

Clippers Go One Game Up in O.H.A. Finals



ROLLING ALONG

And the Clippers keep rolling along. Yes, it's almost hard to believe. The team that less than two weeks ago was hanging on the ropes, has suddenly come to life with a surge of power that has its most optimistic supporters stunned — not to speak of the opposition. Down two games to Oakville, Bob Banzay's boys staged a sensational rally to capture the next three in a row and enter the group finals. Facing a rested Georgetown club, which headed the league through most of the season, fans held little hope that the Clippers could match the speed of the Raiders or penetrate the defence of "Dusty" Rhodes and Co. Well the first game has come and gone and Stouffville are one game up on their rivals. The second game is here in Stouffville on Thursday night of this week.

Hockey interest here has hit its peak for the season. The more than 1,000 fans that filed into the arena on Thursday night of last week saw a contest that was loaded with thrills and action. Such players as "Chick" Webster, Gord Lewis, Bill Bradbury, Don McIntosh, Geo. Stark to mention only a few are setting a dazzling pace. It is too early to make predictions concerning the current Clipper-Georgetown series. On the season's record it would be foolish to under-rate our rivals.

MORE ORGANIZATION NEEDED

Every year it becomes more apparent that more organization is needed here with respect particularly to our minor hockey. This winter we had four separate classes of minor hockey, PeeWee, Bantam, Midget and Juvenile. With the exception of the PeeWee and Bantam teams which were financed by the local Lions Club, the remainder were let shift for themselves in hopes that some kind-hearted organization or sports-minded citizen would hand out the necessary funds. This shouldn't be. The Midgets, as you probably know were given financial assistance by Keyson Motors but the juveniles couldn't find a sponsor. Their fate was undecided until a few dollars were collected from one source or another and the team took to the ice. By this time however, it was too late for them to enter a group and they were given a bye into the Ontario playoffs. Their lack of practice was quite evident when they ran into King City. NOW is the time to start planning for next winter's hockey, not in November or December. A well organized lucky draw started in the Spring would provide enough financial support to operate our entire Minor Hockey setup next year. Take a look at the Lions Club draw for example. Some \$500.00 was collected in a very short time, which would cover one half of the cost of sponsoring both the Bantams and PeeWees. In addition, these teams, aside from the PeeWees, can be partially self-supporting as was evident with the Bantams who passed out of the playoff picture only last week. They attracted upwards of 400 fans to their playoff games. Let's take our sports seriously here in Stouffville and work together for a 1956-57 season free from financial difficulties. It's possible with a little effort and organization.

HERE AND THERE

Georgetown netminder "Dusty" Rhodes injured his hand on Monday night when he attempted to catch a shot from the stick of Harold Hodgson. . . . Roger Smith, the young lad who scored three goals against the Bantams here on Friday night when Stirling came to town, notched a total of 52 tallies during the regular season. . . . The Peach's-Woodville ORHA game scheduled for the Woodville Arena on Monday night had to be cancelled due to the mild weather. The game was moved over to Bobcaygeon on Tuesday. . . . Doug Card, Russ Forfar and Jake Harmon are currently playing with Keswick Comets in the Tri-County circuit. . . . Mr. Ken Betz of Stouffville left on Thursday by train for Wisconsin, U.S.A. to take part in a curling bonspiel. Mr. Lou Ross of Agincourt is also included in the party. They will return home early next week. . . . Bruce Middleton, netminder with the Unionville Jets during their schedule and semi-final playoffs, donned a Clipper uniform on Monday night and guarded the twine for the homesters at Georgetown. Regular goalie Norm Stunden was sidelined for the contest with an injured knee but is expected back for Thursday's game. . . . Get your reserved seats for the Stouffville Skating Club ice show to be held on Friday night, March 16th. . . . Jack Watson, an ardent hockey and softball performer, hopes to add Norm Stunden to the pitching staff of the Buttonville Sluggers this summer. According to reports, Aurora will not field a team in the Markham Twp. loop.

Stouffville is Likely Entry in Soccer Group

On Saturday, March 17th, representatives from the soccer clubs of Stouffville, Barrie, Lindsay and Aurora will meet in the Legion Hall, Aurora, to discuss plans for the forthcoming soccer season. Mr. Wm. Simpson, Sec.-Treasurer of the Ontario Football Association, will be present. The representatives of the four teams will meet at six o'clock. At 8.30 p.m. the meeting will be open to all who wish to attend. Two films will be shown including a soccer game played at Glasgow between Scotland and Hungary.

