

Stouffville Red Sox Win Tri-County League Title



IT'S A SMALL WORLD
While out in Vancouver at the C.W.N.A. Convention I had the pleasure of having dinner with Mr. Reg. Westbrooke, a former co-ordinator with Collingwood Shipbuilders. Reg., who now operates a weekly newspaper at Creemore, Ont. is still very much interested in hockey although he doesn't guard the nets any more. Creemore is planning an intermediate "C" entry this season. Perhaps Reg. will come out of retirement and don the pads once again. In commenting on Stouffville's hockey future Reg. was quick to enquire concerning the whereabouts of "The Bangays." Reg. claimed that during the war years he played hockey with Stouffville's own Bob Bangay at Camp Borden. "One of the best hockey players I've ever played with," said Reg.

CONGRATULATIONS
This week it's congratulations to Bob Hassard and his Red Sox for returning the Tri-County League Championship to Stouffville for the third straight year. This is indeed a fine accomplishment for the local squad and the town is proud of them. This summer they were faced with their toughest assignment when they were pitted against a strengthened Sunderland squad, but they came through with flying colors. How serious these young men take their baseball was plainly illustrated here on Monday when Coach Bob Hassard travelled close to 300 miles from his Niagara Falls training camp to take part in the fifth and final game. This is just one example of the club's eagerness to win. The Red Sox are indeed worthy champions.

SPORTS UNLIMITED
Go West, young man; Go West. The true meaning of this overworked phrase was realized by your reporter last week when I was privileged to attend, along with some 500 newspapermen, the C.W.N.A. Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia. I do not intend to give you a mile by mile description of my trip to the Coast but I should like to point out some of the interesting sporting highlights encountered during my more than 6,000-mile journey.

The West is truly a sportsman's paradise. During the Fall season of the year, the hundreds of ponds and lakes which spot the prairie countryside are literally alive with fish. Thousands of wild ducks glide quietly through the glass-like surface and even the thunderous roar of a diesel locomotive fails to stir them from their over-night resting place. Camera-happy newsmen took pictures of the ducks as they milled about on the ponds. "The folks back home will never believe this," they said as the shutters clicked incessantly. Heavy spring rains have produced miniature lakes in the backyard of almost every prairie home. Here fowl of all kinds make them stop-over points before proceeding on their southward flight.

In Jasper Park, Alberta, all wild game is protected by strict government supervision. Bears, deer and mountain goats are a familiar sight in this Rocky Mountain "Garden of Eden." During the last few years much progress has been made in the West with the erection of artificial ice arenas. Previously, the children found their recreation on frozen ponds and streams. In spite of the lack of artificial ice, the West has produced more hockey talent than any other section of North America.

British Columbia is presently in the grip of football fever. With the erection of their new 30,000 capacity Empire Stadium

and the obtaining of the famous Grey Cup classic from a disappointed group of Varsity Stadium boosters in Toronto, the B.C. Lions are now battling in an effort to be represented in the football final. Their efforts are receiving outstanding support. On the weekend that I arrived at Vancouver, a record 32,000 fans thronged the huge structure to witness a scheduled game between Winnipeg and the home town Lions. On street corners, in stores and restaurants, everyone talks football. Baseball is a forgotten subject and even the torrid American League pennant race is pushed onto the third page of the newspaper's sports section. The Toronto-Rochester series was allowed about two inches of space. In Vancouver there isn't such a word as "good-bye". It's "see you at the Grey Cup game."

Vancouver has excellent recreation facilities. Parks, swimming pools and golf courses are available both in the city and in the outlying districts. British Columbia can rightly boast about its fine fish. Over on Vancouver Island it is a beautiful sight to see hundreds of white fishing boats dotting the river. It is not uncommon to land a 70 pound salmon but these fish are not easily handled and often it takes more than an hour to haul them into the boat. One of the newspaper delegates had the thrill of catching a 40 pound salmon and in order to prove his good fortune, the fish was brought into the dining hall room for all to see and admire. Although seals are protected by government law in the Far North, hunters are allowed to kill them in the waters around Vancouver Island. These seals kill thousands of salmon every year and an open season has been declared on them year-round. In the dark B.C. forests, a hunter is likely to encounter anything from a tree squirrel to a grizzly bear. Many residents can relate some hair-raising tales of their experiences during hunting excursions in the western woodlands.

All in all, the West is a wonderful place. An initial visit only tends to make one more determined to return; only the next time to take along a fishing pole, golf clubs, tennis racket, bathing suit, shotgun, canoe and a larger suitcase.

