



SPORTS SHORTS

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WEEK LIKE COMMUNITY SPIRIT

A week ago when Newmarket Spitfires were the visitors in Stouffville, the arena enjoyed one of its largest crowds the season. On Friday night, the Clippers played the return contest back in the Hub town and close to 1,100 fans were on hand to see the game. Why? Because the fact still remains that rivalry between two communities will pack local arenas.

CAUTION BEWARE

It appears certain that Coach Bob Bangay of the Stouffville Clippers has really hit upon a scoring combination. Since the signing of ex-American League star Chuck Webster and with the return of Nick Bangay to the Stouffville lineup, the local team have been setting a torrid pace. The power-packed line headed by Webster with Geo. Stark and Nick Bangay on the wings has scored a total of 9 goals and picked up 13 assists in the last two games. In spite of the fact that Webster joined the Clippers midway through the schedule and Bangay was out of action for two months with a concussion and fractured jaw, the threesome have counted a total of 30 goals and assisted 31.

THE ROPE TRICK

Herb Cain, coach of the Newmarket Spitfires had had many half-raising experiences during his stint in the National Hockey League. To Blake, a linemate of Cain's tells in a written article about one of these experiences that occurred in the Ontario Maroons camp. At the time Tommy Gorman of Ottawa was boss of the Maroons. Tommy got the idea that his team could get the puck away faster if they eliminated going behind their own goal. With this idea in mind he tied a heavy rope to the goal posts and attached the other end to seats back of the boards. He forgot however, to tell all his players, with the result that Cain stepped out on the ice, picked up the puck, and started a jaunt around the arena. As he neared the far end he was really dangling and he bent low as is his custom around the net. Forty-five minutes later Cain woke up in the dressing room wondering what had happened and if his chin could stay attached to his head. Gorman quietly removed the ropes and this trick was forever banished from training camp routines, both then and now.

VISITORS TO AMERICAN HOCKEY GAMES

A number from Stouffville attended hockey games during the weekend in Buffalo and New York. Ted Cadieux and Ken Vagg took in the Pittsburgh-Buffalo game watching townsmen Bob Hassard perform. The Tribune editor was at Madison Square Gardens for the Canadiens-Rangers game, the first sellout crowd for hockey that the Gardens has had in five years, just under sixteen thousand. Bill "Squeak" Morrison was one of the two linemen in the NHL game and added a bit of local flavour for our Stouffville observer since Bill has refereed numerous games here in the past, coming from Oshawa.

New Yorkers, the local editor says are not too well up on their hockey but much better versed in basketball and boxing. Madison Square Gardens is completely air-conditioned so far so smoking is concerned but is a monstrosity of galleries and boxes, one overhanging the other. There is no large timeclock above the centre ice as we are accustomed to in Toronto but only a small two-ft. timepiece against the press gallery balcony on either side below four batteries of TV cameras.

While the atmosphere is one of bigness the huge building is far from the clean and tidy place we know at Maple Leaf Gardens. The officials appear powerless to cope with the crowd throwing debris on the ice. Peanuts, programs, orange peelings, and floss sticks were falling like rain during the final ten minutes of the game and at times it was difficult to distinguish the puck from some foreign object bouncing about the ice. No attempt was made however to clean up and the game proceeded to a conclusion despite the litter on the ice.

WRESTLING — IS IT FAIR AND SQUARE?

Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights on TV thousands of spectators view the thrilling exhibitions of wrestling that are staged in Toronto, New York and Chicago. While watching these men match their strength against their opponents, many people no doubt wonder whether the game is really on the level. There has been suspicions for quite some time that this sport is really not portrayed to the public on the fair and square. There have been rumors that the business is acted entirely from a script and that the eventual winner of any given "match" is known before the participants begin tying one another up in knots. The issue which appeared in a well-known magazine entitled "Rasslin' Was My Racket" and written by Herman Hickman would no doubt shock many people who take the sport seriously while others would not be affected by the report. This writer states that wrestling is nothing more nor less than a racket and substantiates his claims by pointing to many well-known names who have become nationally famous in their way, and tells how the acts are arranged. The writer claims that there is nothing new about the practice of wrestlers putting on a vaudeville act for customers. He claims it was done in granddad's day. Herman Hickman however doesn't criticize the sport but claims it to be superior entertainment put on by above-average men. He also states that because no one bets on wrestling it isn't a scandal when the truth is revealed. Your writer has always suspected that wrestling was a sport that was somewhat exaggerated but it is the first time that anyone previously connected with the game has come out in the open and made statements that actually confirm one's beliefs. When one watches wrestling whether it be over TV or on a plush ringside seat the performers in the ring should be regarded in the same light as a circus actor. There is no doubt in the world that men trained in the ordinary man would find impossible to do. Who actually wins or loses doesn't matter. Let one of us enter the ring and suffer a fraction of the punishment meted out by these bone-bending artists and I'm afraid our days would be numbered.

