ANOTHER WAY NEEDED

"The chap who invented the round-robin hockey playoff series should be shot," says Mr. Geo. Haskett, Newmarket sports scribe. I heartily agree with Mr. Haskett in this regard. Where three clubs are involved in a round-robin semi-final, it's possible that, when the home and home series is completed, the teams may be right back where they started. This was the case in the local Junior "C" group, involving Brooklin, Aurora and Newmarket. After a gruelling series, each club finished with an identical number of points. The OHA, in a desperate move to establish a winner, ordered the semi-finals to be replayed immediately. By the time the finals are run off, it will be April before a team from this group emerges to play in the Ontario "playdowns. After so much hockey, three or four games in a single week, the group champion will probably pass out of the . playoff picture through sheer exhaustion. The same situation , could have occurred in the Intermediate setup if Beeton had

upset Aurora on Thursday night. Another view on the whole round-robin setup that I con't like is the probability that the top club throughout the schoole could be ousted in short order in a round-robin series. In both the Jr. "C" and Intermediate "C" groups, Aurora, who finished ahead of the pack with a lengthy lead, could have been knocked out of the money series if the club was "off colour" in a couple of games. As we go to press, this could still happen in the

Brooklin-Aurora-Newmarket series. Although the OHA's round-robin series perhaps prolongs hockey playoffs for a number of second-rate clubs in order that they might break even financially, the OMHA, I believe, goes to the extreme by eliminating clubs on a goals-to-count basis. These home and home series such as the local Juveniles are now participating in can be "disastrous" should one club have an "off" night. Cases are quite numerous, where the weaker team has moved on into further Ontario playoff competition just by catching their stronger rivals "off stride" in one of the two games. Take for example the Bantam Havelock series. Stouffville dropped the opener 9-4 at Havelock and skated into the second game with the visitors holding a 5-0 advantage before the puck was even dropped. They were the winners here but could not overcome the lead chalked up in the first contest. In a best-of-three game series, the victor would be debatable, in reference to the Bantams. The Stouffville Juveniles also came within two seconds of being pushed aside by Havelock as the visitors notched the would-be winner a split second after the buzzer sounded. The new series proved that Stouffville was the better team but a club doesn't always get a second chance

to prove its ability. What is the solution? It's something that would need considerable study and one cannot give the matter a hurried answer. Perhaps it will be discussed more thoroughly when the OHA and OMHA hold their annual meetings in the spring. .

EARLY FINISH It hardly seems fair that the Unionville Jets should be finished for the season. Their sudden exit was so unheralded that their faithful followeres are still scratching their heads and wondering what happened. Having swept through the regular. schedule with comparative ease, it was believed quite possible that they would at least add the group championship to their

laurels. Hardly had the fans settled down for a quick final series and at least one round in the Ontario playdowns when wham - no more hockey. Sure, it was possible for them to drop cone, or even two games to Alliston - but three straight - one can hardly believe it. The Jets performed extremely well during the schedule,

perhaps a little over their heads. A few games prior to the playoffs, they had a one-week, slump but appeared to have recovered before they entered the "money series." They knocked off Elmvale in two straight and were favoured against Alliston. With the exception of the first game, which was won by Alliston 10-9, the Unionvillites weren't in the same class. They lost the return tilt 6-1 then were trounced 8-1 right in their own backyard on Friday night.

It is rather discouraging for a team of this type to fall by /the wayside after racking up such a fine record in early-season play. These boys really worked for the privilege to: play, hockey this winter. When the outlook was bleak last fall, these lads went out and sold booster tickets in order to scrape up enough: money to guarantee themselves financial backing for at least a portion of the season. During the last couple of weeks, fans were beginning to give them much-needed support and, if they could have continued for another round or two, they would have collected a tidy sum. At the present time, although your reporter is unaware of the club's financial status, we doubt if they will break even. Such is the risky road in this world of sport. One week a team can be riding high, pushing the opposition aside like ten pins; the next week, all is over, and the sodden garments are once again returned to their moth-

balled duffle bag. No one will deny that Unionville iced a good Junior club this winter - the records prove it., In the group finals, however, when the chips were down, they just couldn't hold the charging Alliston machine in check. The turning point, in the series, appeared to be the 10-9 loss suffered by the Jets on their home ice in the playoff opener. After absorbing a second setback at Alliston, even their most optimistic supporters felt that their team's 1957 hockey hopes would never be realized.

