



SHOULD SHORTEN SCHEDULE

On Tuesday evening of next week, representatives from six teams in the Markham Township League will convene to discuss plans for the forthcoming softball season. No doubt there will be some changes in the rules and regulations. The most important move in my mind should be an attempt to shorten the schedule. In past years the playoffs have been played under extremely frigid weather conditions and fans are not anxious to watch ball games in near-freezing temperatures. Just at the time when the crowds should be the largest, the attendance drops off completely. The group semi-finals and finals should be the exciting conclusion to the softball season. Let's hope this summer the contests can be staged at a time when conditions are more favorable for both players and the spectators.

BETWEEN SEASONS

"This is the time of year when hockey finds itself being pushed out of the sports spotlight to be replaced by softball, baseball, golf, tennis, lawn bowling, horseshoes, and dozens of other warm-weather activities. Probably due to the inclement weather, summer sports interest here isn't too brisk at the present time. In the minor baseball front, there is no definite word as to what fans will see at the local park. The possibilities of a Junior team are not bright, since some of our best performers are slated for tryouts with the Red Sox and their chance of catching a spot on the Tri-County club are quite good. From earlier reports, Stouffville will have another Midget entry, a team that provided local fans with some good entertainment last summer. Jack Watson's Buttonville Sluggers will be back in action here and the softball semi-finalists will be a welcomed sight back on the Stouffville diamond. There is renewed interest in soccer here. The Stouffville entry is now in an organized group and will play their home games on Saturday nights. There's nothing too definite as to the return of the girls' softball team here but I would think that from a town of 2,200 people, nine above-average ball players could be found. A meeting to be held shortly will probably put out this problem. As for the Tri-County circuit, one of the best groups in years is shaping up with seven teams desiring to enter. More information will be available for next week's issue. All I can say at the present time is that fans will see plenty of summer sport here during the next five months. In fact, if you are down at the park any night from Monday to Saturday, there will probably be something doing.

POOR POLICY

Did you read the sport pages of the daily papers on Tuesday night. If you did, you probably noticed the strategy that Coach "Turk" Broda has mapped out for his Marlboros for the seventh and final game with the Montreal Jr. Canadiens. "To win, we must hit every man," says the Turk. This motto will never be framed and hung in hockey's hall of fame. By the time this paper appears, the game will be history, but it's no wonder that so many local fans are hoping that the Flying Frenchmen will upset the once-favored Toronto crew. This type of hockey that upsets the once-favored Toronto crew is apparently teaching his players is exactly the kind of rowdiness that OMHA officials are trying to stop. This rough play which is practiced too often in Jr. "A" ranks should be ridiculed instead of stressed. The players themselves seem only too anxious to engage in a "knock 'em down, drag 'em out" type of hockey and their over-anxious ambitions should be restrained. What are you going to do, when the coach orders his team to play in this manner?

A BIG-LITTLE STAR

Very often I have heard hockey coaches say when discussing the ability of certain players, "He'll never be any good, he's too light." This depends perhaps on where this "light" player chooses to play. Have you ever heard of Victor Zamick? A few years ago he performed in the Western Canada Junior circuit with St. Boniface and his ability to score goals drew the interest of pro scouts. They took one look at the little 120 pound speedster and said "he's too small." Not to be denied, Victor went over to England to play with Nottingham and in his nine years with the team, he has potted no less than 650 goals and picked up 525 assists for a total of 1,175 points. His biggest season was in 1954-55 when he scored 94 goals and counted 74 assists for a record of 168 points. When Maurice Richard of the Canadiens had notched 500 goals, Zamick was well over the 600 mark. What has this 29-year-old star to say concerning the NHL? He says that it's impossible to work at developing skill when you're constantly watching to defend yourself. "I think it's one of the troubles with Canadian hockey today," he stated, "There is so much emphasis on body contact that little attention is paid to fundamentals." Perhaps Coach Bobby Bauer and his Kitchener crew will agree.

Expect Six Teams To Re-enter the Claremont Ball Loop

It is expected that six teams will re-enter the Claremont Community Softball League again this summer. The group Chairman, Mr. Bill Glidden, plans to call an organization meeting shortly. The clubs will be Claremont, Altona, Greenwood, Mount Zion, Fourth Line and Peach's. A request for entry has not been received from any other team. Claremont, the defending champions, are expected to field another strong club this year. Altona, the winners in 1954, and finalists last summer, will be out to win back the coveted trophy. Fourth Line, Greenwood, Mount Zion, Fourth Line are expected to go along with much the same team as last season. The schedule last year opened on May 20th and concluded early in September. The teams played doubleheaders on Monday and Friday nights.

