouff. Clippers
 - December 26
Lyndhursts vs Leaside
 - December 26
Stouff. Clippers vs Lyndhursts
 - December 28
Ki-Y Flyers vs Wheelers
 - December 28
Leaside vs Stouff. Clippers
 - December 29
Wheelers vs Leaside
 - December 30
Ki-Y Flyers vs Lyndhursts

Aurora Makes Bid To Enter Markham Softball

There may be a new addition to the Markham Township Softball League next year. Aurora has given notice that they will seek entry in the local group. The strong competition in the Markham League has enticed the Yonge Street squad to file an application. Aurora are planning on building a strong team which will enter OASA competition. Following the League's experience with Woodbridge the officials will no doubt want to give considerable thought to the idea before an O.K. is given.

Bowling News

Dr. Ron Smith's Quacks and Vic Atkinson's Overdrafts are deadlocked for the top position in the Stouffville Lions Club League each with four points. Bill Ford's V-S's and George Pearce's Pink Pills are deadlocked on the number two rung while Ted Edwards' Cuties and Len Wilke's Stuffed Shirts are pointless. The Lions bowl every Thursday evening. There is still room for two or three regular players in the twelve team Town League. The town group bowl on Monday and Tuesday nights. The league officials are: President, Al Klinck, Vice Pres., Don Davis, Sec., Tom Johnston, Treas., Don Davis. There is open bowling every Saturday night.

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Rugby Squad Downs Newmarket

Stouffville rugby team defeated Newmarket 22-17 in Newmarket last Wednesday. It was Newmarket's third defeat of the season.

Newmarket kicked for a single point in the first quarter but early in the second quarter Ron Peake took a pass from Haynes and ran for a touchdown. Jim Coultice scored a major on a pass from Ford and the convert to Thompson was good.

Newmarket intercepted a pass and drove to the Stouffville five yard line. Delwyn Creed plunged for the five points. Stouffville led 11-6 at the end of the half.

Ron Grove picked up five points for Newmarket in the third quarter to tie the score. Frisby put Stouffville ahead again with an unconverted major on a plunge. Then in the final quarter Nell Tate ran a kick back for a touchdown which Ron Grove converted. With the score 17-16 in favor of Newmar-

ket, Stouffville's prospects looked grim until Frisby, with less than three minutes left, scored on an end run. Ron Peake caught the convert to complete the scoring.

This win places Stouffville in a three-way tie for first place with Markham and Richmond Hill. The next two games will be played at home against Newmarket this Wednesday and Richmond Hill next Wednesday. If the weather is good, the game with Richmond Hill next week may be a night game played under the lights.

RECORD TURNOUT AT OPENING SKATING CLUB PRACTICE

Over 100 figure skaters turned out to the opening practice sessions of the Stouffville Figure Skating Club on Monday afternoon and evening. Mr and Mrs. Distelmeyer, outstanding instructors are well satisfied with the ability of the local junior skaters. The next practice will be held on Saturday morning commencing at 8 a.m.

FRISBY ACCLAIMED IN RUGBY VICTORY

Graham Frisby, Stouffville High School's top athlete and football star received high acclaim from Richmond Hill supporters following the local squad's victory over the Yonge Street crew. It marked the first time that Richmond Hill's 6-man football had suffered defeat since the league was organized several years ago. Stouffville captured the game 33-17. The Richmond Hill Liberal newspaper described Frisby as a "ball of fire whose superior speed and drive proved to be the difference between the two clubs." Frisby scored four touchdowns for the winners with Glenn Thompson getting two.

FOOTBALL UNDER FLOODLIGHTS

Another use has been discovered for Stouffville's new floodlight system. On Wednesday, Oct. 28th, the Stouffville High School football team will battle Richmond Hill under the lights, weather permitting. It will be a new experience for the squad who have previously performed under natural lighting conditions. If the plan is put into operation it will mean that baseball, softball and football teams have been able to take advantage of Stouffville's superior floodlight system.

DEFENCE MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

In our first glimpse of the 1953-54 edition of the Stouffville Clippers one major improvement impressed your reporter and the majority of fans who attended the Oshawa-Stouffville exhibition contest — the defence. "Joe" Scatalan formerly with A. V. Roe and MacKintosh from Latimer Brokers in the East York League looked very impressive. Bert Baker was a star throughout the game while Mark Mills, Jim Machin and Les Clark turned in very creditable performances. Last year, fans will no doubt remember the Clippers were woefully weak on defence with playing coach Bob Bangay finding it necessary to drop back on the blueline to fill the vacancy created through lack of players. The increased rearguard strength may also aid goaltender Blake Eatough in maintaining his excellent goaltending record since donning a Clipper uniform. Despite the shortage of defencemen last season, Eatough was the top netminder in the Sr. 'B' group.

