



LOOKING BACK

It's almost hard to believe that the summer has slipped by and hockey and public skating has replaced softball and baseball. Looking back over the past few months there have been a number of champions crowned on the sports front. Here at home, the Red Sox retained the Tri-County League honors by ousting both Orillia and Sunderland in thrilling playoff duels. The Buttonville Sluggers worked their way into the Markham Twp. softball finals only to be beaten out by Thornhill. A battling Midget team clouted its way into the O.B.A. semi-finals but fell apart in the final game of the series and lost out to Caledonia. The local girls' team were knocked out in the first round of the P.W.S.U. playdowns but surprised their fellowers with a heads-up showing. Over at Clarendon, Mount Zion completed the regular schedule on top of the group and then captured the league trophy, beating Peach's 3 games to one. Brooklin's Junior 'C' softball team reached the finals but were beaten out by Virgil in the final game of the series. Brougham's Intermediate club met their old rivals, Electric, in the O.A.S.A. finals and were beaten in two extra-inning games. Brooklin Intermediates captured the Ontario County group softball crown. Aurora downed Newmarket to win the local soccer championship. Here and there all over the district, local teams made bids for group and provincial recognition. Although none were able to win an Ontario crown many did come close. They no doubt will have their eyes glued on the coveted prize when another summer rolls around.

DYING OUT

Is the Markham Township Softball League dying a slow death? Following the windup of the playoffs a few weeks ago, it would appear that the organization is drawing its last breath. A few years ago, the Markham softball circuit was a flourishing group, comprising some excellent teams and colorful players. Now, the group has been cut down to a mere four clubs and one of these, Buttonville, has threatened withdrawal. The local league faces a pretty grim outlook for another season. Newmarket, in their initial venture in the group didn't fare too well and Markham, one of the league's top drawing cards, failed to qualify for playoff competition this year. The Markham League, like other softball organizations has been plagued in recent years by O.A.S.A. intervention. These interruptions can, to a large extent, be blamed for the lack of interest in the group. This summer, Buttonville waited more than six weeks for Thornhill and Newmarket to complete their provincial playdown games before the local semi-finals and finals could be completed. Consequently, the teams played only to empty stands and in near-freezing temperatures. As far as this writer is concerned, the entries in the Markham Twp. circuit use the local group only as a "conditioner" for provincial competition. When the Ontario playoffs start, the local league might just as well fold up. It's a shame that such a flourishing organization should meet such a fate.

HERE AND THERE

Members of the local Red Sox baseball club are sporting their new leather jackets, obtained through Ted's Men's Wear, Stouffville. Pine Orchard were recently crowned winners on the Mt. Zion Albert Community Softball League. Doug Card, well-known locally, paced his team to the championship with a fine pitching performance. Nell Pascoe, centre star with the Brooklin Juniors last winter, has signed a contract with the Lakeshore Junior 'B' club and will be lost to Cliff Johnson's squad this season. According to our latest information, both "Red" Fleming and "Peg" O'Neill have been barred from Ontario softball competition next summer. Both players worked on the mound for Markham last season. Frank Stephenson from the Greenwood Mt. Zion communities had a one-hour practice at the arena on Thursday night. The largest crowds since the opening of the arena have been enjoying Saturday night public skating here. Bruce Middleton, netminder with the Unionville Jets, suffered a 5-stitch gash on his chin here Thursday night while guarding the net in the Clipper practice.

A REAL COMEBACK

Television appears to be having little effect on the Saturday night public skating crowds at the Stouffville arena. The attendance has passed all expectations, being bettered only when the arena was first opened, a number of years ago. What is the reason for the sudden upsurge? The turn toward this sport was quite noticeable last winter, when attendance figures showed an increase over the previous season, but this year's opening crowds are still larger. It could be possible that the television novelty has worn off, at least for the teenage folk, and this trend may continue which would be all for the good as far as local sports attractions are concerned. The public skating enthusiasm is not only noticeable in Stouffville. Other towns such as Aurora, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Bowmanville, etc., report equally good turnouts.

O.H.A. MEETING AT BARRIE ON WED.

Last season, the O.H.A. inaugurated a series of district meetings and these proved quite popular among hockey clubs. On account of popular demand, the O.H.A. is repeating them again this season. It was felt that considerable benefit was derived from the get-togethers and it is hoped that more teams will avail themselves of the opportunity of meeting members of the O.H.A. Executive and other hockey clubs. The initial meeting will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Barrie, on Wednesday evening, Nov. 7th, at 6 p.m. A buffet supper will be followed by a discussion on O.H.A. rules, etc. An invitation to the Clipper Management has been sent by the O.H.A. Business Manager, Mr. W. Hanley.