Aurora May be a New Entry in Tri-County League

There may be two new entries in the Tri-County League this summer. The Executive and team representatives are meeting at Sunderland this week to consider applications from Orillia and Aurora. Newmarket, Sunderland, Lindsay, Port Perry and Stouffville will probably be back in the group again. In addition to Stouffville's regular performers, Dave Hammersley, southpaw twirler with the Junior Cardinals last season, will move up into Tri-County competition with the Red Sox. Harold Hodgson, first sacker with Altona softballers last summer and Cliff Morris, an ex-Cardinal infielder will also try out when the team takes to the field for their pre-schedule practice sessions. Bob Atkinson, star winger with the Unionville Jets and an ex-Unionville baseballer, is also interested in a tryout. Following the organization meeting this week, a schedule will be drawn up. The League opened last year on May 27th.

Consider Inter-Locking Schedule for Softball

The Executive of the Ontario County Softball League are interested in establishing an inter-locking schedule with the teams in the Markham Township circuit. At the present time, it appears likely that there will be only four entries in the eastern group, namely, Pickering, Brougham, Brooklin and Ajax. Whitby Royals, one of the best crowd-drawing clubs in the loop have decided to pull out of the group. At the present time, there are five teams in the Markham League, Markham, Unionville, Buttonville, Thornhill and Aurora. A sixth entry is expected from Newmarket.

The Ontario County Management feel that the inter-locking hook-up will benefit both leagues. Pickering, Brooklin and Ajax play floodlit softball and lights are expected to be completed at Brougham this year. Unionville and Thornhill have no floodlights in their respective parks. Markham, Buttonville, Aurora and Newmarket use floodlit parks.

Three Lyndhurst Players Are Suspended

Three players of the senior "B" East York team in the Toronto Hockey League were handed suspensions last week totalling five years for alleged attacks on a referee during a league game March 24.

Reg. Sprague and John Scott were given suspensions of two years each by the THL executive. Bob Kennedy was given a one-year suspension. All three suspensions are effective immediately.

Sprague, Scott and Kennedy were accused of attacking referee Doug Moat in separate incidents. Greg Currie, East York coach, was suspended earlier for the remainder of the season for hurling a bottle at a referee. He was not on the bench for the March 24 game.

East Yorks were Canada's representatives in the world hockey tournament in 1954 in which they lost to Russia.

Frank Buckland Re-elected Head Of O.H.A.

Mr. Frank Buckland of Peterboro was re-elected President of the O.H.A. at the annual meeting of the Ontario Hockey Association held in Toronto on Saturday. The 1st vice-president is Mr. Lorne Cook of Kingston, second vice-president, Ken McMillan of Georgetown; secretary, W. A. Hewitt, Toronto, and treasurer, Geo. Dudley of Midland. The Executive members are Messrs. Mel Cunningham of Lindsay, Lloyd Pollock of Windsor and Ab Hulse of Newmarket. Mr. L. E. "Tim" O'Neill of Stouffville allowed his name to stand for a position on the Executive and failed to be elected by a scant two points.

The O.H.A. financial report as given by the treasurer, Mr. Geo. Dudley, showed a "slight profit" at the close of the season. A considerable portion of this profit was collected in the form of fines which amount to \$1,030.15.

Two Local Girls Teams May Merge

A move is on foot to have the two local girls softball teams join forces this summer to form one strong club. Peach's, the Markham Twp. Champions last season and Stouffville have lost a number of their star performers since the completion of last year's playoffs. Rather than field weakened teams, it has been suggested that the two clubs merge and enter a group with Brooklin, Oshawa and Agincourt. Agincourt, who had a team in the Markham Twp. circuit last season, have definitely decided to play in the Ontario County League. A meeting will be held shortly between the Stouffville and Peach's teams to get the feeling of the individual players on the proposed setup.

Select Team's Most Valuable Player

The Clipper hockey team will meet together next week as the club winds up its activities for the season. "Chick" Webster will be presented with the Bill Ball scoring trophy and the Club's most valuable player will be selected by the team executive.