TOO MUCH DELAY
Every summer teams that enter the Ontario playoffs put a crimp in the completion of their regular game schedule. No matter how the local groups try to cut their schedules short, the O.A.S.A. game break up all previous plans. In the Markham Twp. Softball League, the semi-finals were completed more than a month ago and yet the two winners, Agincourt and Markham have yet to play more than one game. This is not a good thing for the league or fan interest. Supporters follow their favorite team all through the schedule only to see the group suddenly come to a halt when the Ontario playoffs commence. If these group final games are completed (if ever) they will be played when the weather is too cold to attract much fan enthusiasm. There will have to be some concrete ruling with regard to teams which are insistent on playing both in the local group and then in Ontario competition.

The same story is true in the Markham Twp. Girls League. Agincourt entered their team in Ontario competition and their playoff semi-final games with Stouffville have suddenly come to a halt. Agincourt is reported to have been eliminated but to date the two clubs have played only one game in the last six weeks. This is ridiculous. A team should decide which is the most important. If they believe they are strong enough to make a showing in the Ontario finals then they should drop out of the group playoffs and let a local winner be decided. This practice has been allowed to go so far that very soon the group finals will be played on snowshoes.

NEWMARKET FOOTBALLERS HERE SAT. NIGHT
Newmarket will make their initial appearance here on Saturday night when they meet Stouffville in an exhibition soccer tilt. The game will be played under the floodlights. Newmarket were scheduled to take part in the big holiday soccer tournament here on Sept. 25th but were unable to attend. Their team is made up entirely of home-town talent.

TROUNCE SUNDERLAND 13-3 IN FIFTH GAME

The Stouffville Red Sox are still Tri-County League Champions. For the third straight year the championship silverware will rest in this town. This season, the Red Sox under Coach Bob Hassard were forced by a strong Sunderland club to go five games before they finally knocked off their rivals right in their own back yard. Stouffville, fielding possibly one of the most powerful teams in years ran wild up at Sunderland and clubbed their way to a one-sided 13-3 victory. It was a bitter setback for the Sunderland supporters who believed they had a group winner. The Sunderland fans are the most rabid of any park in the league. Their hostile attitude toward many of the Red Sox players made the homesters all the more determined not to relinquish their grip on the coveted cup.

Just as Lindsay felt the full force of a sustained Stouffville attack, so Sunderland were the victims on Monday afternoon. As the game progressed, the Red Sox bats became more explosive until darkness finally halted the route. Sunderland didn't bat in the ninth so Stouffville's four runs in the top half of the inning didn't count.

Geo. Holbourne, on whose arm rested Sunderland's hopes of topping the defending champs, was clipped for hits in every inning with the exception of the fifth when he retired the side in order. He ran into trouble in the seventh and was lifted in favor of relief moundsman Moe Hammer.

Lorne Schell was Stouffville's mound master. He held the opposition off the score sheet for six of the eight innings. He allowed only seven hits, walked one and struck out three. Holbourne gave up twelve hits, walked four and struck out two.

The Red Sox jumped into the lead in the first inning on hits by Ken Schell, Bud Lehman and Lorne Schell. An error on Hal Woodward's drive and a single by Jim Beeton pushed one Sunderland tally across the plate in their half of the inning. Neither team counted a run in the second inning although Stouffville left men stranded on first and second.

In the third inning the Red Sox hammered out three more hits but could produce only one run. Bud Lehman, Hal Gibson and Bob Hassard came through with safeties Sunderland rallied with two runs in the third to tie the score. A walk to Carl St. John and a hit by Hal Woodward put both clubs on even terms. Sunderland were held off the score sheet for the remainder of the contest.

Stouffville added three in the 4th inning. Les Clarke walked and scored on Ken Schell's hit. Bud Lehman walked and after Hal Gibson had filed out to Woodward in centrefield, Lorne Schell drove a routine ground ball to Pearson at second base. The Sunderland second-sacker made an erratic throw to first base and two runs scored. The error broke the ball game wide open and gave the Red Sox a 6-3 lead. Stouffville sewed up the game in the late innings with one run in the sixth and six more in the seventh.

Bud Lehman, enjoying one of his best seasons with the Red Sox slammed two tremendous home runs out of the Sunderland park. Ken Schell, always a dangerous man at the plate, clubbed a four bagger early in the game. He had a terrific night throughout the entire contest clipping Holbourne for four hits in five times at bat. Bud Lehman had two hits and two walks in five appearances. Les Clarke and Lorne Schell each had three safeties. Seven of the nine local performers had at least one hit in the eight innings.

