

Senior Hockey Folds Up for the Clippers



WEST BOUND
For the next twelve days, your sports reporter will be absent from the district enjoying a vacation in the land of the totem poles and Rocky Mountains in the province of British Columbia. No doubt there will be activity on the ball diamonds and soccer fields when I return on Sept. 19th. So long for now.

"BREAKS" MAY DECIDE IT
The Stouffville Red Sox are presently engaged in a tough battle with Sunderland for the Tri-County League Championship. How does the local management feel about the series? "If both teams get good pitching, the 'breaks' will make the difference," says Ted Cadieux, Manager of the Red Sox. On Thursday night, the third game of the series is slated for the local park. The winner of this game will have a big edge and will be favored to capture the cup.

SOCCER INTEREST GROWING
Soccer interest is on the increase here in Stouffville. On Monday, Labor Day, the largest crowd of the season attended the big soccer tournament to watch seven district clubs in action. Soccer, to the younger generation in this area is a new sport. To many of the older folk however, the sight of two teams racing up and down the soccer field brings back memories of the days when they used to take part in the game. Next summer will see soccer return to Stouffville in an even more organized fashion than has been the case this year. Lindsay, Claremont, Aurora, Newmarket, Bradford and Stouffville are already planning on the formation of a group when another season rolls around.

ACTION NEEDED
Will there be any hockey here in Stouffville this winter? At the present time the outlook is not too bright. No doubt there will be Peewee teams, a Bantam and a Midget entry perhaps, but what about teams of a higher category. Although it's hard to realize, we are now into the month of September and normally flooding operations in the local arena commence early next month, less than four weeks away and still we see no prospects of a "big" team on the hockey horizon. Apparently Senior hockey is finished here, for this season at least, and perhaps for all time. The big question is — should we drop back to Intermediate 'B' or put all our support behind a strong Junior entry. Some believe we should have both. It's time for some serious thinking on the subject. Let's not wait too long and miss the boat. Stouffville has plenty of talent here to ice a formidable Intermediate 'B' team and if a compact group can be arranged I would say "that's for us."

HERE AND THERE
Allan Edgar, a former second-sacker with the Stouffville Red Sox, returned to the Stouffville Park on Tuesday night as coach of the Alliston Midgets. His team won by a score of 15-11. Brooklin's Stevenson Motors captured the South Ontario softball championship last week, defeating Whitby Royals in three straight games. Peterboro's Senior 'B' hockey club has announced that it will suspend operations this season. The new million dollar arena there is expected to be completed for the 1956-57 season. The Eastern Ontario Senior Hockey League will open its 40-game schedule on Oct. 28th. Danny Patrick, "dashing" Aurora Junior star last season, will report in a couple of weeks to Rudy Pilous' St. Catharines Teepees when they open camp later this month. Brougham was slated to play Thistleton on Saturday afternoon in an O.A.S.A. Intermediate 'D' contest, but at the last minute, manager Donald Beer was notified that the opposition had suddenly dropped out. Brougham will now meet either Escott or Edgar in the next round. The playoff semi-finals in the Claremont Community League will commence on Monday night. Marg. Smith, centre fielder with the Peach's girls team will enter the Toronto East General Hospital shortly to train as a nurse.

Alliston Beats Midgets In Third OBA Playoff

Nine errors in five innings cost the Stouffville Midgets the right to advance into further O.B.A. play. The rubber game of the series with Alliston was played here on Tuesday night. Alliston took the contest by a score of 15-11. Each team had previously won a game with Alliston taking the opener on Wednesday afternoon of last week 12-9 and Stouffville squaring the series with a 7-1 victory here on Saturday afternoon.

Ross Madill, Stouffville's stocky little righthander who performed so well on the hill for the homesters on Saturday, started on the hill for the locals in Tuesday's contest. He didn't fare so well, however, in his second game as the Alliston batsmen pounced on his offerings and pounded out 8 hits and scored 6 runs. In the three and two-thirds innings he worked on the mound, he walked 4 batters and struck out 3.

There is little likelihood that Stouffville will ice a Senior B hockey team here this season. The Arena Management received word last week that the Whitby Dunlops had decided to re-enter the Eastern Senior circuit and Peterboro will not operate a senior team during the 1955-56 season. Newmarket have never exactly made their intentions known although Coach Herb Cain was in the process of locating a sponsor. Orillia, who have jumped around from one grouping to another in the past few years may move into the Northern Ontario senior circuit. Under these conditions Stouffville has no other alternative than to drop out of Senior competition. Stouffville entered the Senior hockey category in the season of 1949-50. In the winter of 1952 they captured the All-Ontario Senior B championship.

