



IT TAKES A GOOD TEAM TO LOSE
 The Montreal Canadiens could have been taught a good lesson in sportsmanship had they been able to witness the conclusion of the bitterly contested series between the Oshawa Truckmen and Stouffville Clippers. At the final whistle, the Stouffville players with one accord skated over to congratulate their victorious opponents and wish them the best of luck in their battle for the Senior silverware. Without a doubt it certainly takes a good team to win but it takes an equally good team to lose and act in a sportsmanlike manner. The Stanley Cup playoff which concluded recently was marred by the unsportsmanlike conduct of the defeated Montreal Canadiens. Only one member of the team took the trouble to congratulate his rivals on their success and he explained the conduct of his team mates as orders from "higher up."

LET'S KEEP "RELEASES" OUT OF LOCAL SOFTBALL
 On Wednesday night of this week the organization meeting of the Markham Township Softball League will be held to discuss plans for the coming season. By the time this item appears a motion may have been okayed or defeated to the effect that a player in order to move from one club to another must obtain a release from his "owner." I would be inclined to think that things are in a sorry state when a player cannot play for whatever club he desires. One must remember there is not a cent of money involved as far as the players themselves are concerned and if he decides to switch clubs all that is lost are his services. Certainly if a player is held on a team against his wishes he cannot be expected to play his best. Such a condition arose in hockey a few years ago between the Stouffville Clippers and the Markham Millionaires and hard feelings developed between the players concerned and the club management. We do not want anything like this to occur in our local softball setup.

AROUND THE RINK
 Ronnie Bell is holding open house for the Clippers hockey club on Saturday night of this week. On Monday, May 24th, Morley Symes will treat the local Sr. hockey team to a fishing expedition at his summer cottage in the Haliburton district. Two representatives of the Simcoe Sr. hockey club stated at the conclusion of the Oshawa-Stouffville contest that the Truckmen would take the final series in four straight games. Haliburton Huskies have protested the eligibility of seven Markham Eagle hockey players and their protest will be aired on Wednesday night of this week. The Clippers' most valuable player award winner will be selected at a meeting of the team later this week. Defenceman Bill Melville suffered a dislocated shoulder on Saturday night but the injured member was reset in the dressing room. Practically every member of the Stouffville Clipper club is willing to form part of a Stouffville Softball Squad to operate here this summer. Woodville will play Fisherville here on Thursday night in an ORHA Intermediate playoff final.

AN EXPENSIVE HOBBY
 The Sarnia Arena Commission reported recently a loss of \$14,783 and decided never again to try to operate hockey teams in the "semi-professional league." The Commission in 1953-54 backed the Sarnia Sailors in the Ontario Hockey Association Sr. "A" series and another Sarnia team in Junior "B". The Seniors lost \$13,471 and the Juniors \$3,699.
 The Sudbury Wolves on the other hand seem to be financially secure. During the regular schedule the Wolves drew 154,779 paid admissions an average of 5,159 a game. In six playoffs they packed in 37,173, an average of 6,195. The Wolves' share of the gate for league play was \$5,994 while the rink received \$61,143. Now you can see why they will pay up to \$200 a week for experienced talent in the Nickle Belt.

May Throw Out Both Clubs

Haliburton Club Protests Seven Markham Players

The Markham-Milton playoff contest scheduled for the Stouffville Arena on Saturday night of this week has been cancelled for the present time due to a protest lodged by the defeated Haliburton hockey club into the eligibility of seven Markham Eagle players. Both teams are to appear before the Ontario Rural Hockey Association Board on Wednesday night. This is the second time within a week that the two teams have hauled each other up on the carpet and there is a possibility that the League officials may throw both clubs out of further competition for the season.

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Haliburton previously protested Markham's use of Bruce Forgie who apparently is a resident of Scarborough. Markham turned around and questioned the legality of Bill Boyd, the Haliburton netminder who played part of the season, with Grimsby. Both teams were ordered to drop the aforementioned illegal players. Now apparently the Huskies' Management have dug deeper into the statistics and have come up with some more logical grounds for protest.