On Monday night, captain "Chick" Webster and assistants Ronnie Bell and Ken Crawford, along with President "Tim" O'Neill, Coach Bob Bangay and Manager Harry Lee met at the latter's home to make plans for next season's entry. The Clippers will definitely ice a team of either Intermediate or Senior calibre.

Soccer Club Here In 5-Team Group

An organization meeting of the local soccer league was held at Barrie on Saturday afternoon. Due to the enthusiasm, the executive have been forced to split the teams into two separate groups. Although all entries aren't definitely assured, it is expected that there will be five in each group. In group A there will be teams from Aurora, Lindsay, Newmarket, Claremont and Stouffville. In group B there will be clubs from Barrie (2), Midland, Collingwood and Camp Borden. The four top teams in each class will play off and the winners will meet for the championship. The Stouffville entry will play their home contests on Saturday night and hold practice sessions on Wednesday evenings. The league is expected to start around the middle of May. All applications must be forwarded to the league secretary Bill Street, Barrie, by April 30th.

To date, Stouffville has already held 2 practices and interest is on the increase. Last season, Stouffville performed only in exhibition contests and attracted some of the largest crowds to the local park in years.

Markham Ball Executives Meet Monday

An organization meeting of the Markham Township Softball League will be held on Tuesday evening at 9 o'clock in the Markham Village library. Secretary Wilf Bundy has sent out notices to the various team coaches and it is hoped that every club in the group will be represented. The League President is Mr. John Young of Markham.

To date, all the teams that operated last season are expected to return, with the exception of Louie Ross' Agincourt Fleet-liners who have moved down to

Keyson Motors Win Men's Town Bowling League



Keyson Motors "Ringers" were presented with a fine trophy on Monday evening, emblematic of the Men's Town Bowling Championship. The winners rolled a total of 68 points, eighteen better than their nearest rivals, the Red Caps. The champs are pictured above from left to right—Rear Row: Daws Hare, Stan Martin, Wm. Grove (Capt.), Dave Ratcliff, Howard St. John. Front Row—Charles Grove and Elgin Wagg. Murray Redshaw's Red Caps completed the season with a total of 50 points. His team comprised the following players—Murray Redshaw (Capt.) Bill Nichols, Murray Stewart, Murray Wagg, Jim Brown, Don Brown and Joe Murray Jr. The other runners-up were Harold's Grill 49, Aida Cleaners 47, Machine Shop 46, and Hot Shots 40. The High Single on Monday night went to Murray Redshaw with a total of 326. The High Triple was chalked up by Lloyd Hamm, 699 points.

The Beaches loop, Newmarket will be probable replacements. Unionville, Markham, Buttonville, Thornhill and Aurora will round out the group. Buttonville plan to play their home contests here in Stouffville under the lights.

Stouffville will not field an entry of its own. The Sluggers expect to add ace slow-ball hurler, Norm Stunden to their hill strength. In addition, they will likely use Jack Rumney and Jack Routliff. Most of last year's performers will return to action, including Bert Baker, Ronnie Bell, "Chick" Webster, Bud Watson, Jack Watson, Murray Wagg, Clare Fockler, Jerry

season the schedule commenced on May 17th. A number of important questions will be coming up for discussion and President John Young is anxious that all team representatives be in attendance.

GOODWOOD

Mrs. Reuben May Keep in mind the Baptist Church Anniversary on Sunday, May 27th. Rev. Ward of Whitty will be guest speaker. The annual business meeting will be on May 10 in the church basement. May we see all members at this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. George Baldwin and Terry had Sunday supper with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Baldwin, the occasion being George's birthday.

A number of fourth line folk spent a very enjoyable evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Symes when friends gathered to shower and charivaree Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Symes.

Prayer meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wagg on Thursday evening.

The annual business meeting of the Ladies Aid and future Mission Circle will be held on Tuesday evening, May 1st. All ladies are welcome.

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GLOBE TROTTERING TODAY AND YESTERDAY

The Caspian Sea, north of Iran, isn't a sea at all. Actually it's the world's largest lake, 168,890 miles square.

Although it is one of Europe's smaller countries, West Germany ranks second only to the U.S. in number of daily newspapers.

The first scheduled transatlantic air service—started 22 years ago by Lufthansa German Airlines—required a stop on a floating air base before going on to Rio de Janeiro. This summer Lufthansa will fly the same route non-stop.

The famous Oxford-Cambridge Boat Race—the world's oldest—will be held again this April for the 113th time. The teams finished in a dead heat in 1877, starting a national controversy.