Leafs Make Strong Bid for Peewee Honors

PeeWee (Bantam) group, are to score on a perfect backhand making a strong bid for the shot. The Rangers couldn't get Monday evening, they deadlock although they finished the regued the powerful Buffalo club 3-3 lar schedule in second place. while Pittsburg blanked the Canadiens 9.0. In the otner PeeWee group, the Red Wings blanked the Rangers 6-0 while the Hawks | pulled a real upset in Monday upset the Bruins 4-1.

Leafs 3, Buffalo 3 Stickwood picked up an assist on a pass from Francis Haylow. on the one tally and Ron Hutch- Billy Harper and David Lackey inson assisted on the other. Al- picked up assists on two of the lan Lackey notched the other Black Hawks' goals. The Bruins' Leaf goal on a pass from Roger slogan—"as Haylow goes, so Forsyth. Jim Miller Cliff Reyn- goes the Bostom team"—held olds and David Coppins were the true as the front-line centre star Buffalo marksmen. The Leafs was held off the score sheet and are faced with a man-size job his team lost. The defeat dropnext Monday when they meet ped Ted Cadieux's club into sectheir first place, rivals, the Hor- ond place. nets. Buffalo will battle the Canadiens.

Pittsburg 9, Canadiens 0 The Canadiens were no match for the strong Pittsburg club as the Hornets rolled to a one-sided 9-0 victory. Warren Hendricks. regular schedules, continued his and has filed an entry in the -four times during the contest. ronto Hockey League. They will each potted a pair and Wayne on Friday night of this week.

Wings 6, Rangers 0 picked up an assist on another the pipes in the Peach's net. ially. Barry Hilts, Kenny Aida. Jim Hill and Teddy Redshaw counted singles. Redshaw's goal ! came in the final minutes of the account of something that hapcontest on a clean-cut break- pened to somebody else you member of the Juvenile team or High Triplearmay. Ross Brown fired the pic- hope will never happen to you. the Management.

Don Davis' Maple Leafs, who ture tally of the contest, cutting had little success during the in on the Ranger net and drawregular scheduled games in the | ing goalie Brown out of the cage championship in the current untracked all night. The abplayoffs. In their two games to sence of Ronnie Castle on the date, they have scored one win 1st line slowed down the losers' and a tie to keep pace with attacking power. The Rangers Pittsburg atop the group. On have now dropped two-in-a-row

Hawks 4, Bruins 1 Bill Lennox' - Black Hawks evening's opener, defeating the Bruins 4-1. Jim Redshaw, Jim Foote and Brian Madill were the Ron Jones was the Leafs' top Chicago marksmen. Arlan Galperformer, firing two goals. Ken | braith fired the lone Boston tally

PEACH'S ENTER LEAGUE CLANCY

The dormant Peach's hockey the top goal-scorer during the club has suddenly come to life prolific pace, blinking the light King Clancy series of the To-Keith James and Frank Taylor open the season at Unionville

Hamilton notched one. Seven of The team will ice not more the nine tallies were solo efforts. | than eleven men. The players who plan a late-season comeback are John Reesor, Murray Ross Brown was burning up Grove, Don Thomas, Murray the ice again on Monday night. Lewis, Carl Timbers, Jim Tho-Taking advantage of a listless mas, "Bud" Anthony, Harry Ranger team, the front line Lewis, Lloyd Grove and Jack entry has catapulted to new speedster whipped two goals Warriner. The latter will take entry has catapulted to new past netminder Billy Brown and up his usual position between heights in recent weeks. Two

In many cases news is an



Barbara Sanders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. C. Sanders, Stouffville, is pictured

Stouffville Legion trophy, presented by the President, Mr.

above, receiving the beautiful. L. W. Buckland. Barbara was the annual Skating Club Carnamed Novice Champion and nival in the arena on Friday the presentation was made at night.

Clippers Drop Opener 8-6 Aurora Here Thursday

last-minute gamble by Coach Cholas was the big gun for the Bel-Aires, counting three. Don Ky Don "Spider" Gibson sank a twenty foot shot into the empty potted a pair. Ortic Thoms Clipper cage as netminder Geo. notched the other. Wilkins sat on the bench in Thursday night.