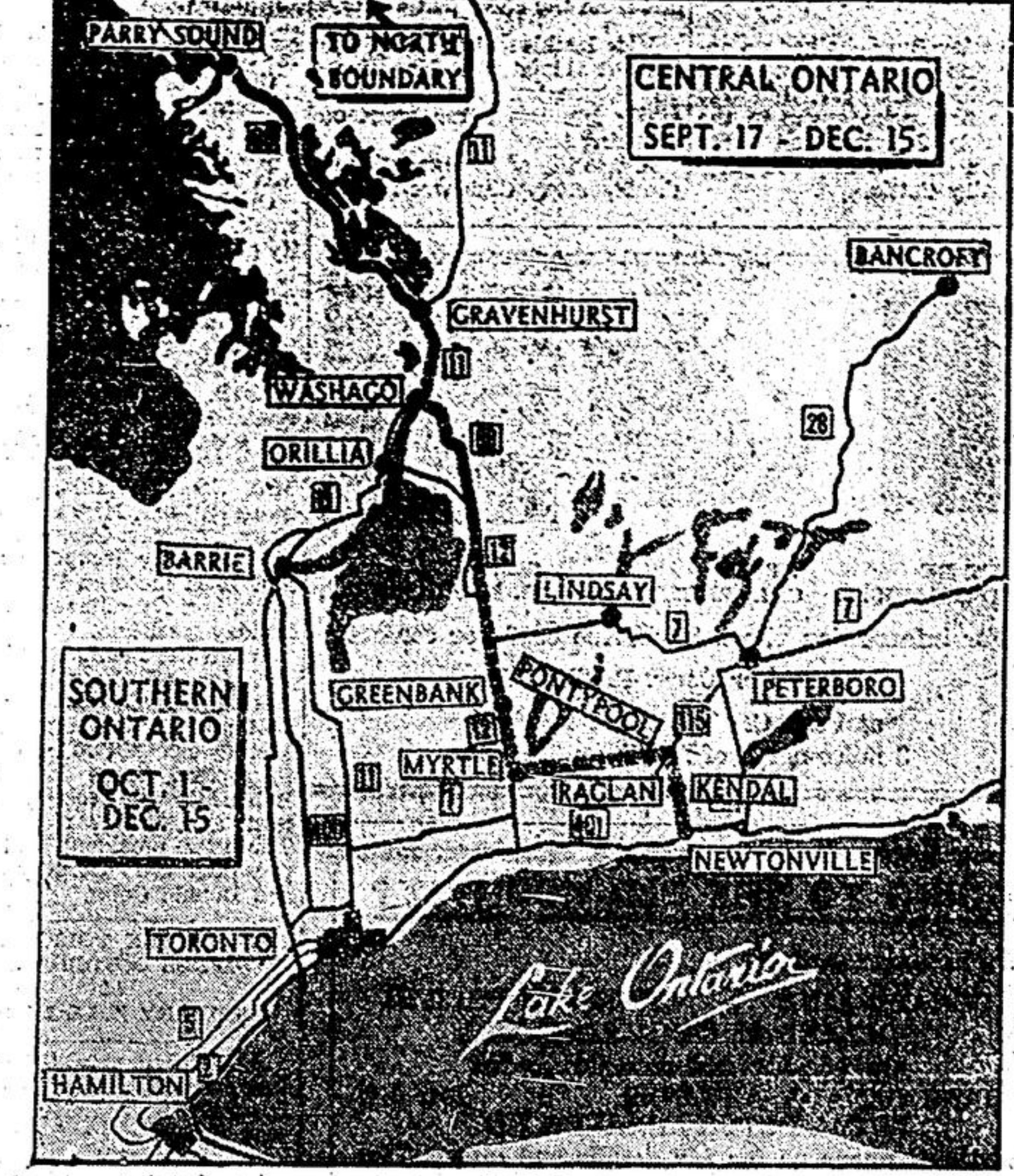
Another season of thrilling baseball has ended. The home town Red Sox have added another red ribbon to their collection. They are certainly worthy holders of the Tri-County Championship.

Artificial Ice Sutton Curlers

Sutton Curling club members, at a meeting recently, set the stage for embarking on an artificial ice installation. Re-deeming of the pledged sums which members agreed last spring as their purchase of shares in the artificial ice plant has reached an approximate \$10,000 toward the \$15,000 needed to give an approval to the project.

If pledge collections keep coming this week, says W. Ellis Pringle, one of the building committee, the order to the ice machine company will be given immediately and a start made on the floor next week, so that the ice-plant may be in operation for December curling. Curling club membership has been dropping in recent years, due largely to the uncertain ice conditions. The club officials feel that interest will run high once there is a certainty of curling ice.

Game Bird Seasons



Hunters in Central Ontario district will have two weeks head start in their pursuit of ducks, geese, rails, coots, gallinules, woodcock, Wilson's snipe and mourning doves this year. Southern district extends west from Highways 12 and 69 and north to Parry Sound. Central district, covering eastern portion of province, runs north to CNR right-of-way beginning at Goodwin Station, in the east, through Cochrane, Kapuskasing, Hearst and Sioux Lookout, to a point near White Station in the west.