Four Games to Two

Clippers Bow To Oshawa In Senior Semi-Finals

Stouffville Clippers bowed out of the playoff picture on Saturday night as the Oshawa Truckmen unleashed a six goal attack in the second and third periods to wrap up the contest 6-2 and the series four games to two.

The Clippers appeared well on their way to squaring the series as they jumped into a 2-0 lead in the opening period but they faded before a sustained Oshawa power attack that netted the Motor City squad six unanswered goals.

The Truckmen started to roll early in the second frame. Gordie Haddleton was banished for tripping and with the man advantage, Jerry Scott broke the goose egg with a low drive. For the remaining minute of Haddleton's penalty the Stouffville team held Oshawa at bay mainly through the sensational puck-juggling display of centreman Chick Webster. Hardly had both clubs returned to full strength when Frank Stephenson raced in on Colvin and his rebound was picked up by Minton parked in front of the Oshawa net. Minton's shot was blocked in spectacular fashion by Colvin who sprawled in front of the drive.

Midway through the period Geo. Samolenko put both teams on even terms and Wally Samanski put Oshawa in the lead to stay from Thaler.

The Clippers had an excellent chance to even the score early in the final frame when Samolenko was penalized and although the line of Gord Lewis, Ronnie Bell and Ken McNeil carried the play to the Truckmen's doorstep their shots seemed to go everywhere but in the net. With both teams at full strength Chick Webster was checked while trying to stickhandle out of his own zone and Fred Eicher promptly shoved the rubber past Rhodes. Frank Hooper and Bob Holden added goals, in that order to complete the scoring. For the Clippers, Gordie Haddleton, Nick Bangay, Don McIntosh and Joe Scattalon looked best. Les Colvin, Geo. Samolenko and Jerry Scott were standouts for the winners. The largest crowd of the season, over 1,500 fans turned out for the final tilt between the two rivals. The Truckmen now meet Simcoe Gunners for the Sr. B. Championship.

Oshawa 3, Stouffville 2. On Wednesday night of last week, the Clippers were pushed to the brink of elimination as the Oshawa Truckmen eked out 3-2 victory at Kingston. The contest was played before a disappointing crowd of 1,500 spectators. Blake Eatough guarded the twine for Stouffville with Les Colvin turning in another excellent performance in the nets for the Motor City squad. The score was deadlocked 2-2

Close to 14,000 Attend Sr. Hockey

During the 1953-54 Senior Hockey season which drew to a close here on Saturday night a total of 13,640 spectators filed through the turnstiles at the local arena, according to the rink manager, Mr. W. T. Renne. Of this number the Oshawa Truckmen were the biggest attraction during the playoff series just concluded. Lyndhurst Motors proved to be the next most popular visiting club. The Clippers competed in 30 home contests here during the season.

Ken Reesor Coach Claremont Team

Mr. Ken Reesor has been named Coach of the newly formed Claremont Legionaires Football Team. Mr. Bill Evans will act as Manager. The club will open its schedule at home on May 15th when they play host to Oshawa Ukrainians. The Claremont team will perform in the Community Park under the floodlights.

Seven teams have entered the group which will be known as the South Ontario League. Oshawa have three entries, Ajax two, Whitby and Claremont with single entries. This South Ontario League operated a few years ago but has been reorganized only recently.

On Thursday evening of this week, all interested players are requested to meet at the Claremont Legion Hall.

Stouffville 6, Oshawa 3. Just when the Oshawa Truckmen were practically packing their hockey duds for a trip to Simcoe the Stouffville Clippers pulled a surprise upset at Kingston on Friday night as they whipped their rivals by a score of 6-3. There was no scoring in the opening session but Samanski clicked for Oshawa at 2:26 of the second frame to give his team a 1-0 lead. The Clippers took over in the scoring department midway through the session and wrapped in five goals in six minutes. Bert Baker fired two and Frank Stephenson notched three. Gordie Haddleton made it 6-1 early in the third period before Thaler and Holden scored in the last stages of the game.