Large Crowd Out For Soccer Display

One of the largest crowds ever to attend a sports event in the local park—more than 500 spectators—turned out to see seven district soccer teams battle hard for possession of the "Art Latham" Trophy on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 5th.

Oshawa Polonia edged Ajax in a thrilling championship final contest, the winners were presented with the beautiful trophy following the game. The Oshawa team was reported to have strengthened their club with eight Toronto imports and their actions brought forth much criticism from members of opposition squads.

In the Stouffville-Oshawa Duplicate contest, the two teams battled through three overtime sessions before the visitors scored on a penalty kick. It was a tough game to lose for Stouffville, as they had an equal amount of the field play.

The weather for the tournament was ideal. The evening games under the floodlights held the crowd's interest until the champion was declared. It was one of the most colorful sports events to be held here for some time. The entire tournament was organized by Mr. Art Latham and was run off very smoothly. Newmarket was the only team out of eight entries that failed to attend.

Markham Edges Cookville 3-2 In OASA Game

Markham Aces edged Cookville 3-2 on Thursday night in an O.A.S.A. Intermediate 'C' game. The second game of the series is in Cookville on Wednesday night of this week. Norm Stunden hurled fine ball for the winners and chalked up his third victory in a row since entering the Ontario playoffs with Markham.

Altona Winds Up Schedule In First Place

The regular twenty-game schedule of the Claremont Community League was completed on Tuesday night. Altona topped the group with a total of 26 points, made up of 12 wins, 6 losses and two ties. Six of their setbacks occurred in the first two weeks of the schedule. Since that time they set a terrific pace and dropped only three while winning an even dozen. Claremont finished close behind with 25 points while Mt. Zion held down third place with 24. At the end of the regular season's play, Greenwood and the Fourth Line were still deadlocked at 17 points apiece. On Friday night the two teams will meet to decide who enters the playoffs and who tucks their equipment away in moth balls. Peach's ended up in the cellar with a total of 11 points.

258 Pay Fines For Hunting And Fishing

The holiday season is now in full swing and offences against the Game and Fish regulations during July show a slight increase over the previous month's totals. In June, 224 persons paid penalties amounting to \$3,759.55 while this month \$4,525.15 was paid in fines and costs in courts through Ontario by some 235 offenders.

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Greenwood and 4th Line To Settle Playoff Spot Friday

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CEDAR GROVE

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Miller Keeps Sunderland in OBA Playoffs

Stouffville's Stan Miller hurled Sunderland to an 11-2 victory over Marmora on Saturday afternoon in an OBA contest. The victory moved the local entry into the next round of Ontario playoffs. They will now meet a northern winner, probably Bancroft, in the 2 games played so far by Sunderland. Stouffville pitchers have been used and each have chalked up victories. Lorne Schell hurled the opener last week.

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Red Sox Deadlocked With Sunderland, Play Here To-Night

The Stouffville-Sunderland playoff final remains deadlocked after a home and home series. The Red Sox took the opener here on Thursday night 9-8 but Sunderland bounced back to win a holiday tilt on their home diamond by a score of 10-1. The third game is scheduled for the Stouffville Park on Thursday evening.

After dropping a tight 9-8 decision on Thursday night here, Sunderland rallied with a vengeance on their home grounds and trimmed the Red Sox to the tune of 10-1. The winners whacked righthander Lorne Schell for 17 hits. Stouffville were able to clip Sunderland's mound ace, Geo. Holbourne for only five hits.

The ex-Sutton ball artist staged a one-man show before a fine crowd of home-town supporters. Holbourne had a perfect day at the bat, clouting five safe hits in five trips to the plate. He counted three of Sunderland's ten tallies. On the hill he was equally rough as he fanned 12 Red Sox batsmen and walked only three. Lorne Schell struck out three and walked four.

In the first inning, Stouffville threatened to break into an early lead when with one out, Les Clarke and Ken Schell hit safely and Lorne Schell walked. Bud Lehman hit into a fielders' choice and Geo. Stark popped out to the first baseman to retire the side.

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