



**ONE OF STOUFFVILLE'S FINEST**

Geo. Stark, one of the finest hockey players ever to perform under the Clipper colors, has decided to hang up his skates. Home town fans and spectators in rival arenas will be sorry to learn of George's decision. The flashy winger has played practically all his hockey in this district, having starred with Newmarket, Markham and Stouffville. His dippy-doodle style of play would bring the fans to their feet and utterly confuse even the most potent defensive units. He was the idle of the rabid hockey fans in Orillia and they would loudly applaud his every move. Even the most critical announcers, press men and coaches recognized Stark's exceptional ability.

To add to his sparkling play, George also possessed plenty of fight should the going become rough. Opposing players learned to treat him with respect.

George had one of his best years in 1951-52 when the Clippers marched through to the Championship. He then played on right wing with Nick Bangay and Bud Watson. The three-some racked up an outstanding scoring record. Last season he also teamed up with Nick Bangay on a line centered by Chick Webster. Although a left hand shot, Geo. proved to be a standout at right wing. His back hand drives seemed almost impossible for the average goaltender to handle. Even ex-pro Eddie Rafferty of Port Colborne was easy prey for the dashing winger.

With the retirement of Geo. Stark from Stouffville's hockey limelight it would seem that an entire hockey era had faded away. Coach Bob Bangay will find it difficult to locate a player who can rightly wear the No. 8, the trade number of one of Stouffville's finest.

**CLIPPERS OF '54-'55**

After two games, many fans have had their first glimpse at the Stouffville Clippers of 1954-55. The team is basically the same as last season with a few additions both to the defence and forward lines. On the rearward Coach Bob Bangay had Joe Scatolon, Don Macintosh, Bill Melville and Eddie Williams. From a first look we do not think that Williams can match either Bert Baker or Nick Bangay. Up on the forward line we believe Stouffville has lined up one of the smartest players since Bud Watson performed under the Clipper colors. Ken "Red" Crawford is a brilliant prospect. He has already scored three goals in two games. Al Mugford, Don Clayton and Terry Sye are other Stouffville newcomers. Sye guarded the nets for the homesters on Saturday night. Coach Bangay hopes to bring out a few more players this week to further strengthen the squad. Other players in the lineup who played with Stouffville last season are Ronnie Bell, Elwood Small, Frank Stephenson, Hal Gibson, Gord Lewis, Joe Lewis and Ken McNeil.

Next week we'll attempt to give our readers a little historical sketch on each of the new players who will be on the local lineup with Stouffville this season.

**MAIL THE CHAMPS**

Congratulations to the Buttonville Sluggers, the new Markham Township Softball League Champs. They are certainly worthy of the title. The team, coached and managed by Bill Hood of Buttonville, has always been a strong competitor in the Markham group during the past ten years. A few seasons ago they lost the title and have finally been able to regain the silverware this year. The team is to a large degree the same as it was a few years ago. Such players as Jack Watson, Bert Baker, Jack Rummy, Bud Watson, Geo. Stark, Mac Clement and the coach Bill Hood are well-known. Buttonville has one main attribute that keeps them rolling, "they love to win." Even when the odds are against them, as they were in the current finals, the team then seems more dangerous. The battery of Ab Townsend and Bert Baker proved to be one of the best combinations in the business. Both Ronnie Bell and Chick Webster were top-notch first sackers and Polly Minton, probably the most underrated player, excelled at second base when the chips were down. At third Jack Watson thrived in a real performance and regained his old batting eye. At short Geo. Stark played his usual steady game. He possesses one of the hardest and straightest throws in the league. In the outfield there is Bud Watson, Don McIntosh and Mac Clement. All three have powerful arms and are dangerous at the plate. Bud Watson is exceptionally fast in centre field and at bat can either swing away or drop a bunt down the line. Manager Bill Hood has based his hopes on experience rather than youth and this year it paid off. So it's hate off to the Buttonville Sluggers, the new kings of the Markham Twp. Softball throne.