Stouffville, according to Mr. Harry Lee, are definitely interested in fielding a team this summer and will have a representative at the organization meeting. Last year, Stouffville played only in exhibition games and the contests attracted large crowds.

LIIONS HOCKEY LEAGUE

Team	W	L	T	Pts
Red Wings	7	2	3	17
Boston	4	5	3	11
Rangers	4	5	3	11
Hawks	3	6	3	9
Bantams				
Pittsburg	9	2	1	19
Leafs	7	4	1	15
Canadiens	4	7	1	9
Buffalo	1	8	3	5

Results: Wings 2, Hawks 1; Bruins 1, Rangers 0; Canadiens 1, Leafs 0; Pittsburg 1, Buffalo 1.

Schedule: Plays off: Bruins vs Hawks; Rangers vs Wings; Pittsburg vs Canadiens; Buffalo vs Leafs.

Reducing Diet: The only thing that's forgotten faster than a New Year's resolution.

Police Protect Referees At Bond Lake Game

Provincial Police from the detachments of Bond Lake and Vandorf were summoned to the Nobleton arena on Friday night to provide protection for the officials at a hockey game between King City Juniors and Wellington. At the end of the second period, visiting fans became irate and accused the officials of favoritism toward the home-town team. King City were leading 4-1 at the time. When the final period was scheduled to get underway, a number of spectators blocked the dressing room door and refused to let the officials onto the ice. Police soon restored

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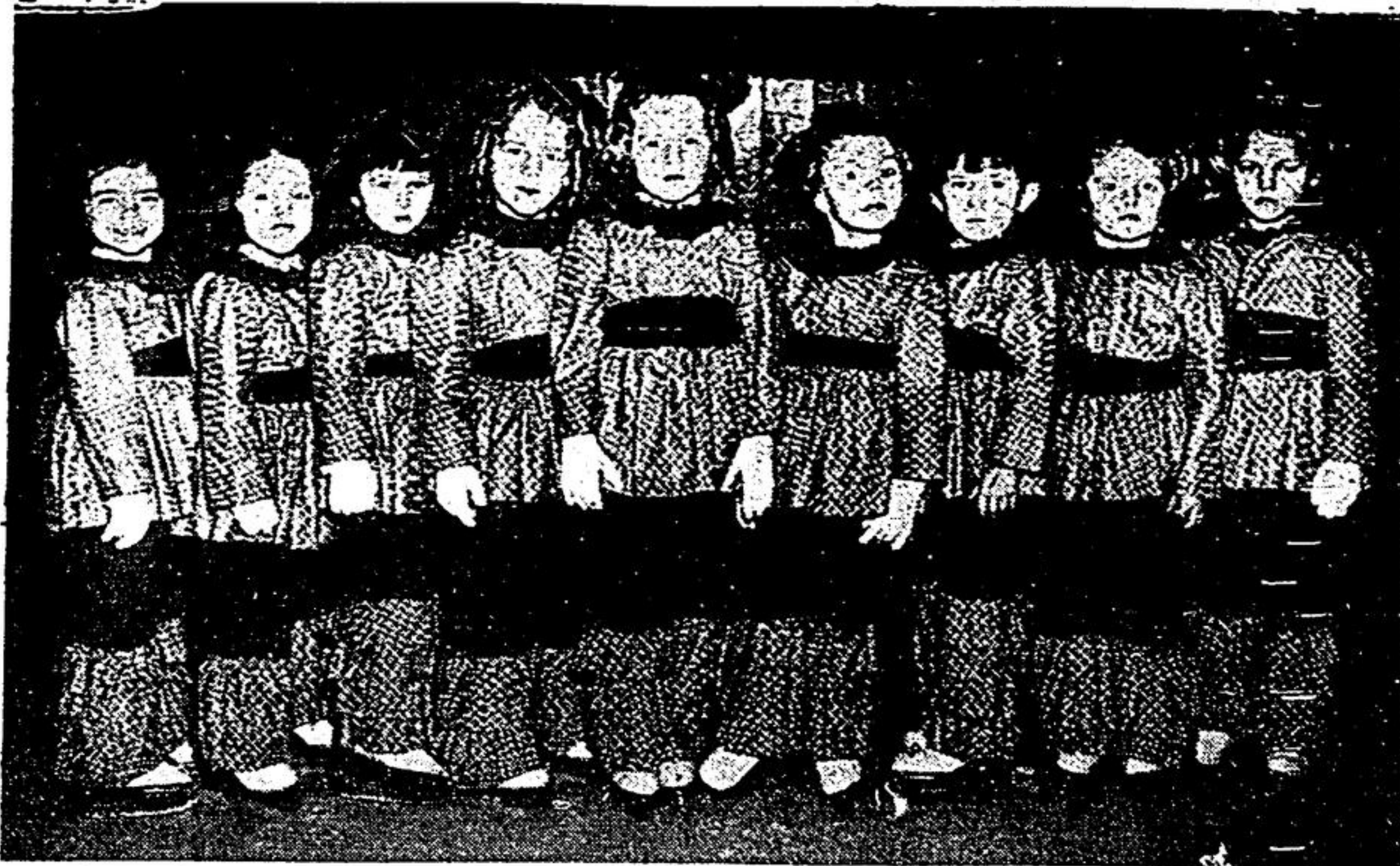
MEN'S BOWLING LEAGUE