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Twenty-five Players Attend Practice Thurs., Coach Still Lacking

Twenty-five players attended the initial practice session of the Clippers on Thursday night of last week. This number was cut with 18 in attendance on Tuesday evening. Although no definite class has been established, it is believed the Clippers will place their entry in Intermediate "A". The biggest stumbling blocks in the path of the local entry is the lack of a Coach and a goal-tender. With the resignation of Bob Bangay, the Management have been unable to locate a replacement. "Chick" Webster, Bruce Harper and Don McIntosh have been approached regarding the position. A group meeting has been called for Thursday evening to draw up the schedule. The Management are still hoping to obtain the services of goalie Norm Stunden although he hasn't attended a practice session to date. "Dixie" Rhodes, brother of ex-Clipper netminder Jack Rhodes, was also on the expected list but he hasn't put in an appearance. Out of last season's lineup the following players have returned — Don McIntosh, Les Clarke, Bud Lehman, Harold Hodgson, Andy Cross, Ken Crawford and Jack Watson. Geo. Stark attended Sunday's session but states definitely that he will not play this year. Bill Bradbury, "Chick" Wester and Gord Lewis are expected back. Bruce McDowell and Grant Wagg, ex-Unionville Jets, have been out for the 3 workouts and Joe Lewis was on skates Tuesday night.

Bill Lennox to Coach Stouffville Midget Entry

Bill Lennox has been named Coach of Stouffville's Midget hockey entry this season. Mr. Sam Spencer will act as Manager. The appointments were made at an organization meeting held on Tuesday evening. Four local men were appointed to the Executive. They will give the entry the necessary financial backing. The members are — President, Stan Thompson; Vice Pres., Geo. Beazley; Secretary, Cec Hendricks; Treasurer, Tom Wedseltoft; Manager, Sam Spencer, and Coach, Bill Lennox. Keyson Motors of Stouffville have donated the sweaters for the club. The first practice session will be held on Friday evening from 6:45 to 8:15. All boys interested in catching a position on the team are requested to be on the ice at 6:45 p.m. sharp. Each player will be asked to pay 50c at every practice and every home game until such time as the Management feels the donations are no longer necessary. The Midgets promise to be Stouffville's top minor league entry this season. They will boast two fast-skating front lines and a good defence.

Sixteen Players Signed With Unionville Jets

To date 16 players have been signed up with the Unionville Jets, a number of these from Stouffville. The next regular practice is scheduled for Friday night at 8 o'clock. Bruce Middleton will be the team's regular netminder with Cottrell acting as the sub goalie. On defence, the Jets will have Gus Olmstead and Jim Stunden, former Richmond Hill stars. Andy Anderson, Les Jarvis, Jim Rennie and Don Jackson will also perform on the blue line. Up front there will be Don Haynes, Don Tran, Bob Atkinson, John Darbyson, Cy Allen, Geo. Cary and Gayman. The latter has been showing very fine form so far this season and it is expected he will enjoy one of his best Junior years. Two ex-Stouffville Juvenile performers, Wayne Redshaw and Mike McStravick, have attended one workout but have not as yet been signed. Unionville's final classification hasn't been established. They will play either Junior "C" or "D". There are eight clubs in "C" including Aurora, Newmarket, Midland, Collingwood, Brooklin, Lindsay, Whitby and Bowmanville. In "D" there are four teams, Alliston, Orangeville, Unionville and Elmville. An organization meeting will be held very soon. Coach Polly Minton and Manager Glen Kennedy are very pleased with the turnout of players and they expect to ice a contending club.

MORE THAN 450 SKATERS SAT. NIGHT

Record numbers of skaters continue to flock to the Stouffville Arena on Saturday nights. On Saturday evening of last week, more than 450 young people were in attendance. In spite of the crowd, the ice was in fine condition. To date, public skating has been held three nights weekly but commencing next week the Monday evening skate will be cancelled when the Lions PeeWee players take over.

AUDLEY

Mildred Puckrin The Community Club meets on Wednesday evening, Nov. 7, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Puckrin. Mr. Wm. Manning, Ontario County Clerk-Treasurer will be the guest speaker. The W.A. Bazaar has been postponed until Nov. 16. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Phipps and Geoffrey Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Beatty of Long Branch visited Mr. and Mrs. James Davidson on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McHugh and sons of Oakville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Izatt. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Puckrin and family visited with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hollinger of Cherrystone on Sunday afternoon. Deepest sympathy is extended to Mr. James Mitchell and family in the passing of Mrs. Mitchell on Sunday morning.