**IT'S STILL NOT TOO LATE**

There's still a chance that a minor hockey team may be organized here in Stouffville. Prov. Constable Hilliard is interested in forming a Midget Club here and his enquiries appear to be gaining enthusiastic response. There are many boys in Stouffville who are too old to play in the Lions PeeWee League but could play Midget if a team was organized. The question of ice time is the big problem at the present but Arena Manager W. T. Ronnie has hopes that this barrier may be overcome.

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**Buttonville Wins In Markham Twp. Softball League**

Buttonville Sluggers are the new Markham Twp. League Softball Champs. They captured the John Madson Trophy on Thursday night of last week by beating Markham Aces 9-4. The Sluggers, coached by Bill Hood, spotted the Aces two games then staged a sensational three game comeback to take the silverware. It was the most amazing rally ever staged in a Markham Twp. playoff series.

The first game was played in Stouffville and was won by Markham 6-4. The second game back in Markham was also won by the Aces 4-0. From that point on, however, the powerful Buttonville crew swept back to win the next three in a row.

Pitcher Ab Townsend was one of the big heroes in the series. He hurled and hit with more assurance than he had throughout the entire schedule. Markham's Peg O'Neill on the other hand appeared to have worn himself out. He handled the pitching chores for Markham practically single handedly both during the regular schedule and in the playoffs.

In the final game played at Markham it was just Buttonville's night. They pulled off some spectacular plays. Probably the finest play of the contest was performed by Polly Minton, the Slugger's second baseman as he backhanded a ground ball in deep short and fired to first to pick off Jerry Meharg, the batter. Geo. Stark robbed Markham of a hit as he pulled down a line drive and Mac Clement cut off a runner at the plate with a perfect through from the outfield.

In the nine innings, Buttonville pounded Markham pitchers for more hits than they had in any other game during the year. Ronnie Bell, who had trouble with Markham pitching in previous games connected for five hits in five trips to the plate. Jack Watson pounded out three safeties and walked twice. Geo. Stark, Mac Clement, Polly Minton, Bert Baker, Don McIntosh and Jack Rummy also counted hits. Bud Watson dropped down some fine sacrifice bunts.

The Aces worked hard to hold the Buttonville squad in check. In the late innings they threw caution to the wind and romped around the bases with wreckless courage in hopes of cutting down the rivals' lead. They did manage to squeeze three runs across in the ninth inning. Buttonville rolled up a convincing 8-0 lead before Markham could break the ice. The Aces counted a lone run in the eighth and added the others in the final inning. Buttonville added one in the ninth. The Championship silverware now moves from Markham to Buttonville where it will remain until the new Champs are dethroned.

**Storm May Have Washed Out Aurora Ice Sports**

As far as sports are concerned, the town of Aurora was probably hit harder than any other community in the area. According to reports the amount of damage to the Arena may run as high as \$30,000. The plant may not operate until early Spring. The Arena floor was hardest hit by flood waters which washed supporting dirt from under it. At the height of the downpour some 21 inches of water covered the floor and when the flood receded it left numerous tunnels as deep as three feet. The floor sank in many places. Water in the dressing rooms rose as high as four feet. The refreshment booth was also damaged. The ice-making equipment was not badly damaged, the motors being only temporarily disabled. The town council has voted \$15,000 toward the renovation of the Arena.

The crippling flood came just at a time when the Aurora Bears Jr. C. entry were preparing for a new season. Some twenty-four players turned out for the first practice session. The next practice has been postponed indefinitely.

The Aurora Figure Skating Club was also planning a big year with more than 100 having registered. This is nearly double the number who joined last season.

**SEASON'S TICKETS ON SALE**

Season's tickets for Senior "B" hockey games in the Stouffville Arena are now on sale. They must be purchased at the box office.

**Clippers Split with Newmarket**

The Stouffville Clippers and Newmarket Redmen each ruined the other's home debut by winning on the opposition's ice. On Friday night, the Clippers chalked up a decisive 8-1 victory over the Canalton crew while on Saturday night here the tables were turned and Newmarket squared the series with a 6-3 win.

On Saturday night the big \$1,200 line of Sinclair, Boniface and Brankston paid off for Newmarket as the trio figured in three of their clubs' six goals. Kenny Sinclair, the lean good-natured centre star, was the trigger-man on each occasion.

