

ARE 9 O'CLOCK GAMES UNPOPULAR?

Here in Stouffville it has been the custom to start all Saturday night Sr. "B" hockey games at 9 o'clock. The ruling was made several years ago for two main reasons- 1. In order to give teams travelling a considerable distance an extra halfhour to make the trip. 2. In order to give local business men a chance to see much of the game after store hours. At the present time however, since Stouffville is now playing in a compact group, the extra half-hour travelling time is not needed and it is thought that very few business men take advantage of the "late game" to come down to the arena after the 10 o'clock closing hour. The majority of Saturday night games which commence at 9.00 p.m. are not completed until 11.30. This, to many folks is too late. Then there are those who forget the hour of game time and arrive at 8.30 and are forced to sit for over one-half hour before the teams make an appearance on the ice. If Stouffville continues to operate on the Metro group another season, it might be wise to make the switch back to the standard \$.30 starting time.

POLLY MINTON STARTED HOCKEY CAREER AS A GOALTENDER

Fourteen years ago at the age of 10, Polly Minton embarked on a hockey career in a strange way Because he had not learned to skate. Polly donned the heavy pads and tended goal in a Unionville "kids" league. The rink was made available. to these young boys every Saturday morning. At the age of 13, Polly put on his first pair of hockey skates and with the aid of rubber ankle supports he struggled around the ice. The lack of skating ability did not discourage Polly however, but instead made him more determined to improve.

In 1942 Polly played on his first organized team at Richmond Hill coached by Grant Nighswander of Markham. With such stars as Frank Sullivan, Mac Clement, and Norm Stunden, the club went through to capture the T.H.L. Championship.

The following year Polly hooked up with Markham Juniors but later moved to join the Stouffville Red Wings coached by Bruce Harper and managed by Bob Snowball. Some of the players on that club were Keith Jewett, Bill Mabbett, Jack and George Rumney, Doug Moore, Don Campbell, Gord Lewis and others. Polly centered a line with Jewett and "Skip" Taylor on the wings. During his three year stint with Stouffville Jrs., Polly played against such clubs as Owen Sound, Goderich and Gananoque. Polly was selected to represent the Stouffville club in the Ontario All-Star game played at Maple Leaf Gardens.

Polly recalls the days when he played in Stouffville's natural ice rink. "Nearly make a man seasick," said Polly when commenting on the rolling ice surface. Those were the days when spectators journeyed to distant centres by bus loads and arrived home some time during the early hours of the next morning.

Following the three years in which the Red Wings were the centre of attraction here in Stouffville, the majority of the players became over-age and the club broke up. Polly still had three years left as a junior so once again he returned to. Unionville, his hockey birthplace, where he played with such stars as Bill Boycoff, Frank Hill, Morley Petch, Bud Watson and Normie Stunden. Although the club put up a gallant fight, it lost out to Weston through sheer weight of numbers. It was in that year that Polly had his golden opportunity to move up into hockey's "big time" when an offer came for him to join the Galt Jr. "A" Black Hawks. Polly turned down the offer, a decision he still regrets somewhat to this day.

Polly's next step up the hockey ladder was to the Stouffville Clippers under the coaching leadership of Bert Fife. He has been a member of the Clippers since that time.

Although Polly has held down a centre ice position with local clubs during most of his hockey career he still prefers right wing. He is noted for his shifty, free-skating style which has come a long way since the days when he wobbled around the rink as a 13--year-old aided by a hockey stick and a pair of rubber ankle supports. In spite of his love of clean play he has run into a number of very serious injuries. In Midland he was cut for twelve stitches over the eye by a flying puck; here in Stouffville during a game with Orillia, forward Rusty Aiken of Orillia sliced his face with his skate which required. fifteen stitches and on another occasion here he collided with team mate George Stark at centre ice and suffered a severe concussion. Other minor injuries are too numerous to mention.

Polly has always been a "money player". If a team was one or two goals behind in an important game it would usually be Polly Minton who would come through when the chips were down. Two years ago, when Stouffville marched to the OHA Sr. "B" Championship, Polly scored the winning goals against Peterboro and Port Colborne. He also scored many gamewinning goals while in Jr. company. During his eleven years in organized hockey, Polly has played with many stars of the game. From this ever-growing assortment, he picks Gord Lewis as "one of the best he ever played with." Both Gord and Polly are two of Stouffville's original junior hockey players.