New Punch Line Carries Clippers to Double Win

Stouffville 5, Newmarket 4
Over 1,000 fans turned out on Friday night to see the Stouffville Clippers score a thrilling 5-1 victory over the fast-stepping Newmarket Spitfires. It was Newmarket's largest crowd of the season. Nick Bangay turned in a standout performance for the winners with two goals and two assists. Linemate Chuck Webster fired one tally and picked up two assists. Polly Minton and Geo. Stark notched the others. Jack Rhodes guarded the Stouffville net.

Newmarket opened the scoring at 6:01 of the first period when Melver blinked the light from Broughton. Three minutes later Nick Bangay scored on passes from Webster and Baker and Polly Minton put Stouffville in the lead unassisted at 11:25. Late in the period Bangay fired his second goal from Minton and Webster to give the Clippers a 3-1 advantage.

The Spits outscored the local squad 2-1 in the second session. Chuck Webster and Bangay combined for the Clippers fifth goal but the Canaltown crew stormed back with two fast in the dying minutes of the period. Ken Broughton scored at 18:40 and Gorman cut the Stouffville lead to one goal with an assist going to Ortie Thoms.

It took Geo. Stark, flashy Clipper winger but thirty five seconds to score what proved to be the winner in the final frame. Szabo counted the 4th Newmarket tally from Collins and Bradbury. Both clubs battled through the remaining fifteen minutes but neither team could register. On Saturday, Feb. 20th the Spitfires will return here for their second visit to Stouffville.

Stouffville 9, Aurora 1
Stouffville Clippers soundly trounced the Aurora Lumbermen 9-1 on Saturday night in a one-sided contest that saw the line of Nick Bangay, Geo. Stark and Chuck Webster score 5 goals and pick up seven assists. This number one threesome is literally setting the league on fire with their scoring power and they appear to be the greatest punch line since Bud Watson vacated the Clipper colors. Stouffville led 2-0 at the end of the first, 5-1 at the end of the second and added four more in the final frame.

Defenceman Don McIntosh opened the scoring for Stouffville in the first period from Small and Stephenson. Right-winger Stephenson made it 2-0 with assists going to Small and Haddleton.

The Clippers continued to carry the play in the second frame as Webster, Stark and Stephenson blinked the light. Avery notched the lone Aurora goal.

Stouffville's number one line struck for three more tallies in the third period. Webster scored from Stark and Bangay and Stark counted twice with his linemates picking up assists on both goals. Hal Gibson completed the route with the final goal of the game. There were twelve penalties in the contest, six to Stouffville and six to Aurora.

Stark, Small at Top in Scoring

Geo. Stark picked up four goals and two assists during weekend hockey activity to the centre Elwood Small for the individual scoring honors. Small went scoreless but picked up three assists. Stark has 16 goals and 12 assists for a total of 28 points. Small has collected 19 goals and 9 assists for an equal number of points. Nick Bangay set the league on fire with two goals and seven assists in two games. He moved from twelfth place to the number six position in the scoring race.

CLIPPER SCORING PARADE

Player	G.	A.	Pts.
Stark	16	12	28
Small	19	9	28
Stephenson	15	11	26
Lewis	11	11	22
Bangay	8	12	20
McNeil	12	8	20
Bell	13	7	20
Gibson	13	7	20
Minton	11	7	18
Haddleton	6	12	18
McIntosh	7	9	16
Webster	6	9	15
Junkin	7	7	14
Scatlon	5	4	9
Baker	1	5	6
Melville	3	0	3

Brougham To Meet Claremont This Friday

A record crowd is expected to attend the Community League doubleheader on Friday night in the Port Perry Arena when Brougham and Claremont will battle in the second game. Never since Markham Millionaires and Stouffville Clippers were matched in group competition has rivalry between two local clubs been so keen. In their last meeting Claremont upset Don Beer's Brougham Club 7-4. E. Bradley scored four goals, Lloyd Pascoe, two and Bob Bishop, one. On Friday night of last week, Claremont outscored Comco 8-4. Bob Bishop led the attack with five goals. E. Bradley fired two and Stan Benson one. On Monday night Claremont continued to set the league on fire as they smothered Uxbridge 15-6. Lloyd Pascoe paced the winners attack with four goals. Bradley and Bishop each scored two.

Markham Appeals To OHA for Inter. 'B' Grouping

An appeal has been placed in the hands of the OHA by Markham in an effort to obtain permission from the Board to enter an intermediate B team next year. Because the club is situated inside the Metropolitan Area, special dispensation must be given by the OHA before an intermediate entry would be allowed. Sutton and Woodbridge are also very much interested in forming an Int. B. team. In the statement presented to the OHA it was noted that if no satisfactory agreement was granted by the Board, Markham would pull out of organized hockey entirely. The present ORHA set-up according to Manager John Lunau has failed to attract the necessary support to cover the financial burden involved.