2-2 at the end of the first period, the line. 54 for Aurora at the end of the The entire contest was a wide. The two clubs were deadlock on Friday night of last week

a pair of Aurora performers. Les Clarke of the Clippers and were banished with minor and five men to six. The scoring contest in spite of the hazard- Jets couldn't overcome the lead. game misconduct penalties. Harold Hodgson of Stouffville and ing in the contest. As the players paraded to their respective dressing rooms, the fighting was A-Nicholas-Thoms-Gibson 5:43 resumed and referee Jack Shropshire stepped between the combatants in the alley-way.

In the goal-scoring department it was the Clippers' big line of Harold Hodgson, Bud Lehman and Howard Forgie who paced the Stouffville attack. Hodgson fired a three-goal hat trick while Bud Lehman counted a pair and

The Clippers dropped the op-picked up three assists. Forgie ening game in their best of five also assisted on three of his

favour of an extra forward. The contest, a number of goals were The Stouffville Juveniles playtwo clubs will tangle here on of the "fluke" variety. One Au- ing below par, absorbed a 4rora tally caromed off the stick defeat at the hands of Norwich There was little to choose be of Clipper defenceman "Tip" Vi- on Tuesday night. The return tween the teams on the night's pond while one Stouffville goal game in the Ontario semi-final play. The lead changed hands on bounced off the skate of forward goals-to-count series will be playa number of occasions. It was Bud Lehman and dribbled over ed here on Saturday night at

second and 8-6 at the final bell. open affair and in spite of the ed 2-2 in the late stages of the when they dropped an 8-1 de-Two of Stouffville's usually score, both netminders came up third period when Norwich pot- cision to Alliston. It was their with some dazzling stops. With ted a couple of quick tallies. 3rd straight setback and knockinvolved in a wrestling bee with the exception of the final min- Steve Wideman and Don Haynes ed them out of the group finals. ute of play, penalties were very were the marksmen for Stouffscarce, both clubs realizing the ville. disastrous results of playing in the game was as follows:

Ortie Thoms of Aurora received S_Hodgson-Lehman-Forgie 5:30 minor penalties for roughing. A-Nicholas 7:33 The fistic encounter broke out S-Lehman-Vipond-Forgie 10:00 with less than a minute remain. A-Nicholas-Thoms-Gibson 15.32

S-Clarke	Lehman	9::
A-Gibso	n-Nicholas-Tr	ioms 16:4
S-Hodgs	on-Forgie-L'r	nan 19:1
	(3)	
A-Edwa	rds Patton .	

S-Lehman-Hodgson 6:18 A-Thoms-Fines 10:31 S-Hodgson-Clarke 12:50 A-Gibson 19:10 Mt. Forest - Forest

The teams battled to a 3-3

deadlock in the opener. Forest

took the second game 64 but

93 in the third tilt. The new

day night. The winner of Stouff-

Hawks 4, Bruins 1, Wings 6,

Wings vs. Bruins

Hawks vs. Rangers

Leafs vs. Pittsburg

Canadiens vs. Buffalo.

Misfits 60

Ringers 49

Red Caps 44

Lucky Strikes 42

Cardinals 39

Blockbusters 30

Ken Hamm 316

"Stan Martin 748 --

Canadiens

Schedule

JUVENILES MEET Juy. Series Replayed Stouffville and Norwich are NORWICH HERE SAT. in the Ontario Juvenile semifinals. In the other semi-final

The Stouffville Juveniles will series between Mount' Forest battle Norwich here on Saturday and Forest, the OMHA has ordevening in the second game of ered the two teams to re-play the Ontario semi-finals. The basis. The first series was a opener was played at Norwich best of three games with each on Tuesday night. The winner club winning one contest and will move on to meet either Forest or Mount Forest in the All-Ontario finals. The Norwich-Stouffville semi-final will be de- Mount Forest routed their rivals cided on a goals-to-count basis. According to Mr. Jim Austin of series will be completed on Fri-Stouffville, an Executive member with the OMHA, no Stouff- ville and Norwich will battle the ville Juvenile club has ever gone winner of Forest and Mt. Forest. this far in the Ontario playdowns. Stouffville's Bantam club reached the semi-finals in 1956 Lions' and the Midgets equalled the

Norwich swamped Copetown League in the quarter finals, winning the opener 16-6 and taking the second game in the Dundas PeeWee Arena 124 on Saturday after- Red Wings noon. A number of Stouffville Bruins . scouts attended the contest but left early when the outcome Rangers was no longer in doubt at the Bantam

end of the first period. Leafs
Coach Jack Watson expects Pittsburg to have a full squad in action Buffalo for Saturday's crucial contest, barring any injuries in the opener. Much of the responsibility for any future Stouffville suc Rangers 0, Pittsburg 9, Canacess will rest on the shoulders diens 0, Leafs 3, Buffalo 3. of his ace rearguard and captain, Don Haynes, goal tender, Bruce Smith and front line forwards, Mike McStravick. Ross Madill and Murray Holden.

