



DO YOU REMEMBER?
 Back in the winter of 1952 the Stouffville Lions PeeWee League was organized. The group is now starting its fifth winter. Some of the men who assisted in the handling of the teams back in '52 were Lorne Boardman, Art Wideman, Geo. Pearce, Jake Smalley, Tom Wedseloft and others. It is interesting to note the names of some of the players who performed at that time. Some of the top goal scorers were Ross Madill, Bob Barnes, Jim Reagle, Don Haynes, Dave Hammersley, Larry Bellman, Don Neal, Wayne Redshaw, Jake Harmon, Bob Todd, Gord Eckardt, Murray Holden, Don Hallman and Don Tran. The majority of these lads are still playing hockey, some Midget and some Junior. Others will be playing with the Juniors, if and when they are organized. Any success that these young fellows might attain may be attributed in part to the start they obtained through the organization of the Lions PeeWee League back in 1952.

A SIGN OF SPRING?
 Naturalists usually claim that one can feel sure that Spring is just around the corner when young lambs are turned out to pasture. Down at the Arena on Tuesday night, any similarity between lambs and Spring was purely coincidental. The lamb was there but the sub zero temperatures certainly discouraged the arrival of any balmy spring weather. At Tuesday night's game in spite of the cold, close to 200 paid the regular 50c admission charge. Aside from the game, much interest was centered around the fine lucky door prizes that were given away between the second and third periods. These gifts, a lamb (alive), two turkeys and a \$15.00 cash award were certainly welcome prizes for anyone. Mr. Frank Curtis, the winner of the 100 pound lamb didn't know whether to lead it, push it, pull it or carry it home after the game. We understand that Mr. Harry Lee, Manager of the Clippers is the new owner and is contemplating the raising of a flock in his back yard. Mrs. Ronnie Bell (wife of the Clipper defenceman) and Mrs. Florence Redshaw of Stouffville carried home fine Christmas turkeys and Mr. Harry Ratcliff was the winner of the \$15.00 cash door prize. All in all it was a fine evening, both for the Clippers and for the lucky fans.

A LETTER TO SANTA
 A number of our local sports promoters and athletes in Stouffville and surrounding district would probably include some of the following wishes if they sat down and seriously scribbled a letter to Santa Claus. The notes might read as follows: Dear Santa; Please bring... The Red Sox — the completion of the new home run fence that has been needed in the local park for so many years. Bob Bangay — an Intermediate "A" group championship for the season of 1955-56. Arena President Walter Brillinger — the gift of a new time clock and score board for the rink, and, if the stocking is large enough, put in a new heating system too. Ken Crawford — the ability to score a goal on "Dusty" Rhodes on a breakaway. Derek Chadwick — a replacement for Don Haynes on this year's Midget team. Ken Laushway — a packed arena as compensation for his tireless efforts as publicity manager for the Clippers and the rink. W. T. Rennie — good public skating crowds throughout the entire season. Bob Hassard — another well-deserved chance with the Toronto Maple Leafs. Len Buckland — more appreciation for his faithful officiating at ball games here all summer. Peach's hockey team — a group championship in either the Arena League, THL, King Clancy or the O.R.H.A. Morley Petch — success in his first year as coach of the Unionville Jets. Geo. Haskett of Newmarket — an executive position with the O.M.H.A. Stouffville — the construction of a swimming pool. "Shine" Davis — the pennant for the New York Yankees. Tom Wedseloft — the Grey Cup for the Toronto Argonauts. Jack Watson — another Markham Twp. softball championship for Buttonville. Bruce McDowell — an opportunity to make good with the Clippers next year. High school teachers Ron Mercer and John Marshall — success with their new basketball entry in inter-school competition. Messrs. Ernie Austin, Danny O'Boyle, Roy Heaton and Dr. John Button — more success when they embark on their annual moose hunting excursion next fall. Gord Lewis, Polly Minton, Hal Gibson and Bert Baker — the desire to come back and play hockey with the Clippers this winter. Mr. Wray Padgett — continued success in the operating of a Community Softball League at Claremont next summer.