Claremont 9, Altona 5, In First Game of Finals

Claremont took the all-important first game in the best of five series for the Community League Championship on Monday night by beating Altona 9-5 in a thrilling softball contest. The game was in doubt until the ninth inning when with both clubs deadlocked 5-5, Claremont's Geo. Jerome clubbed a long four-base blow into the wrong field with runners parked on second and third to give the winners an 8-5 advantage. Centre fielder Jim Cruikshank added the final tally with a tremendous home run into the deep outfield before the side was finally retired. The second game is scheduled for Friday night at 8 p.m.

Pascoe vs. Johnson
A perfect night attracted a good crowd of supporters out to the Claremont Park for the opening contest. Lloyd Pascoe was selected by Coach Hall to pitch the first game for Claremont while Coach Ray Hill staked his hopes on Murray Johnson. Pascoe worked nine innings on the mound for the winners. In the sixth inning, Johnson showed signs of tiring and Frank Hendy took over on the hill. He was charged with the loss as Claremont pounced on his offerings and pounded out two home runs and two doubles and a single. The Claremont righthander allowed 8 hits, walked 5 and struck out 7.

Altona Moves Ahead
Claremont threatened to break into the scoring in the first inning when, with two out, Gord Gauslin and Geo. Jerome singled. Jim Cruikshank, however, flied out to left fielder Lee Fretz to leave the runners stranded. Altona went down in one, two, three order.

In the second inning Harold Hodgson was thrown out Pascoe to Jerome on an attempted bunt. Bob Stouffer drew a walk and Glen Byer connected for a four base hit into the wrong field to score two runs. It appeared that Altona might lengthen their advantage when Lee-Fretz doubled off second baseman Gary Evans but Pascoe fired three strikes past Howard Fergle and forced Murray Johnson to hit a slow roller to the mound to retire the side.

Each team counted a run in the fourth inning. Earl Pilkey slammed a tremendous four bagger into centrefield for Claremont while Bob Stouffer romped home for Altona on Glen Byer's single.

Altona Lengthens Lead
In the fifth inning Altona appeared to have the game in the bag when a home run, a walk and a single pushed two more runs across the plate. Bruce McDowell teed off on one of Pascoe's fast balls and the drive was good for four bases. Harold Hodgson was given a free pass to first base and Bob Stouffer drove him around on a single into left field. The Altona second-sacker attempted to stretch the hit and error into extra bases but was tagged out at the plate.

Big Rally
Claremont started their uphill climb in the sixth inning. Reg Sanderson started the rally rolling by leading off with a

Brougham Enters Intermediate Finals

The Ontario Intermediate "D" Championship will be at stake when Brougham enters the final playoff round on Saturday night. Electric, a team that hails from near Wallaceburg, will be trying to take the trophy away from the defending champs. The first game of the series will be played in the Pickering Park on Saturday evening commencing at 8 o'clock. Electric earned the right to enter the playoff finals by defeating Edgar in two straight games. Brougham downed Escott in two hard-fought contests. Lloyd Pascoe gained credit for the first victory as the winners downed their rivals 5-2. In the second game Brougham edged Escott 4-3 in a ten inning thriller. Bob Miller went the distance on the hill for the local squad. A large crowd is expected to watch the crucial contest at Pickering on Saturday night.

Hockey Picture In Town Still Very Vague

There is still nothing definite to report concerning the organization of a hockey club here this winter. According to reports some thought has been given to the idea of icing both a Junior 'C' and Intermediate team out of Stouffville. Newmarket are making plans for a Junior 'C' club and Herb Cain has accepted the position of coach. They have obtained a sponsor. Stouffville is still looking for such a backer.

Aurora is definitely planning an Intermediate 'C' entry this season. They hope to have in their lineup such well-known performers as Grant Winters, Andy Class, Bill Patrick, Walter Fines, Hal Stephenson and Bill Mundell.

Stouffville wouldn't have too much trouble icing an Intermediate 'C' team with possibly the exception of a top-notch netminder. Such local stars as Bud Lehman, Harold Hodgson, Hal Gibson, Polly Minton, Geo. Stark, Joe-Lewis, Gord Lewis, Chick Webster, Morley Petch, Jack Rumney and many more. Perhaps Bob Bangay could once again take over the coaching reins where he left off with the Seniors and he might even venture a comeback. Jack Watson, who coached the Markham Millionaires last winter and was the club's top goal scorer, would probably don a Stouffville uniform again in the Intermediate class. This looks like the most promising venture at the present time at least.

Peach's Girls Now In Softball Finals

On Wednesday night here in Stouffville, Peach's girls moved into the group finals by beating Elgin Mills 9-7 in the rubber game of the series. The winners had to battle from behind to take the contest as they trailed their Yonge Street rivals up to the sixth inning. Marion Gayman started on the mound for Peach's with Marj Barber hurling in relief. Marj was the top batsman on the club with the only 4 base clout of the game. Peach's now await the winner of the Stouffville-Agincourt semi-final series. Agincourt holds a one game lead at present.

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