



TAKE A BOW
Although the town of Aurora may not be too attractive on the sports front as far as baseball or softball is concerned, the Yonge Street centre can rightly take a bow for its accomplishments in the 1956-57 hockey wars. Their Bantam "B" team, sponsored by the Aurora Lions Club recently captured the Ontario championship defeating St. Mary's in a thrilling series. The "Bel-Aires", OHA Intermediate "C" entry, have reached the Ontario finals having subdued such opposition as Stouffville, Elmvale and Point Edward. Should they, like the Bantams, bring the Intermediate silverware home, the town of Aurora could rightly boast that 1957 was their finest hockey year. To win one Ontario championship is a real accomplishment, but two, well, you can be sure there will be a real celebration in the Yonge Street town if this should happen.

MAY OVERLAP
Although hockey here in Stouffville ended rather early this season, it is quite noticeable each season how sports tend to overlap. Although some players scarcely have time for a breather between the close of the hockey playoff schedule and the start of the baseball season, it is rather unusual to play both games on the same day. Weather permitting, this is the situation in which local hockeyist Harold Hodgson now finds himself. Now performing with Peach's in the Toronto King Clancy League, he will don his skates and pads for a game at Ravina on Saturday night. However, a few hours before the hockey game, he will take part in a baseball workout with the Stouffville Juvenile team in the local park. Every year hockey appears to be encroaching more and more on the baseball season. In five months hockey and skating will once again be holding the sports spotlight and baseball, softball, soccer and other summer activities will be pushed into the background.

PLANNING EARLY
Hardly had the doors of the arena closed for another season, when plans for a 1957-58 Junior hockey entry were being discussed. The organizers are confident that Stouffville can ice a contending club, one that will warrant the support of the sporting public. In past years, this town's accomplishments in Junior hockey were very good. In the late '40's, such names as Doug Moore, Mac Clement, Don Campbell, Keith Jewett, "Bun" Sellers, Polly Minton, Jack Runney, Gord Lewis, Lloyd Pascoe, Bill Mabbett, Lloyd Jennings and Jack Warriner, were in the hockey spotlight. Crowds of 1,000 fans were not unusual at these games. In the season of '54-'55 another attempt was made to revive Junior hockey interest here when Polly Minton iced a team. This entry reached the group finals before being eliminated by Nobleton. The team did not receive the support it deserved, but since Stouffville also was iced a Senior "B" club at that time, the crowd tended to support the higher class of hockey. At this time, little is known with regard to a possible Intermediate club here next season, but if this is dropped, no doubt a Junior entry would draw well. Stouffville cannot support two OHA teams.

"Misfits" Win Men's Bowling League Honours

Stan Miller's "Misfits" are the champions of the Men's Bowling League which concluded its regular schedule recently. The champs finished nine points ahead of Bill Grove's "Ringers". The winning team comprised the following players: Stan Miller (capt.), Joe Murray Jr., Joe Murray Sr., Bud Lehman, Moe Halsted, Ken Betz and Bill Nichols. The runners-up were captained by Bill Grove. Other performers on the team were Daws Hare, Elgin Wagg, Dave Ratcliff, Stan Martin, Chas. Grove, and Bruce Harper.

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Markham Girl Is Senior Skating Champion



Miss Myrna Robb of Markham (second right) was declared the Senior champion of the Oshawa Figure Skating Club in competitions held last week. Miss Gloria Tatton of Gormley was the runner-up. Both Miss Robb and Miss Tatton have performed here in Stouffville on previous occasions. Pictured above are the winners, from left to right—Geo. Jackson, president; Gloria Billa, novice champion; Yvonne Annanovich, Junior champion; Doreen Yeo, Intermediate champion; Myrna Robb, senior champion and Alderman Gordon B. Attersley who extended congratulations to the club on behalf of the Mayor.