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Lion's PeeWee Hockey League to Open on Monday Night

On Monday evening, Nov. 5th, the Stouffville Lions Club PeeWee Hockey League will open for the season. More than 100 boys from the district are expected to attend. For two weeks the young lads will take part mainly in practice sessions prior to the start of the regular schedule. As was the case last season the league will be divided into two separate groups with the older and more experienced boys operating apart from the younger and smaller chaps. A three dollar registration fee will be charged to each player this year. One dollar of this amount will go toward insurance protection. The remainder will assist in the purchase of crests and other items for the champion teams. To date no registration cards are available so the date for signing up players will be extended. The majority of the coaches who handled teams last season are expected to return including Messrs. Ted Cadieux, Ed Dawson, Bill Lennox, Tom Wedseltoft, Keith Sutherland and Jim Thomas. Hal Gibson and Will Morley have also been approached to look after teams.

BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA REPORT WINS HONOURS

The Bank of Nova Scotia was judged as having the best annual report of the Canadian banks for 1955, in the final ratings by an independent board of judges in the sixteenth annual survey of Financial World, national weekly magazine. The bronze "Oscar of Industry" was presented to Mr. C. G. Webster, New York Agent of the Bank, at the annual awards banquet in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Statler in New York on Monday evening, October 29, 1956. A total of 5,000 annual reports were entered this year in the international competition. Around 1,700 reports were qualified for the final screening and these were judged in 100 industrial classifications for bronze trophies. In the Canadian Banks classification The Toronto-Dominion was runner-up for the honours, while The Royal Bank of Canada placed third. While in Stayner they were shown through the large Rhinehart Vinegar plant now in peak operation. Here 30 workers are their well-known apple products. An additional building and equipment is being added to accommodate increasing business. While Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Grosser of Toronto were calling at the Warren Moyer home on Tuesday, he was taken with a weak spell which occasioned great anxiety. Their Dickson's Hill friends will be pleased to hear of a satisfactory recovery. Sunday evening at Mt. Joy church Mrs. (Rev.) Earl Honsberger, returned missionary from Nigeria, and Matron of the Jos Home for Missionaries' children, addressed a joint meeting of Mt. Joy and Dickson's Hill W.M.S. groups. On Tuesday the W.M.S. here started out on its fall program for the needy and supplies for the Nigerian Hospital. In the evening the younger women met at the home of Mrs. Roger Hallman to continue their activities.

DICKSON'S HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Don Moyer, Karen, Helen, Jan and Janet of Toronto visited at the old Moyer home recently. Welcome to Miss Elsie Hoover who returned home from Vineland. For seven weeks she has been engaged in the fruit harvest. Mr. and Mrs. Ken Walker motored to Listowel on Sunday afternoon to visit a cousin who is convalescing in the hospital following a severe stroke. Mr. and Mrs. R. Moyer accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Moyer of Stouffville to Stayner where they visited their sister, Mrs. Dorer and Mr. and Mrs. George Webb and family. They called on Mrs. Ella Thompson of Box Grove who is residing there for a time. They also travelled to Collingwood and returned by way of Creemore where they called on Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Raymer.

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PLAN ORGANIZED SOFTBALL LEAGUE FOR BROUGHAM

At least five organized softball leagues will operate in Brougham's new floodlit park next summer. It is expected that Bantam, Midget and Juvenile clubs will be operated along with the Intermediate team. There is a possibility that a Community League may also be organized. This past season Brougham took its first step toward the organization of minor league ball and although they were beaten rather early in the Ontario playoffs, the response was very gratifying to the coaches and management. The Intermediate Club hopes to build future talent to replace some of the players now performing with that team. There has been some talk concerning the likelihood of Mount Zion placing an entry in the Ontario County circuit next summer. They were the winners in the Clarendon group this season. Buttonville is also considering a shift from the Markham Twp. group to the Ontario County League.

DEATH

The death occurred at Schomberg on Sunday, Oct. 28th, of Edward J. Cooney in his 53rd year. Besides his wife the former Mary Deacon, deceased is survived by Kathleen (Mrs. Geo. Gosling) Toronto, Addie (Mrs. Emory Robertson) Plaster Rock N.B.; Dorothy (Mrs. Frank Kelly), Albion, and James. The funeral was conducted on Tuesday to St. Patrick's Church, Schomberg with interment in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Lloydstown.

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BENEFIT DANCE AT BROUGHAM ON SAT.

The Brougham Intermediate Softball Club is planning to hold a benefit dance in the Community Hall on Saturday evening of this week. The proceeds will be donated to Mr. Rae Ellicott, to assist in covering a small portion of the expense involved following his injury last summer. The star third baseman suffered a broken leg during a playoff contest and was sidelined for the remainder of the season. We understand that it was necessary to set the break at least three times before the operation was completed. It is hoped that as many persons as possible will be in attendance.

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