Local Juniors Get Bye In Ontario Playoffs

Stouffville's recently organized Juniors will be given a bye into the Ontario playoffs. Due to the lateness of the season, all local schedules are well underway and it would be impossible for the club to enter regular group play at this time. It is not likely that the home-owners will see action until late next month or early in February.

About one dozen players were on hand for a practice session on Monday night. Coach Polly Minton and Manager Don Davis handled the squad. Among those in attendance were goalie Bud Thomas, Don Neal, Ross Madill, Don Haynes, Don Jackson, Bradley Elson, Geo. Malcolm, Wayne Redshaw, Mike McStravick, Murray McDowell and Mervin Harmon. Others are expected out at next practice, which will be held early in January.

Three Unionville Teams Win on Tuesday Night

Three Unionville teams won their respective games on Tuesday night, the Junior "D" Jets extended their winning streak to three straight games by downing their opposition from Richmond Hill by a 4-2 count. A double victory over Aurora and the win over Richmond Hill boosted the Jets out of the cellar into a contending position in the group. Bruce McDowell, the high-scoring centre on the first line, was shifted back to a defence position for the game to fill in for Andy Anderson who will be out of action for a couple of weeks. Grant Nighswander handled the coaching duties of the club in the absence of the team's regular coach, Morley Petch.

In Unionville hockey action, the Juniors stepped into Newmarket and whipped the Cental town crew while the Midgets downed Scarborough in an exhibition game.

Bantams Meet Uxbridge In Season Opener

The local Bantams, coached by Bill Lennox, will test their strength against Uxbridge on Friday night here. It will be the opening game of the regular schedule. The homeesters are grouped with Port Perry, Uxbridge, Brooklin and Ajax.

Ron Mortimer will get the nod for the goaltending chores in Friday night's opener. Roger Stover and Norm Galbraith will form the number one defensive unit. Up front, hard-driving Joe Haylow will centre the first line with Rick Wedseloft and Glenn Pennanen on the wings. On the second line, coach Lennox will choose between centres Ron Stewart and Harold Harper to perform between linemates Larry Malloy and Gary Baston. Bryce Spencer and Jim Spang will play defence on the second shift. The third line will see either Stewart or Harper working between "Gobby" Taylor and Don Edgington.

Coach Lennox believes he will be able to size up his club better after their first scheduled game on Friday. Mr. Tom Wedseloft, an ardent minor sports promoter, has arranged to finance a practice for the team on Tuesday morning of next week.

Stark Leads Team to Win Over Georgetown

Geo. Stark, the shifty forward who at the completion of last year's schedule decided to hang up his skates, has come out of retirement and although converted to a defence position he still hasn't lost his knack for scoring goals. On Friday night, the dippy-doodle artist paced the Clippers to a 6-1 win over Georgetown with a sparkling two-goal performance. The win was registered against the same club that dumped the homesters here on the previous Tuesday night by a 5-1 count. "Dusty" Rhodes guarded the nets for the Raiders.

In addition to Stark's two goals, Chick Webster, Ronnie Bell, Ken Crawford and Harold Hodgson notched singles. Stouffville held the Raiders off the score sheet for thirty minutes of the contest before Georgetown struck for four fast goals. Goalie Norm Stunden turned in a fine game in the Clipper cage.

Webster's goal raised his total to thirteen, ten tallies better than his closest rivals, Bud Lehman, Harold Hodgson and Andy Closs.

Announce Holiday Skating Dates

There will be four special holiday public skating nights at the arena over the Christmas and New Year weekends. Record crowds are expected to attend.

At Christmas, there will be skating on Saturday, Dec. 24th and on Monday, Dec. 26th. At New Year, there will be skating on Saturday, Dec. 31st and Monday, January 2nd. On Saturday afternoon of this week there will be 20c skating for the children. Due to the Lions PeeWee Hockey games being pushed ahead to Wednesday during the Christmas Holidays, there will be no public skating on Dec. 28th and Jan. 4th.

Red Wings Lead In PeeWee Group

The Detroit Red Wings jumped into an early-schedule lead in the new Lions PeeWee group when they edged the Rangers 3-2 on Monday night. Kenny Aida, hard-working centre star with the Wings, led his team to victory with two goals. Frank Taylor notched a single tally. For New York, Leslie Lye and Garry Gall each blinked the light behind netminder Donald Kirton.