"Spitfires" Win Ladies Bowling League Honours

Gladys Ford's "Spitfires" zoomed to the Ladies' League Bowling championship recently in a hard-fought series. The winners finished a scant one point out in front of Hilda Epworth's "Optimists". The members on the championship team were, Pat Lehman, Evelyn Grove, Bernice Nelson, Edna Ward and Vi Rennie. The "Optimists" comprised the following players, Doris Farthing, Muriel Gibson, Mary Hill, Anna Lehman and Lenore Rayer. Gladys Ford captained the "Spitfires" and Hilda Epworth headed the "Optimists". Anna Brillinger also performed for the "Optimists" throughout most of the season.

Local Juveniles Take To Field Saturday

The Stouffville Juvenile baseball team will hold its initial practice session of the season on Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m.—weather permitting. The Management, Harold Hodgson and Murray Stewart are anxious that all players who wish to catch a position on the club, attend this workout. The age limit is 18 years and under. It is expected that the nucleus of the Juvenile team will comprise the players who performed with the Midget club last summer. Fans will recall that the Stouffville club marched through to the Ontario "C" semi-finals last year before bowing out to Caledonia. Players in the 1956 lineup were Ted Suzuki, Geo. McKay, Harry Barber, Lynn Taylor, Bill White, Murray Holden, Jim Spang, Lawrence Wideman, Bob Stover, John Little and Roger Beazley. The squad played in the North York League before entering into OBA competition.

"Sluggers" Plan To Enter Ontario County League

The Buttonville "Sluggers" plan to withdraw their team from the Markham Township softball group and enter the Ontario County circuit. Brougham, Brooklin, Pickering, Ajax and Whitby comprise the clubs in that group. The Sluggers' Management was not pleased with the operation of the league last season. Coach Jack Watson however, plans to attend an organization meeting of the Markham loop to be held on Tuesday evening of next week. Buttonville were ousted by Thornhill last year in the group finals. They have won the Markham Twp. Championship more than any other team in the history of the league.

Stover, Haynes To Receive M.V.P. Award

Roger Stover, steady defenceman with the Bantams during the 1956-57 season, and Don Haynes, hard-driving captain of the Juveniles, have been selected for the Most Valuable Player Awards from their respective clubs. Both players are repeat performers, having received similar awards for their efforts during the 1955-56 season. Roger Beazley, steady netminder with the Midgets, will receive a trophy for his outstanding work between the pipes this winter. In the PeeWee and PeeWee (Bantam) team selections the M.V.P. choices were as follows: Red Wings—Ross Brown; Bruins—Francis Haylow; Black Hawks—Billy Payne; Rangers—Larry Taylor; Canadiens—Wayne Oldham; Pittsburgh—Warren Hendricks; Buffalo—Jim Miller and Leafs—Roger Forsyth. The presentations will be made at the annual Lions Club Hockey Banquet on Monday evening, May 13th.

Plan Junior Hockey Here Next Season

Plans have already been put into operation to organize a Junior "D" hockey entry here for the 1957-58 season. Jack Watson, who enjoyed a very successful season at the helm of the local Juvenile Club, has agreed to coach the new Junior team.

At least six members of the '56-'57 Juvenile squad are expected to qualify for the higher class. A number are still eligible for Juvenile again next winter. It was back in the season of 1954-55 that Stouffville led its last Junior club. It included such players as Bruce Middleton, Don Tran, "Tip" Vipond, Ted Mendenk, John Tran, Grant Wagg, Jack Pollard, Jim Rennie, Doug Forfar, Harvey Roberts, Dave Hammersley and Larry Bellman. The club was coached by Polly Minton. They knocked Unionville out of the group semi-finals but lost out to Nobleton in the finals. Other teams who operated in the group during the schedule were Midland, Aurora, Beeton and Georgetown.

Five Teams in Softball League at Claremont

Five teams have filed definite entries in the Claremont Community Softball League, according to Mr. Gord Symes, the Group Administrator. Mt. Zion, the 1956 champions will return to defend the cup. Claremont, Greenwood, Peach's and Altona will also field clubs. Raglan, after a rather shaky start last season, have decided to withdraw from the league.