Newmarket opened the scoring at 1:45 of the first period fired the puck past Clipper sub goalie Terry Sye from an uncovered position in front of the net.

In the second frame the visitors made it 2-0 as the former Leaside trio clicked again for a neat three-way effort. Ken McNeil broke the ice for Stouffville as he directed Elwood Small's shot past Tuppiling in the Redmen's cage.

Newmarket increased their lead after only fifty seconds had ticked by in the final session. Sinclair scored his third straight goal from Boniface. At 2:56 "Red" Crawford, a new recruit lined up by Coach Bob Bangay, notched his third goal in two games on passes from defenceman Eddie Williams and winger Ronnie Bell. Newmarket sewed up the game midway through the period when Scout and Smith blinked the light to give the visitors

a four goal advantage. Clipper centreman Gord Lewis completed the scoring with a relay shot from defenceman Don McIntosh at 14:03.

Newmarket were full value for their win. They showed a sharp reversal of form from their first game on Friday night. The Stouffville Clippers started the Metro Sr. B. schedule on the right foot on Friday night as they scored a decisive 8-1 victory over Newmarket on the Redmen's home ice. Two former Junior stars, Al Mugford and Ken "Red" Crawford, were standouts for Stouffville, each counting two tallies. Ronnie Bell, Frank Stephenson, Hal Gibson and Elwood Small fired the other Stouffville goals. Ken Sinclair spoiled an outstanding shut-out effort for goalie Jack Rhodes as he blinked the light with but six minutes remaining in the game. The Redmen looked weak in goal as Brewer, a former netminder with Barrie, was duck soup for Clipper marksmen. Rhodes on the other hand was sensational, especially in the early minutes of the game as the Newmarket squad pelted him with rubber.

Stouffville led 3-0 at the end of the first period, 5-0 at the end of the second and at the midway mark in the final frame were on the top end of an 8-0 count before Sinclair potted his goal.

Orillia will be the visitors in Stouffville next Saturday night.

**Pickering Constable Dies in Fracas**

On Saturday afternoon Mr. James W. Cowie, a resident of Audley in Pickering Twp., died at Varsity Stadium in a brawl that broke out following the Argo-Montreal football game. Constable Cowie, an officer for the University of Toronto was attempting to aid other police officers in wresting the ball from some over-enthusiastic fans. It was during this scuffle that he fell to the ground and never recovered. Death was due to a heart attack.

Constable Cowie was previously a guard at the Ajax branch of the University of Toronto. He was also the owner of the Whitby Dairy for 15 years. He was a member of both the Whitby Masonic and Rotary Clubs.

Besides his wife, the former Ruth Lily, he is survived by four children. Bob 17, David 14, Charles 13 and Marilyn 9. A nephew, Mr. Jim Fice 27, of Toronto was a spectator at the game. He witnessed the brawl but didn't realize until later that his uncle had passed away during the scuffle.

Harold Hodgson With Galt Harold Hodgson, formerly with Stouffville and last season with the Unionville Jets, has lined up with the Jr. A. Galt Black Hawks. Stouffville hockey fans will be wishing him well in his new venture in Jr. A. ranks.

**Oshawa Strila Take Soccer Final**

In spite of the storm that hit the district last week, the final game for the Ontario County Soccer Championship was played between Clarendon Leigonaires and Oshawa Strila. Oshawa took the game and the Championship 4-0 and 7-1 on the series. The storm was a definite factor in the Clarendon loss as a number of players were unable to be at the game. The victory for Strila marked the third trophy they have captured this season. They also won the Labatt Challenge Cup and the Art Latham trophy.

Despite the wind and rain a large crowd was on hand for the game. Clarendon were forced to play with a man disadvantage throughout the entire contest. Clarendon fought hard for a do-or-die win with Archie Skelton and Edgar Evans displaying carrying the play. The mid-field play was very even but Strila took advantage of their scoring opportunities. The trophy will be officially presented at an Association banquet on Saturday, Nov. 27.

Lindsay Muskies, semi-finalists for the last two years in the intermediate Ontario Hockey Association loop, have decided not to operate this season.