In the other PeeWee contest, Boston and Chicago battled to a 1-1 tie. Roger Forsyth scored the lone Bruin goal. Jimmy Malloy kept his scoring record intact by notching the Hawks only tally.

In the Bantam group, Pittsburgh downed the Canadiens 3-1 and the Leafs edged Buffalo 3-2. Ronald James, Joe Harold and Stanley Feasby pushed the puck behind Montreal netminder Glen Jackson. Clifford Reynolds scored the lone Montreal tally. The winners held 75 per cent of the play throughout the game and only the fine work of goalie Jackson kept the score down to the three goals. Netminder Marvin Betz, at the other end of the rink had a rather easy time, handling only five or six shots. The lone shot that slipped by came on a clean cut breakaway by rightwinger Reynolds who made no mistake with a low shot to the far corner of the cage.

The final game of the night was a nip and tuck battle between the Leafs and Buffalo. Warren Hendricks was a stand-out performer for the Buffalo squad, scoring both goals. Grant Foreman, Larry Spang and Murray Ferguson beat goaltender Lynn McMullen for the Leafs (three tallies). Netminder Wayne Pennanen of the Leafs was working on a shutout throughout most of the game until Hendricks found the range and slipped the puck past him.

Next week's PeeWee and Bantam hockey games have been shifted to Wednesday night rather than Monday.

The open-hearth method is employed for most of Canada's steel production.

Wilkes To Guard Net in Fri. Opener

Reliable Barry Wilkes will guard the nets for the local Midgets on Friday night when they play host to Uxbridge. It will be the first game of the schedule.

Coach Derek Chadwick hopes he has a strong goal-scoring three some in a line centred by agile playmaker Norm Hendricks with Wayne Redshaw and Murray Holden on the wings. The second shift forward line will be centred by Abraham with Usherwood and Evans on the wings.

The Sanders Brothers, Ed and Bill will work together on the homeesters' blueline with Malcolm and Eckardt teaming up on the other shift. A number of alternate players will be worked into an extra line.

The Midgets have been placed in a group with Uxbridge, Port Perry, Brooklin and Unionville.

Hockey on Stamp

Hockey, the sport Canadian players have excelled in for years, has won recognition from the Post Office Department.

The department announced today it will issue a new five-cent postage stamp Jan. 23 that will "draw attention to Canada's most popular winter sport, hockey."

The blue stamp features a player carrying the puck away from a goal in the background. Another player is following on his left and the goaltender is crouched in the nets.

The department said the late Lionel (Big Train) Conacher, Liberal member of Parliament for Toronto Trinity, gave strong "sponsorship" to the hockey stamp.

The department said it plans to issue five other new stamps next year, two illustrating Canadian wildlife, one on Canada's chemical industry, one on the pulp and paper industry and another on prevention of fires. Details would be announced later.

Ron Mercer Heads Badminton Club

The Stouffville Badminton Club concluded its fall activities on Wednesday, December 14. Surplus enthusiasm was evident among the members during this evening, due to the mixed Round Robin Tournament. Annual election of officers was enacted, with the following posts put into effect:

President—Mr. R. Mercer
 Vice-President and Game Captain—Mr. R. Hammond
 Secretary-Treasurer—Mrs. Blair Mitchell
 Social Convener—Mrs. Vernon Davies
 Assistant Social Convener—Mrs. Douglas Brodie.

The final touch to the evening was a box lunch and carol singing. The first evening the club will play in the new year will be Wednesday, January 4. There are a few vacancies for new members, and if anyone is interested, he or she should enroll soon. It may be necessary to close the membership in order to assure all members of a fair amount of playing time.