CHAMPION YANKEES RECEIVE \$8,000 CUT

Each member of the New York Yankees who received a full world series share, will collect a record sum of \$8,230.68. Those voted full shares by the losing Brooklyn Dodgers will receive \$6,178.42. The Yankee windfall, shared by 22 players, manager Casey Stengel, four coaches, the club trainer and road secretary, easily eclipses the previous record payoff of \$6,772.05, pocketed by the world champion Cleveland Indians of 1948. Second place money compares to the \$4,951.03 previous high received by the New York Giants two years ago. The runners-up in the American and National Leagues, Cleveland and Milwaukee will receive \$51,850.62 from the gate receipts to divide among its players. When one stops to think over these figures the staggering totals are even beyond one's imagination. Take the Yankees for instance, each player will receive over \$8,000 for one week's work, six games or approximately 18 hours. Their earning for one week compares with the salary of an average business man in two years. Is it any wonder that athletes strive to reach the top rung in the professional ladder.

A NEW RULE

Hockey fans who closely follow the rules and regulations of the game probably discovered that something new had been added to the book as far as Sr. 'B' hockey was concerned. Players may now shoot the puck into the opposition's end zone as soon as they cross the centre ice line and it will not be called for icing. Also a puck shot from outside the blueline across the centre ice line to a player moving in on the defending team's blueline must be picked up by the attacking player and controlled or it will be called back. In the old ruling if a player was in a position to accept the pass even though he didn't touch the puck the play was allowed to continue. The rule which allows an attacking player to shoot the puck into the end zone when he crosses the centre ice line is supposed to speed up the play and decrease the possibility of there being numerous off-sides at the blueline. This rule has always applied in Jr. "A", Sr. "A" and the N.H.L. It is true that no-icing rule might tend to speed up play but there are other unfavorable points concerning this regulation. Players will be more open to injury as they attempt to rush into the corner for the puck as soon as it is shot into the end zone from outside the blueline. It tends to cut down on pretty three-way passing plays from centre ice into the net which were practically necessary under the old ruling. It doesn't take too many brains on the part of a forward to carry the puck to centre ice, then rifle it in the general direction of the opposition net but it does take hockey brains to juggle the puck to the blueline before the player takes a shot. It will be interesting to see how the two rules compare in actual practice and then we may be able to judge whether the rule is a step forward or backward, as far as promoting good hockey is concerned.

IS RURAL HOCKEY DYING OUT?

It appears this season that there may be a scarcity of rural hockey teams in this district. Last year an interesting group was formed which included clubs from Markham, Brougham, Peaches, Woodbridge and Agincourt. Following the playoffs each team entered their respective classes in the Ontario Rural Hockey League. Markham and Woodbridge went Senior, Peaches moved into Intermediate 'A' competition, and Brougham went Intermediate 'B'. Agincourt were not allowed to enter further rural competition because of an illegal player set-up. Markham captured the Senior championship with comparative ease. Peaches lost out to Bolton and Brougham was eliminated by Kleinburg. At the present time Markham are undecided as to their hockey future and Brougham, according to reports, are definitely out of rural hockey. Agincourt are unlikely to enter a club in this group and the fate of Woodbridge is as yet unknown. Peaches are still very much interested in suitable competition is provided. The local squad have already held one practice and a number of promising prospects have been lined up. There has always been considerable rural hockey interest to the north and east of Stouffville and these clubs might be revived to take part in active competition. Such communities as Pine Orchard, Lemonville, Uxbridge, Clarendon, Sunderland, Port Perry and Brooklin should easily be able to set up a team in a well-organized group. The teams that haven't official ice could play their home games at Stouffville. Port Perry and Whitby are proceeding with the building of new artificial ice rinks and should be ready for use this winter. If a rural hockey club receives the vocal and financial support of its residents a league could be organized here which would easily pay its way and provide some good hockey entertainment during the winter months. There are dozens of boys and young men who are too old for Junior and not capable of entering the ranks of Senior hockey who would welcome with open arms the idea of forming a hockey team and entering an organized group. Such a plan is worth considering if a local rural hockey league is to thrive in this district during the coming season.

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