



A DIFFICULT SITUATION

Early in January, Newmarket Spitfires will replace Lyndhurst Motors in the Metro Sr. 'B' group, but the biggest question now is — What with? Apparently the OHA has definitely turned down any bid by the Spitfires' management to obtain players from inside the Metro loop. This action puts the Newmarket team really on the spot. They must now use the players already signed and scout around to try and pick up some "left overs" to fill any vacancies in the lineup. These so-called "left overs" must hail from outside the Metropolitan area. It's been a tough year for Newmarket and if they can struggle through the season successfully let it be hoped that they may get off to a better start in the Metro Sr. League next year.

INJURY JINX

The mid-season injury jinx has caught up with the Stouffville Clippers forcing Coach Bob Bangay to use but two forward lines. On the shelf are Nick Bangay, Ronnie Bell, Gord Lewis, Don McIntosh and Ken McNeil. Ronnie Bell who suffered two cracked ribs a couple of weeks ago is expected back in action this week. Gord Lewis was cut for seven stitches on Saturday night but should be back in action soon. Nick Bangay will return to active forward line duty after Christmas. The two most recent additions to the injury list, McIntosh and McNeil may be out indefinitely. McIntosh injured his knee and McNeil may have cracked some ribs. Last year the Clippers ran into the same difficulty and at one time had but two regular defencemen. This season more players were available to fill the vacancies.

WILL SR. HOCKEY RETURN TO MARKHAM?

There are many enthusiastic hockey fans in Markham who still hold some hope that Markham will in time return to Sr. 'B' hockey. And oddly enough there are many in Stouffville who would welcome their southern neighbors into a Sr. hockey group. Never in the history of local hockey did interest run so high as in the days when teams from Markham and Stouffville fought it out for the group championship. Everybody and his brother would turn out to see the two teams play against one another. When plans for a new artificial ice arena in Markham fell through, hockey in that centre was hit a knockout blow and it is slowly recovering. At the present time Markham can outfit a Sr. ORHA team which is head and shoulders above anything in its class in the entire province and would prove good opposition for the average Intermediate 'A' clubs. There is no reason why, with a few additions, Markham could not pull out of the rut and group and enter Sr. 'B' competition. They could continue to use the Unionville arena as their home rink and if the crowds did become too large, could try to move to other headquarters for playoff contests. Markham has always been a good hockey town and since it is located practically in the centre of the Metropolitan Area, shouldn't have any trouble in obtaining an entry.

THE FRIENDLIEST SPORT IN THE WORLD

During the opening ceremonies at Unionville's new \$75,000 curling arena, Mr. James Tudhope of Orillia, Vice President of the Ontario Curling Association, stated that the game of curling was "the finest and friendliest sport in the world." This was a broad statement when one considers the scope of the word "sport" but only those who really understand the curling game could properly appreciate the true meaning behind the statement. To your Sports Editor, curling is about as familiar as tennis is to an Eskimo, but on Saturday afternoon I had my first opportunity to witness four curling teams in action. At a quick glimpse the men, arrayed in Scottish plaid tams appear to be readying for the highland fling, but on closer inspection one cannot help but to become intensely interested. It is then that you realize what the word "friendly" really means. At this sport there are no arguments, no harsh words, no fighting, players don't hit one another over the head with their brooms and no one is ever put out of the game for bad behaviour. The loser is always quick to congratulate the winner and everyone wears a look of satisfaction and enjoyment. Curling is also a test of skill. To a newcomer the sport has all the characteristics of a game of crokinole where the one player tries to knock the other's stone out of the circle. The sport of curling must hold some enjoyment for its players because one well-known local hockey player when questioned whether he intended to continue at the game this year replied, "No, I think I'll take up curling instead."