CLIPPER SCORING PARADE				
	G	A	Pts	
Webster	15	7	22	
Lehman	4	9	13	
Bell	2	7	9	
Hodgson	3	5	8	
Watson	2	6	8	
Crawford	2	2	7	
Closs	1	3	7	
Forgie	1	4	5	
Forfar	1	4	5	
Clarke	1	4	5	
Stark	2	1	3	
McIntosh	1	2	3	

Int. "A" Group Standings				
	W	L	T	Pts
Stouffville	6	5	0	12
Georgetown	6	5	0	12
Milton	5	6	0	10
Brampton	5	6	0	10
Oakville	4	6	1	9

Clippers Sink Oakville With Overtime Goal Before 200 Frigid Fans

In an action-packed overtime period, "Chick" Webster, Stouffville's veteran centre ace, took a pass from leftwinger Bud Lehman and rifled a shot into the Oakville net to give the Clippers their sixth victory of the season. With less than ten seconds remaining in the extra session, Ken Crawford dumped a loose puck into the empty Meteor cage to sew up the contest for Stouffville by a score of 6-1.

Stouffville were full value for their victory. Although they played rather scarily hockey in the first and second periods, they settled down and turned in a pleasing performance for the remainder of the game. The Webster-Hodgson-Lehman trio was very effective every time out and accounted for three of their team's half-dozen tallies. Ken "Red" Crawford played one of his best games of the season scoring a pair of goals. Webster with two, Bud Lehman and Andy Closs with singles, accounted for the others.

Coach Bangay gave his first line threesome very little rest in the ten minute overtime session. On a number of occasions he let Hodgson and Lehman drop back to bolster the trio centred by Don Forgie and Andy Closs. "Chick" Webster was once again the spark plug of the team. Twice in the overtime session he bounced the puck off the Oakville goalpost and it was only a matter of time before he blinked the light with the winner.

In spite of the subnormal temperatures which prevailed in the arena, close to 500 fans filed through the turnstiles.

The Stouffville victory, vaulted the homesters into a first place tie with Georgetown Raiders, each with twelve points. Milton and Brampton are deadlocked on the second rung with ten points while Oakville are all alone in the cellar with nine.

Ex-Clipper forward, Hal Gibson was called into the refereeing service on Tuesday night to fill in for one of the officials who didn't arrive. Bill Balmer was the other official. The latter had one of his skates torn from his boot midway through the game when he skated in front of a slap shot off the stick of defenceman Don McIntosh.

There were only six penalties in the entire game, three to each team. In the late stages of the contest, tempers warmed up slightly despite the frigid temperatures but nothing serious developed. On Thursday night of this week, the Clippers pay a return visit to Oakville and then play host to Brampton here next Tuesday night.

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Wins Lamb
 Mr. Frank Curtis of Stouffville was the winner of the 100 pound live lamb given away at the Clipper-Oakville hockey game on Tuesday night. The animal, donated by Mr. Ernie Austin, was brought out on the ice and in spite of the frigid temperatures, it appeared to feel very much at home. The second and third prizes, two fine turkeys, were won by Mrs. Ronnie Bell and Mrs. Redshaw. The \$15.00 cash prize was won by Mr. Harry Ratcliff.

WEBSTER TO CAPTAIN CLIPPERS THIS SEASON
 "Chick" Webster, high scoring centreman with the Clippers, was selected last week by his team mates to act as Captain for the club for the remainder of the season. In a vote by ballot, "Chick" was a unanimous choice for the position. Ronnie Bell and "Red" Crawford, the runners-up, will act as Asst. Captains. Other players whose names were on the ballots were Don McIntosh, Jack Watson, Les Clarke and Harold Hodgson.

Lions Hockey Standings

PeeWee—	W	L	T	Pts.
Red Wings	1	0	0	2
Black Hawks	0	0	1	1
Bruins	0	0	1	1
Rangers	0	1	0	0

Bantam—	W	L	T	Pts.
Leafs	1	0	0	2
Pittsburg	1	0	0	2
Canadiens	0	1	0	0
Buffalo	0	1	0	0

Results—
 Boston 1, Black Hawks 1, Red Wings 3, Rangers 2, Pittsburg 3, Canadiens 1, Leafs 3, Buffalo 2.

Schedule—
 Red Wings vs Boston
 Rangers vs Black Hawks
 Leafs vs Pittsburg
 Buffalo vs Canadiens.

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