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"Hans Christian Andersen on Ice", March 16



This group of cute little girls will be taking part in the Springtime Ice Revue in the Stouffville Arena on Friday, March 16th. Those performing in this particular

number will be Melodee Mole, Donna Paisley, Margaret Birkett, Susan Tran, Judith But-

Brooklin Juniors Win Third Straight Game In Group Playoffs

Brooklin Juniors are well on their way toward a group championship. At the present time they are riding high, with three straight victories over Orangeville by scores of 15-3, 6-1 and 8-1. They can complete the series with a win this week. On Saturday night at Port Perry, the homesters chalked an 8-1 victory before some 400 fans. Bill Cornish was the spark plug on Brooklin's front line, notching three goals. Bob Carnegie, Elmo Gibson and Neil Pascoe were the other marksmen for the winners. Brooklin netminder Jack Owens turned in a fine performance in the nets, blocking a number of clean-cut scoring

chances by Orangeville forwards. He was robbed of a shutout in the dying minutes of the contest. Don Tran, who suffered a six-stitch cut on the mouth in the first game, returned to action but was used sparingly on the second line. Warner filled in on the right wing spot. Neil Pascoe, speedy pivot performer on the second line, was badly shaken up in the second period when crashed by two Orangeville defencemen. He returned to his regular position in the final frame. According to Mr. Ab Hulse, Executive Member on the OHA the winners of this round will square off against Gananoque.

Stirling Squeezes Local Bantams Out of OMHA Playoffs by One Goal

Stouffville's Bantam team, on the doorstep of an Ontario Championship, were knocked out of the playoff running on Friday evening when they dropped a 6-4 decision to Stirling to lose on the round 10 goals to 9. It was a heartbreaker for the homesters who went into the return tilt here with a one goal lead. They couldn't get untracked, however, and Stirling were the worthy winners of the night's play. More than 400 fans attended the game. Stirling will now move into the finals and will play the winner of Western Ontario.

It took the visitors only five minutes to wipe out the one goal advantage held by the homesters from the series opener. Roger Smith, a three goal performer for Stirling, notched the opening tally and Eddie Mayhew another hat-trick marksman, made it 2-0 at the eight minute mark. Glenn Pennanen potted the lone Stouffville goal of the period, his tally coming on a hard shot from left wing.

In the second frame, both clubs scored twice. Mayhew fired a pair for Stirling while Rick Wedseltoft and Ron Stewart blinked the light for the homesters. The visitors sewed up their victory in the last period, outscoring the locals 2-1. Roger Smith fired two for the winners and Ron Stewart potted his second goal for Stouffville.

With less than a minute remaining in the contest, Coach Bill Lennox pulled goalie Roger Beazley out of the net in favor of an extra forward but time had run out on the local entry. There were eight penalties in the game, five to Stirling and three to Stouffville.