Although the attendance at Saturday's game here will depend to a great extent on the fine prizes will be given away here on Saturday evening - a mantel radio and a record player. Tickets are now on sale and High Singlemay be purchased from any

group finals at Aurora on Tueslinemate's tallies. Defenceman linemate's tallies. Defenceman last-minute gamble by Coach cholas was the big gun for the As always, in a high-scoring Return Game Here Sat.

ous weather conditions. The lo- The visitors led 3-0 at the end cals were late in arriving at the of the first period, 7-1 at the end rink and went into the game of the second and 8-1 at the final "cold". The players arrived home whistle. A crowd of close to between three and four o'clock 500 fans witnessed the game. in the morning.

Norwich's second goal was strongly protested by Stouff- ners. Single tallies were counted claimed that a rival player was Pring. Jim Rennie fired the lone in the crease and that netminder Unionville marker, a blueline the puck was deposited in the make a move. twine. Their argument fell on deaf ears, however, and the tally was allowed.

Brooklin Beats Aurora 6-5 in Overtime; In Finals

Coach Cliff Johnson of the Brooklin Combines masterminded his team right into the Junior "C" group finals on Tuesday night athis team edged the once-powerful Aurora Bears 6.5 in overtime. Trailing 5.4 in the late stages of the final frame Coach Johnson pulled his goaltender in favour of an extra forward and the move paid off in a goal. Brooklin then rallied to fire the winner in the overtime session. In the re-played semi-final series, the Combines Stouffville Enters have now won three-in-a-row, beating Aurora twice and Newmarket once. They move over to the Canaltown on Thursday

Germond fired the winner for the loop. Brooklin with less than two min-

The finals will be a best of five ham. game series. Should a tie occur between the second and third place clubs in the semi-finals, Ladies' Bowling team to enter the finals. Brooklin have won 3 and lost 0; Newmarket have won 1 and lost 1 and Aurora have won none and lost 3.

The University of Michigan, High Singleis the oldest state university in the country and was also the High Triple . first state university to admit

public's hair.

Jets Ousted by Alliston in Three Straight Games

The Unionville Jets came to the end of their playoff trail

ton counted goals in the early A large crowd attended the stages of the game and the

St. Pierre and Sabourin were two-goal marksmen for the winville's Captain, Don Haynes who by Milton, Keough, Moon and Bruce Smith had been purpose- shot that slipped into the twine ly bodied out of position before before the netminder could

Bel-Aires Herc Thursday in **Group Finals**

.. The Aurora Bel-Aires will be the visitors here on Thursday night of this week. It will be the second game in a best of five series for the group champion-ship. The opener was played at Aurora on Tuesday night. The Yonge Street crew gained

a decision in every game with Stouffville through the regular, schedule. In the semi-finals, the Clippers split with the Bel-Aires, winning here 4-1 and dropping a 5-3 decision at Aurora last

7-Team Soccer Group

The Stouffville-Markham soccer team will operate in a 7-club In the opening game of the field two entries. Newmarket, series played at Aurora on Fri- Lindsay, Claremont and Bradday night of last week, Jack ford will be the other teams in

The Stouffville-Markham club utes remaining in the game. The has been named the "M.S. Unit-Combines edged the Bears 2.1. ed". The group will be called Defenceman Murray Jones not- the York County and District ched the other Brooklin tally Soccer League. The President is with Larry Hill scoring for Au-rora. Murray Jones also assisted Walter Koster of Stoumville has on Germond's winning marker. been named Secretary-Treasurer On Saturday night in the Port | and Chris Brophey of Markham Perry Arena, Brooklin skated to will be the Manager and Team a 6-2 victory over Newmarket. Captain. The Coach has not Warrner, Tureski and Ferguson been named as yet and no deeach potted a pair for the win- cision has been reached with reners. Tessier and Rogers were gard to the home field for the the marksmen for the County new entry. Indoor practice will commence next week at Mark-

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