This week we salute Stouffville's own Polly Minton, a player who has come up through the ranks of local hockey to become a solid favorite with hockey fans both young and old. His fast-skating, clean style of play would be an asset to any

Unionville and Stouffville

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into a ten minute misconduct penalty. The contest was han-

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Midgets Lose To Unionville Unionville and Stoutfvilk Midgets hooked up and might in a Midgets hooked up on Friday The contest was a nip-and-tuck affair with the outcome being in doubt right to the final the first period. Don Tran counted the opening tally early in the game but the visitors came back to tie the score as Michael Pettit blinked the light. Unionville took the lead midway through the period as Jack Darbyson scored. Alfred Fairles put the locals back on even terms and followed through with another on a pass from Ross Madill to give Stouffville a 3-2 edge. evened the score in the second frame as Jack Darbyson scored the lone tally in the period. In the final session, Atkinson of Unionville notched the winner. There were nine penalties extette in the game, five to Stouffville and four to Unionville. Alfred Fairles of Stouffville and Jack Darbyson of Unionville were

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The Stouffville Lions Hockey League are all decked out in their new uniforms. Each club resembles a team in the National Hockey League, The cost of these uniforms amounted to over \$300. They will be turned in at the conclusion of each game. Next Saturday afternoon the Leafs will play the Hawks in the first game, the Wings meet Boston in the second contest and the Rangers battle Canadiens in the last game. A complete standing and report will be published next week.

CLIPPER SCORING PARADE Small Lewis Bell McNeil McIntosh Minton Gibson Stephenson Bangay Scattalon Baker Watson Melville

Eatough Blanks

Stouffville goaltender Blake Eatough racked up his first shut out of the season here on Saturday night as the Clippers blanked Ravina Flyers S-0. Gord Lewis was the top marksman for the winners with three goals, Jerry Junkin with two, Hal Gibson, Jack Watson and Ken McNeil were the other Stouffville scorers.

The Clippers jumped into a 2-0 lead early in the first period. Gord Lewis fired his first goal at the five minute mark assisted by Bert Baker and Hal Gibson combined with centreman Ken McNeil at 10:15 to notch the second tally.

Early in the second period, Stephenson became involved in a high sticking duel with Byers of Ravina and was forced out of the game with a bad gash over the eye. Byer was given a five minute major while Stephenson was penalized for two minutes. His penalty was served by Jack Watson.

The Clippers jumped in . . . a 4-0 lead in the second twenty minutes on goals by Jerry Junkin from Scatalon and Gord Lewis from Gibson. Eatough came up with a sensational stop early in the period when a Ravina forward rushed in alone only to be stopped cold by two skates, two pads, two hands and a stick.

Gord Lewis completed the hat trick early in the third period on a pass from Geo. Stark. The two-way passing effort produced the picture goal of the game. Ken McNeil imade it 6-0 from Gibson and Jack Walson put his team seven goals up from McIntosh. Jerry Junkin notched the final goal of the game as he flipped it around the corner of the net.

Due to injuries, coach Bangay moved defenceman Don McIntosh up on the forward line and pressed Jack Watson into service. Both players figured in one goal. Ronnie Bell, Nick Bangay and Frank Stephenson are all on the sidelines due to the injury jinx.

Jim Austin **Gets Third Term**

The entire Ontario Minor Hockey Association executive received acclamations on Saturday afternoon at their anmual meeting held in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto. Mr. members of the executive are closing fast with 11. Pres., Mike Wiechel of Elmira, vice-pres., Fred Norman, Simcoe, second vice, Bert Hick, Lindsay; third vice, Jack Oakes, Strathroy; Sec., Jack Chris- old's Grill, 17; Shamrocks, 17; Hipwell, Toronto.

sent at the annual meeting. Wilson Motors, 8; Lehman's Seven delegates were ladies. Shoes, S; Arena, 7. Among those present was Mr. High triple, E. Hammond, 779 sides at Warkworth, Ont. Bill is continuing to perform many istered with the OMHA last mount of refereeing in the ar-

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LIONS LEAGUE

The Ford V-S's and Pink Pills are tied on the top rung with 23 points. Ron Smith's Quacks follow with 19 points, Dec. 16, Newm't at Nobleton. Overdrafts, 17, Edward's Cut- Dec. 18, Thornhill at Stouff, ies, 12 and Stuffed Shirts, 2, in Dec. 22, Newm't, at Thornhill that order.