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Stephenson Season Scoring Champ, Bangay Gets Most in Playoffs



Frank Stephenson, 25-year-old right winger scored a total of 27 goals and picked up 25 assists during the Clippers recently completed hockey season to compile a total of 52 points. Despite the fact that Nick Bangay, left winger on the Clippers' No. 1 line was out of action for nearly two months, due to a head injury, he finished only one point back of Stephenson, the scoring leader.

CLIPPER PLAYOFF POINT SCORERS

G	A	Pts
Bangay	15	27
Webster	6	25
Haddleton	13	25
Stephenson	8	20
Lewis	6	17
Stark	5	16
Gibson	6	15
McNeil	5	14
Small	6	12
Baker	6	10
McIntosh	5	9
Bell	5	7
Minton	2	6
Scattalon	2	4
Melville	3	2

1953-54 Clipper Scoring Record

G	A	Pts
Stephenson	27	52
Bangay	30	51
Stark	23	47
Lewis	25	46
Haddleton	21	45
Webster	14	42
Gibson	22	40
Small	22	40
McNeil	18	36
McIntosh	14	29
Bell	14	29
Minton	13	25
Baker	8	17
Junkin	9	17
Scattalon	7	15
Melville	6	8

Markham Ousts Haliburton Huskies From Rural Playoffs

Markham Eagles eliminated Haliburton Huskies from the ORHA semi-final playoffs on Thursday night as they whipped the Northerners by the score of 8-2. They will defend their rural championship against Milton this week.

After dropping the first two contests the Markham squad made a spectacular comeback as they swept through to three straight victories, outscoring their rivals 24-6. In the final game played in the Lindsay arena before over 1,200 spectators the Markhamites took a 2-1 lead in the first period, lengthened it to 4-2 at the end of the second and added four unanswered tallies in the final frame.

Bun Sellers opened the scoring for the winners in the first period on a pass from Clare Fockler at 8:14 but the Huskies tied the score at 12:15 as Bert Comerie beat McArthur in the Eagles' net. Angus McArthur put the Markham team in the lead to stay a minute later from Sellers to end the scoring in the first session.

Jack Rumney picked the top corner of the Haliburton cage with a bullet drive at 1:40 of the second frame and Sellers notched his second tally from defenceman Frank Hill to put the local squad three goals ahead. Pat Farrell put the Huskies back in the game at 5:40 and neither club could find an opening for the remainder of the period.

Juveniles Enter N. York League

Stouffville Juveniles are entered in a five team North York Minor Baseball League. Other clubs in the group will be Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Lake Wilcox, and Aurora. Earl Cook and Geo. Smith will handle the coaching duties of the Stouffville team. All of last year's squad will be eligible to play again this season.

Brougham Knocked From ORHA Playoffs

Woodville knocked Brougham out of the ORHA Intermediate semi-finals on Wednesday night as they trimmed Don Beer's squad 10-2. The contest was much closer than the score would indicate but Brougham seemed to lack their usual third period drive that had pulled previous games out of the fire on other occasions. The Woodville team will now meet the winner of the Fisherville-Ayr series for the All-Ontario Championship.

Red Sox Plan to Enter South Simcoe Group

The Stouffville Red Sox are considering an entry in the South Simcoe League, Newmarket, and Sutton are already definitely in the group while Bradford and Aurora are expected to make application. A meeting will be held at Beeton later this month.



During the playoff series with Ravina Flyers, Leaside, Lyndhurst Motors and Oshawa, Nick Bangay scored 15 goals and assisted on 32 others for a total of 27 points, two better than Chick Webster and Gordie Haddleton tied with 25.

and Woodville battling to end the round. Woodville's efforts were rewarded as they counted three unanswered tallies in the first period.

The second frame saw the visitors unleash a powerful offensive attack and the Brougham defence weakened under the pressure to allow Woodville two more goals. At 9:36 Brougham broke the goose egg with Bishop blinking the light with Hamilton and Pascoe picking up assists on the play.

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