**Lightning Strikes Deer in Lake Simcoe District**

The first known case of wildlife being injured by lightning in the Lake Simcoe district was reported by Conservation Officer Chester Spence, Stayner, of the Department of Lands and Forests.

A Nottawasaga Township farmer noticed the deer stumble into his field immediately after an electric storm. Apparently the deer had taken refuge under a tree and been injured by a lightning bolt. When investigated by Officer Spence, it was found that the animal could not regain his feet and showed definite signs of burning around its shoulders.

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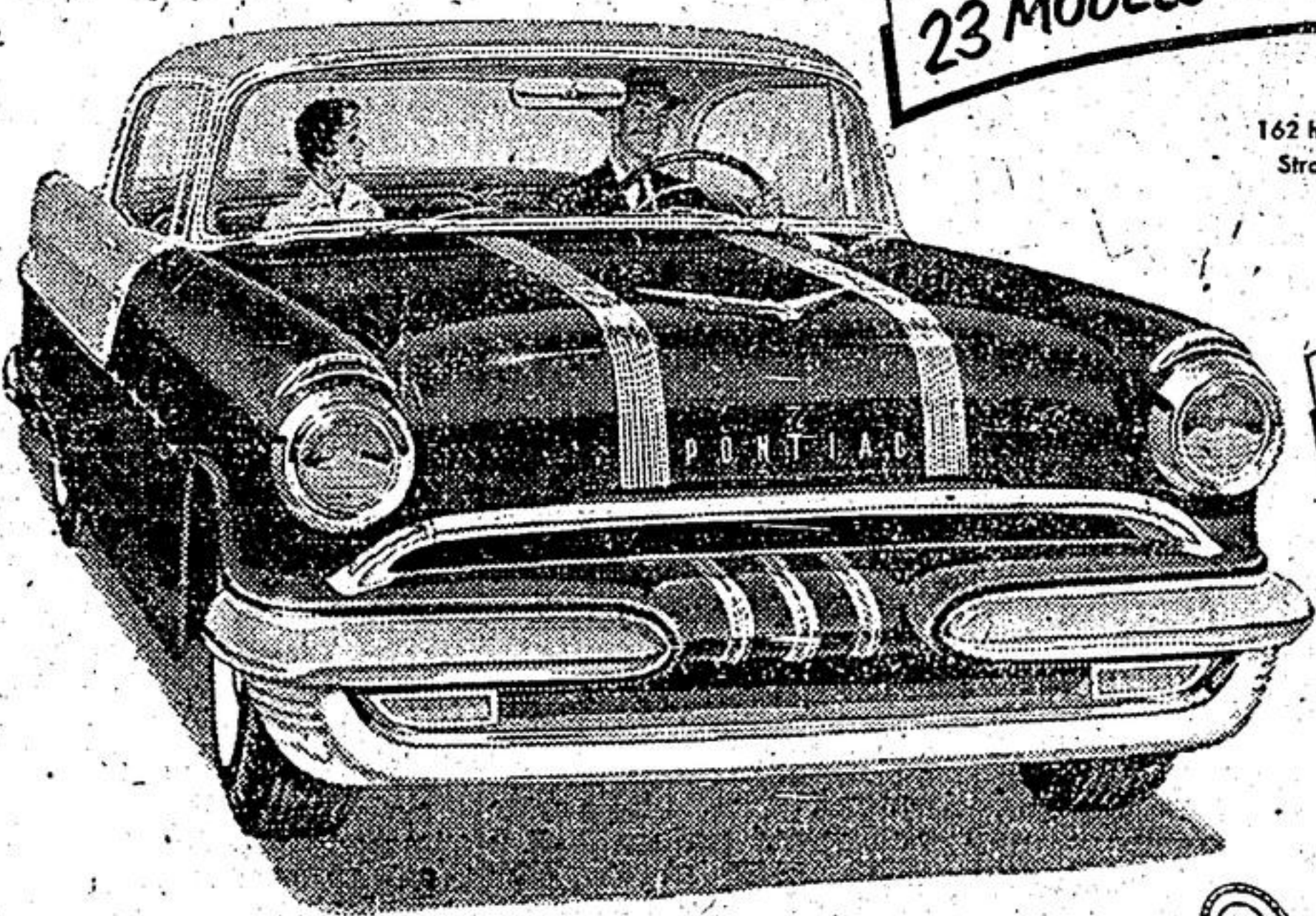
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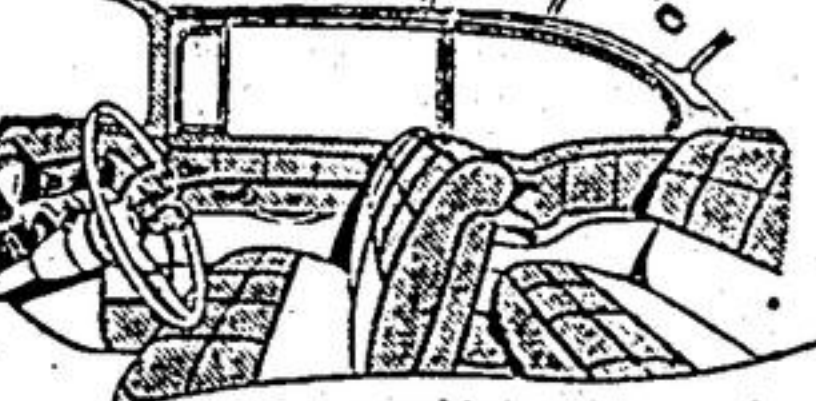
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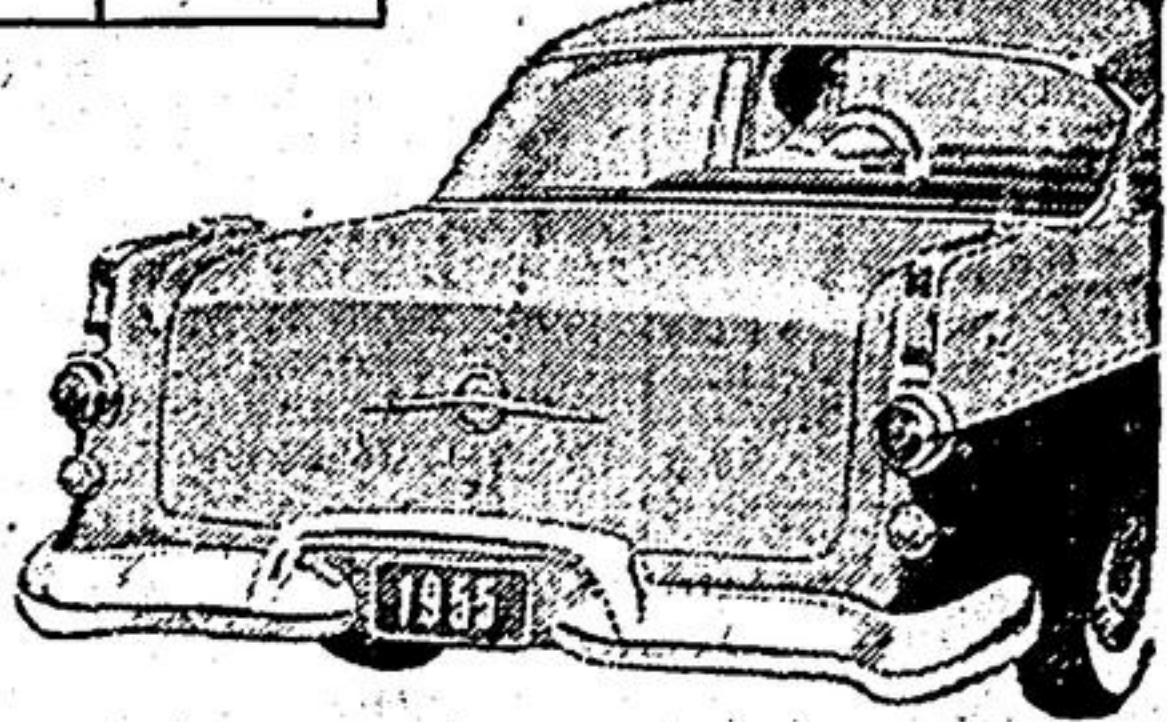
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