YOUNG PEOPLES

Mickey Redshaw's Jim Austin of Stouffville, one leads the pack with 30 pts, Jan. 5, Nobleton at Thornhill of the executive members will Snoon Fairles, 29, Murray Jan. 6, Newm't at Nobleton commence his third term of Wagg and Pat Lehman, 28, De- Jan. 8, Thornhill at Stouff. office in OMHA work. Other rek Chadwick, 21 and Peaches NORTH YORK PLAY-OFFS

MEN'S TOWN LEAGUE Standings as of last week

Orphans, 22: Legion, 22; Hartie, Toronto: Treas. Dr. Leon Cooksville, 15; Mole Motors, 13; Klink's Grocery, 13; Skyline Some 257 delegates were pre- Farms, 13; Machine Shop, 13;

Bill Mulholland who now re- High single, Bill Parlor, 326

duties in the promotion of mi- season with over five thousnor sports in that district. He and taking part in OMHA playis also doing a considerable a- downs. He informed the gathering that further steps would be taken to crack down on Secretary Jack Christie in- rough play, illegal tactics and

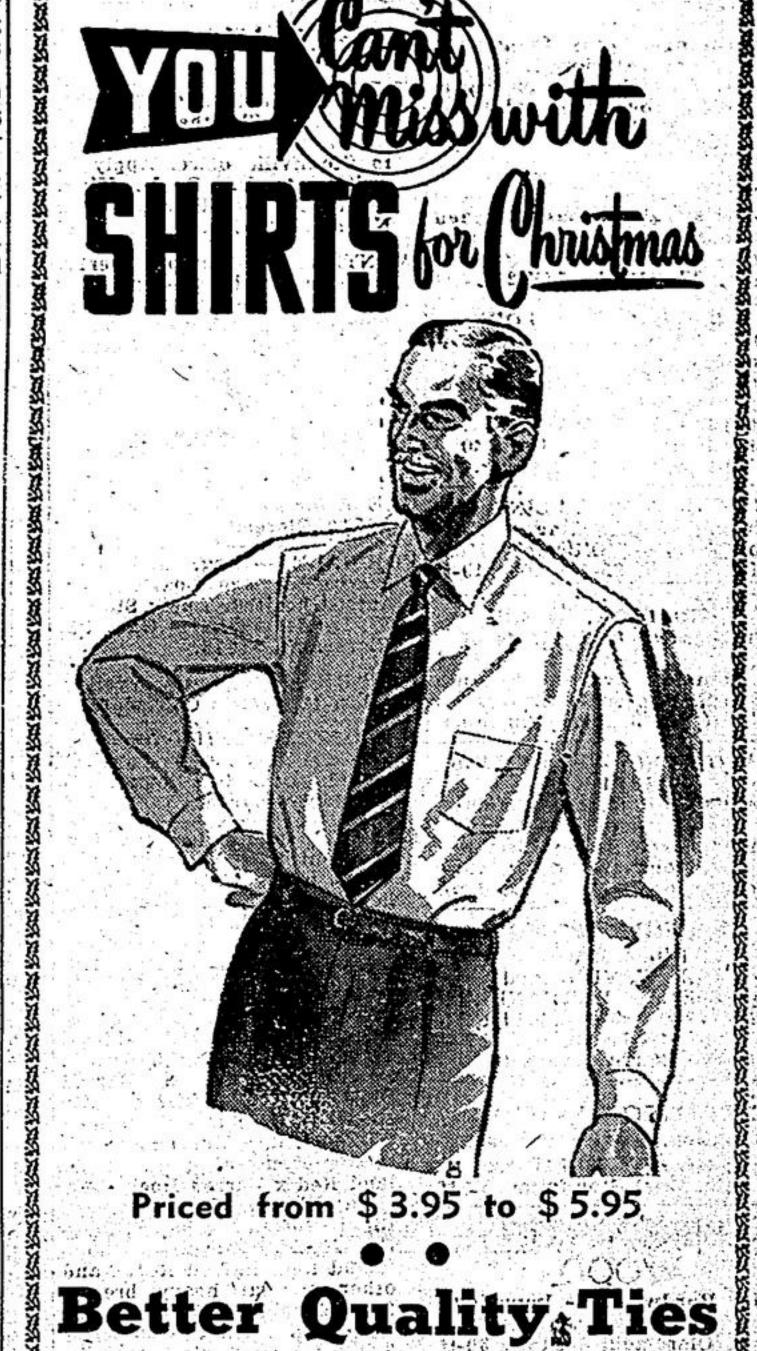
North York Juvenile Schedule

Dec. 11, Newmarket at Stouff. Dec. 15, Nobleton at Newm't-Dec. 23, Stouff, at Nobleton Dec. 29, Nobleton at Newm Dec. 29, Stouff. at Thornhill team Jan. 1, Nobleton at Stouff.

1st vs 3rd,—2 out of 3 2nd vs 4th-2 out of 3

Friday Night Here All for Minor Hockey

"Friday Night" will be minor hockey night in Stouffville. The local midget, bantam and juvenile teams will play their home games during the one evening. On Friday night of this week Richvale will be the visitors here for the midget contest and Newmarket will form the juvenile opposition. Spectators may witness this full evening of hockey entertainment for .25c.



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