Bantam and Midget Playoffs

Two OMHA playoff games are scheduled for the Stouffville arena on Friday night of this week. The Bantams will meet Cannington in the second game of their series at 7 p.m. and the Midgets will battle Uxbridge in the first game of a two game total goal series. The Bantams dropped their first contest up in Cannington on Monday night by a score of 10-1. On Tuesday night of last week the Stouffville Juveniles coached by Jack Hammersley ran into a brick wall when they met Bobcaygeon. The heavier opposition proved to be too strong for the Stouffville squad. Although a return game here was called for it was decided to grant Bobcaygeon the round.

Clippers Bow to Oshawa 4-2

Stouffville Clippers and Oshawa Truckmen squared off on Wednesday night of last week in the feature attraction to celebrate the opening of the new Whitby artificial ice arena. Oshawa took the game 4-2. Samanski, Scott, Sinden and Etcher were the goal scorers for the Truckmen with Baker and Stephenson blinking the light for Stouffville.

Both teams started at a fast clip with Oshawa jumping in to the lead on a goal by Harry Sinden at 3:05. Stouffville rallied to tie the count as Frank Stephenson beat Courtney with a close-in drive from Haddleton and Baker. Wally Samanski found the open right hand corner with a slow roller to give Oshawa a 2-1 edge at the end of the first period.

Both teams started to throw their weight around in the second frame and the officials were forced to hand out seven penalties. The Truckmen potted the lone tally of the period with Jerry Scott doing the honors from McBeth and Samanski. Defenceman Bert Baker let go a long blueline drive late in the final twenty minutes that sifted into the corner of the twine. The goal seemed to inspire the Stouffville squad who strived for a split in the points. However with seconds remaining in the game Etcher put the game on ice when he dumped Samanski's pass by Eatough.

Rangers First in Peewee NHL

The New York Rangers moved into undisputed possession of first place in the Lions NHL on Saturday afternoon as they downed the fifth place Hawks 3-1. While the Rangers were winning, Boston dropped a 6-4 decision to Canadiens. It marked the first time this season that Boston have been shoved off the top rung in the group. Since their ace line of Eckardt, Hedges and Redshaw were broken up a few weeks ago the Bruins have slipped badly until they are now only one point out of third place. Gord Eckardt was loaned to the Hawks in an effort to strengthen that club and his absence from the Bruins has greatly weakened the scoring power of the Boston squad. In the other contest, the Wings blanked the Leafs 6-0.

The first game between the Hawks and Rangers saw Geo. Pearce's Chicago club take a 1-0 lead when Gord Eckardt scored from Mike McStravick. However the New Yorkers rallied led by Don Neal with 3 goals to win the game. Don Haynes took over the coaching duties of the Red Wings and Don Tran handled the Canadiens. Both clubs scored victories. Haynes counted three goals for Detroit with Paul Evans and Gary Baston notching the others. For Montreal, Don Tran turned in his usual standout performance with three. Mike Epworth, Bob Todd and Morley Loveless scored singles.

A Sparkling Finish

Five local bowlers representing the Stouffville Arena in the Mens League came through with a "once in a million" performance at the local alleys on Monday night. The Arena were trailing Harold's Grill by nearly 200 points when they started their final round in the third game. To the amazement of all, the five men bowled enough points in their last turn to overcome the lead. Geo. Allison, Bruce Harper and Norm O'Boyle had three strikes in a row, Ken Laushway had two strikes and a spare and Jack Watson credited himself with a strike. Norm O'Boyle was the key man and on his shoulders rested either a win or a loss. Norm came through with flying colors and rolled three strikes in a row.

EDITOR'S MAIL

Mr. Sports Editor,
I read with interest the letter written by Mr. Tom Webster concerning the establishment of a Recreation Association to take the place of the Athletic Club which was dissolved last year. The plan appears very sound and I am sure the majority of sports promoters in Stouffville would give it their whole hearted support. I especially like the idea of each of the town's organizations having two representatives on the Association. These representatives would be responsible for channeling any contributions or donations and each organization would have some check on where and on what their money is being spent. Here's hoping that through the formation of a Recreation Association sports in Stouffville will be handled on a business-like basis.
An Interested Sportsman.

LIONS N.H.L. STANDINGS

Team	W.	L.	T.	Pts.
Rangers	7	3	2	16
Boston	7	4	1	15
Canadiens	6	3	3	15
Wings	7	5	0	14
Hawks	3	9	0	6
Leafs	3	9	0	6

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