MINTON WITH MARKHAM



Polly Minton, a steady performer with the Clippers for a number of seasons has vacated the Stouffville colors and according to reports will line up with the Markham Eagles

Kingston, Oshawa Share Top Spot in Eastern Sr. Loop

Kingston Goodyears, downed Oshawa Truckmen on Saturday night 4-2 to pull into a first place tie with the Motor City squad. Oshawa counted the opener in the first period as Bill Burwick scored but Kingston rallied to notch four in a row. Ernie Dickens tallied the final goal of the game. Kingston have shown steady improvement since the schedule opened and have overhauled Oshawa who had built up a comfortable lead early in the season.

Sr. ORHA team. Polly has practiced with the Markhamites but hasn't actually taken part in any scheduled games. He will no doubt add considerable scoring strength to the Markham lineup.

Stark Sparks Clippers to Win Over Lumbermen

Geo. Stark returned to his old time free-wheeling form in the third period on Saturday night netting two goals and assisting on a third as the Clippers rallied to down Aurora Lumbermen 5-2.

Stouffville couldn't get organized in the first and second periods and found themselves trailing their slap-happy rivals 2-1 after forty minutes of play. However the homesters settled down in the final frame and salted the game away with four unanswered tallies.

In the first period the only obstacle that stood between the Aurora squad and five goals was netminder Blake Eatough. He was forced to pull off some dazzling stops as the homesters appeared lost. Tempers flared early in the game when veteran forward Jack Watson was crashed into the boards in the Stouffville end zone. From that point on, referee Loring Doolittle was the object of extreme criticism both from the players and fans. For some twenty minutes of hockey time, the Stouffville squad directed much of their attention toward the official with the result that some of the players spent as much time in the penalty box as on the ice. The Aurora team took advantage of their opposition's lapses and continued to pepper goalie Blake Eatough with rubber.

At 18:10 of the first period Frank Summerville dented Eatough's armor unassisted to give the visitors a 1-0 edge. Junkin and McNeil combined for Stouffville's best scoring opportunity but their efforts were turned aside by the Aurora goaltender. In the early minutes of the second period the Clippers scored but the goal was disallowed as referee Doolittle claimed Stephenson to be standing in the goal crease. The Stouffville forward protested strongly and talked himself into a ten minute misconduct penalty. Midway through the period centreman Gord Lewis worked in over the Aurora blueline and drilled a hard shot into the twine to put both teams on even terms. On the next rush, Lewis was cut for seven stitches over the eye and forced out of the game.

With but five minutes remaining in the contest Summerville struck again for Aurora with a rolling shot that dribbled into the twine. The game showed further signs of getting out of hand and the penalty parade continued.

The Clippers packed more good hockey in the third period than into the first and second periods combined as they took over complete control of the play. Elwood Small evened the score when the period was about ten seconds old. Besides the puck, the Aurora goaltender and one player wound up in a tangled heap in the net. Geo. Stark struck for Stouffville a minute later with a high drive to the top corner on a pass from McIntosh. Midway through the final session, Stark gailed in over the Aurora blueline in his old fashioned dippy doodle style and slipped the rubber under the goaltender as he flopped on the ice to make the stop. With Cork of Aurora serving a penalty, Ken McNeil lifted the puck into the top corner for the final goal of the game. Baker and Scatolon picked up assists on the play.

On the night's play, the Clippers distinguished themselves mainly in the final twenty minutes of the game. Aside from Stark's return to form, Ken McNeil turned in a fine effort. On defence, Don McIntosh was a star setting up one goal and leading numerous dangerous rushes.

Uxbridge Edges Peaches, Port Bows to Claremont

Peaches dropped a heart-breaking loss to Uxbridge on Thursday night 4-3 in the Port Perry Arena. Both clubs battled through 20 scoreless minutes in the first period but Uxbridge went one up in the second period. J. Thomas put Peaches back on even terms and Johnny Reesor put them in the lead. Uxbridge bounced back on a goal by Anderson. Grove looked to have salted the game away but Uxbridge was still game and rallied with two quick ones to take the game.

In the second half of the twin billing, Claremont scored their second victory of the season, edging Port Perry 4-3. Benson, Norton, McNeill and Harrison were the marksmen.

On Monday night Port Perry and Greenbank battled to a 5-5 draw while Brooklin edged Uxbridge 7-6.