In the final frame Coach Lennox jockeyed his front line around in an effort to organize a scoring combination. Ron Stewart, Glenn Pennanen, Rick Wedseltoft, "Gabby" Taylor and Larry Malloy were used most frequently up front. Pennanen, Stewart and Roger Stover were the best performers for the homesters. Although the Stirling netminder, Paul Jeffs, did not look as steady between the pipes as Stouffville's Roger Beazley, the local squad didn't test him with many pointblank shots. On numerous occasions they elected to pass the puck rather than shoot, and many good scoring chances were blocked on this account. Although hopes were riding high prior to Friday's game, that Stouffville's Bantam entry might continue on into the Ontario finals, the players and their supporters shouldn't be disappointed. Their accomplishments far exceeded all expectations from even their most optimistic supporters and it is no disgrace to lose out after beating some of the best in the business. A number of exhibition games may be arranged to round out the season.

PICKERING SWAMPS SANDHILL 17-1 IN O.R.H.A. CONTEST

Pickering Merchants, playing on the larger artificial ice of the Scarborough Arena, Monday night, completely swamped Sand Hill 17-1 in the second game of their current ORHA playoffs. Sand Hill took the opener in the Bolton Arena 13-8. The lopsided scoring was divided between seven Pickering marksmen with Howard Forgie, Ross Burns and Frank Remmer pacing the winners' attack with hat-trick performances. Wilnot Gates, Morris Keeler and Jim Cruikshank each fired a pair while Norm Buxton notched a single. Some 100 fans were in attendance.

The free-wheeling Pickering squad completely outplayed their rivals and the large ice surface gave them plenty of room to perfect their razzle-dazzle passing plays. Sand Hill appeared lost on the artificial ice and didn't look like the same team that upset Pickering in their first encounter. The third game in the best-of-five series will swing back to either Nobleton or Brampton.

Pickering have not decided definitely where they will play the remainder of their home contests. Ice time both at Stouffville and Whitby is at a premium at the present time.

GROUP FINAL DATES ANNOUNCED

Stouffville Clippers and Georgetown Raiders are currently fighting for the Intermediate A group championship. The second game of the series will be played here in Stouffville on Tuesday, March 8th, with the third contest back in Georgetown on Saturday, March 10th. The fourth game is scheduled for Stouffville, Tuesday night, March 13th. The series is a best four out of seven games. According to reports, the group winner will meet Fort Erie in the next round.

BANTAM BANQUET

On Tuesday evening Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walters, the proprietors of the local Mayfair Restaurant, provided a bountiful banquet for the Stouffville Bantam Hockey Club, Ontario semi-finalists. Following the dinner, gifts of appreciation were presented to Coach Bill Lennox, Manager Sam Spencer and Mrs. Walters. Team Captain Rick Wedseltoft thanked Mr. and Mrs. Walters on behalf of the club.

more onesided. In the Bantam class, Larry McMullen's goal early in the game was enough to give the third place Canadiens a 1-0 win over the second place Leafs. It was the first shut-out of the season for Montreal goalie Glenn Jackson who turned in a steady effort. In the last game of the night, Pittsburg and Buffalo battled to a 1-1 draw.

The only change in the standing with the result of Monday's games, saw the last place Bruins pull into a second place with the Rangers. The Red Wings strengthened their hold on first place and the Black Hawks remained all alone in the cellar. In the Bantam department the powerful Pittsburg squad, favored to skate off with the Jim Austin Trophy, lengthened their lead to four points over the second place Leafs, Canadiens and Buffalo finished in that order.

Double Score on Geo. town

Stouffville Clippers romped to a decisive 10-5 win over Georgetown on Monday night in the first game of the best four-out-of-seven Intermediate A group finals. The Clippers were without their first-string netminder Norm Stunden who was injured during a practice session on Sunday. Stunden, while not in uniform, was present at the game and is expected to be ready for action again by the end of the week. In his place the Clippers used Bruce Middleton of the Unionville Jr. Club via permission from the OHA.

The visitors took a commanding lead in the game right from the start, leading six to nothing midway through the second period, 3-0 at the end of the first period. Lewis, Crawford and Bradbury scored in that order in the opening frame with Watson, Clarke and Lehman adding three more in first nine minutes of the mid-session. Lewis was a standout in setting up plays around the Georgetown net, and scored two goals himself while assisting on four others.

midway through the second period in a scramble around the Clipper net, Bud Lehman got this one back at 18:35, and Georgetown got their second of the night from the stick of Beasly at 19:07.