LIONS NHL STANDINGS

Boston	4	0	0	8
Rangers	3	1	0	6
Canadiens	2	2	0	4
Red Wings	1	3	0	2
Hawks	1	3	0	2
Leafs	1	3	0	2

Sat. Dec. 19
Boston vs. Canadiens
Rangers vs. Hawks
Leafs vs. Wings

CLIPPER SCORING PARADE

Lewis	G.	A.	Pts.
Small	7	8	15
McNeil	12	3	15
Bell	8	4	12
Stephenson	8	3	11
McIntosh	7	4	11
Stark	5	6	11
Gibson	7	4	11
Junkin	6	3	9
Bangay	4	4	8
Scatolon	4	3	7
Baker	3	3	6
Watson	3	3	6
Melville	1	1	2

UNIONVILLE OPENS NEW \$75,000 CURLING RINK



W.J. Clark, Harry Maynard and Fred Hood are shown here getting ready to try out this fine new sheet of ice. "Sweep 'em up."

On Saturday afternoon, Mr. James Tudhope, vice president of the Ontario Curling Association, cut the ribbon to officially open Unionville's new \$75,000 artificial ice curling arena. In addressing the large gathering of sportsmen, Mr. Tudhope congratulated all those who had contributed of time and money toward the erection of the new building. He also commended the officials in setting aside ice time for the ladies and in the organization of a Ladies' Curling Club. He recalled that back in 1919, Unionville had a curling club membership of 91. The membership at the present time is 240.

President Jack Brown stated that in previous years the

Curling Club had labored in the Memorial Arena under difficult conditions. He said that it was difficult to build proper curling ice where hockey and public skating was carried on. A building committee was organized under the chairmanship of Mr. W.J. Harmon and the following committees were appointed: Vice Pres., Clark Young; Sec., R.B. Ra-Treas., H.R. Coulson; Members, Geo. Rodanz, Harold Boyington, Murray Roberts; S. Findlay, E.R. Meredith and Bruce Rae. With financial aid from the Markham Sand and Gravel Co., Leitchcroft Farms, Massey-Harris and others the work was started in May. The ice surface is divided into four sheets. There are

locker rooms for both the men and ladies and an additional room is still under construction. The lounge room is glass panelled on two sides and is complete with tables and easy chairs. Spectators or curlers waiting their turn may view the entire ice surface through the giant picture windows. Mr. Ben Gayman has been appointed manager of the curling rink.

During the opening ceremonies, Mr. Tudhope presented Mr. Jim Russell of Unionville with a life membership certificate.

Besides the village of Unionville there were a number from Stouffville, Richmond Hill, Thornhill, Markham, Agincourt and other points.

Ex Leaf at Claremont

Claremont is in the process of building a strong rural hockey team. At the beginning of the Uxbridge-Port Perry 3 League schedule, the Claremont team were said to be the 1 question mark club in the

group but now they appear to be one of the strongest. Their most recent addition to the lineup is ex-Toronto Maple Leaf forward, Pete Langlelle. Hockey fans may remember when Langlelle starred with Gus Marker and Hank Goldup as the Leafs number one line. Now he will lend his exper-

ience and hockey know-how brains to the Claremont squad. The ex-pro resides on a farm near Claremont.

A portion of Friday night's hockey game between the Stouffville Clippers and Lyndhurst Motors was televised over CKLB on Saturday night.

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ARENA BOWLING

Clipper - Lyndhurst Defencemen Battle

Defencemen Don McIntosh of the Clippers and Russ Robertson of Lyndhurst Motors squared off in the feature attraction of the Sr. B. hockey fixture played at East York on Friday night. The two burly rearwards were finally separated on the ice but would have continued after the game. They were restrained by their fellow team mates.

Although Stouffville was edged by their East York rivals 4-3 they had many good chances to salt the contest away but couldn't click around the net. Frank Stephenson with two goals and Don McIntosh with a lone tally were the Clipper marksmen.

A San Francisco sailor has a collection of 1,000 old ropes. It should be easy for him to make lots of knots an hour.

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