The home team put on the pressure in the final twenty minutes and scored goal for goal with the Clippers but the visitors' lead by this time was quite secure. Webster got two more for the locals and Hodgson scored number ten, a sizzling high shot that had goalie Rhodes rubbing his hand for some time. Dixon, Irons and Ingles were the Georgetown marksmen in the last period. The smaller ice surface tended to make for considerable play along the boards and scrambled hockey at times. There were twelve penalties in the game, six for each team.

Sign in a window: There is nothing under the sun that somebody can't make a little worse and sell a little cheaper.

Thousand Fans See Clippers Oust Oakville From Group Playoffs

After dropping the first two games to Oakville in the semi-final round, the Stouffville Clippers staged a sensational comeback game rally to oust the Meteors and earn the right to enter the group finals against Georgetown Raiders. Victories of 6-5, 6-3 and 5-3 attracted the largest crowds of the season and have brought hockey interest here in Stouffville to a three year high. More than 1,000 attend.

More than 1,000 spectators filed into the arena on Thursday night to see the fifth and deciding game. The visiting Oakville squad were given strong local support by hundreds of spectators. The large crowd expected to see a bang-up game and they weren't disappointed. The contest was, however, minus any signs of fisticuffs such as featured the wind-up of the previous tilt. Stunden Stars.

Clipper goalie Norm Stunden was sensational in the Stouffville nets. He was exceptionally great when the homesters ran into a few minor penalties. On at least four occasions the agile puckstopper pulled off dazzling saves when Oakville swarmed around the Stouffville cage. At the other end of the rink, Oakville netminder "Dutch" Holland played well between the pipes and had little chance of blocking the shots that evaded him.

In the final minute of the contest, he was pulled from the cage in favor of an extra forward but the Clippers held the fort. Coach Bob Bangay countered with forwards Harold Hodgson, "Chick" Webster, Bill Bradbury and defencemen Ronnie Bell and Don McIntosh and the Meteors were unable to get any labelled shots on the Stouffville net.

Never Behind. The Clippers jumped into a 2-0 lead in the first period and although Oakville trimmed the lead to a single tally they never pulled up on even terms. Ken Crawford started the ball rolling for Stouffville on a pass from Gord Lewis. Five minutes later, Gord Lewis pipped up a loose puck in front of the Oakville net and blazed a bullet shot into the corner of the twine from about 15 feet out.

Ronnie Bell notched the Clippers' third tally in the second period and "Chick" Webster sewed up the game with a pair of goals in the final frame. Webster's first goal crumpled off the top crossbar and dropped into the corner. His second came on a quick backhand drive that Holland didn't see in time. The Oakville tallies came from the sticks of Ray Patterson and Jack Davidson.

Two Injured. Two Stouffville players were injured in the game. Ken "Red" Crawford suffered a six-stitch gash below his eye in the 2nd period, and Ronnie Bell was hit on the nose and had to leave the contest for repairs. Both players returned in the last period.

Stouffville's Best. Aside from goalie Norm Stunden, a number of players stood out in the game. Gord Lewis turned in his best performance of the season, scoring one goal and setting up another. "Chick" Webster, Bill Bradbury, Ken Crawford, Geo. Stark and Don McIntosh were the other top performers.

At the final whistle, the Oakville players, showing fine sportsmanship, congratulated the Clippers on their comeback success and wished them well in their future games.

BADMINTON CLUB NEWS

This winter, the Stouffville Badminton Club was one of the teams in a league with Agincourt and Uxbridge. Each team was scheduled to play four evenings of competitive badminton and following the tournament, Agincourt topped the group. In the twelve home games played here against Agincourt, Stouffville won five and dropped 7. At Agincourt, the local entry split with their hosts, winning six and losing the same number.

Against Uxbridge, Stouffville fared well at home, winning 7 while losing five. At Uxbridge however, they lost nine and won three. Although the local club did not take the honors in this league, the scheduled competition has proved that the Stouffville members have improved considerably since the club was organized.

Player Breaks Collarbone in Playoff Opener

Murray Grove, smooth-skating centreman with the Peach's A.C. hockey club, suffered a broken collarbone on Tuesday night at Bobcaygeon. The accident happened in the first game of the O.R.H.A. Intermediate playoffs. He was taken to Bobcaygeon General Hospital where the break was set and he later returned home. It is expected he will be out of action for the remainder of the season.

Woodville, the opposition in the first round, took the game quite handily by a score of 12-4. John Reesor, Joe Lewis, Clare Fockler and Harry Young were marksmen for Peach's.

LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

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