Mr. Bob Ashenurst, first sacker with Altona last summer, has informed the league management that a possible entry may be forthcoming from Uxbridge. Bob is now a resident in that town.

To date, little is known with regard to the strength of the other teams. It is expected that Mt. Zion and Peach's, the two group finalists, will stick mainly to their last season's lineup. A shake-up may be forthcoming in the Claremont and Altona clubs who were ousted in the semi-finals. Greenwood may be without their ace windmill twirler, Neil Pascoe, but Manager Les Wilson is confident they can locate a replacement to handle the mound chores.

A meeting of the League Executive and the team managers will be held on Thursday evening, April 25th.

Parry Sound Drubs Brooklin 11-2; May Win Thurs.

Playing in their home arena on Tuesday night, Parry Sound drubbed the Brooklin Combines 11-2 to take the lead in their best of seven series for the Jr. "C" Ontario Championship. Parry Sound can wrap up the title with a victory on Thursday at Port Perry. If a seventh game is necessary, it will be played on Saturday.

It was Brooklin's worst setback in the current series as Parry Sound used both their weight and speed to good advantage. The winners hit the Brooklinites hard from the drop of the puck which seemed to disorganize their offensive attack. Wayne Redshaw and Vern Ferguson were the Brooklin marksmen. In spite of the defeat, Coach Cliff Johnson is confident that his club can upset the visitors on Thursday night and force a seventh and final game.

Although Brooklin dropped the first two games of the series, they rallied with victories on Tuesday and Saturday nights of last week to pull back on even terms with their northern rivals.

Saturday night's contest was witnessed by close to 1,800 fans at Port Perry. There was no score at the end of the first period and 2-2 at the end of the second frame. Brooklin won the game 4-1.

Parry Sound jumped into a 2-0 lead in the second session but tallies by Warriner and Carnegie evened the count. In the final frame, Brooklin poured no less than five goals into the Parry Sound cage while the visitors collected only two. Jack Germond potted a pair for the Combines with single third period markers coming from the sticks of Murray Jones, Dan Tureski and Bob Carnegie.

A large contingent of Stouffville and district fans attended the Whitby-North Bay Senior Hockey game at Maple Leaf Gardens on Wednesday evening of last week.

The newly proposed Hockey Association will be the subject of discussion at the next regular meeting of the Stouffville Lions Club on Monday evening.

Softball at Ratcliff's Park

Six or possibly eight softball teams will be organized to play at Ratcliff's Park during the summer months. Messrs. Norman Steckley and Harold Knights are planning a meeting next week to obtain a list of all players interested in joining one of the clubs. A doubleheader will be run off every Saturday evening. Two separate diamonds will be used. If more than six teams are entered, it will be necessary to play on one evening during the week. The teams will comprise strictly all-male players. Since no floodlights are available, the games must start not later than seven o'clock. It is expected that five innings will constitute a contest.

2,000,000 Bibles

Members of the York County Camp of Gideons were present Saturday, April 13th, at the Testimonial Banquet held in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, marking the dedication of the 2 Millionth Bible to be placed in Canada by the Canadian Gideons since their ministry began nearly half a century ago. The Gold-bound token Bible was received on behalf of the King Edward Sheraton organization by Mr. A. Gordon Cardy, Hotel Manager. It was this same Hotel which received the first Gideon Bible back in the year 1911.

whom she had not seen for twenty years. She and her husband were celebrating their 20th wedding anniversary by taking this trip to the scene of their honeymoon.

Diamond rings and wedding bells have and are still making havoc with the Young Ladies Class of the Sunday School. We are looking for recruits.

We are sorry to have missed reporting for last week's news, that Mrs. Jacob Grove entertained a few relatives on Saturday evening, April 6th, in honor of her husband's birthday. It was a real surprise for him.

Clancy Club Attacks Official - Out of League

Two players, members of the Thomas Plastics team, a King Clancy entry, went berserk in the final minutes of a scheduled game at Aurora on Monday night and attacked one of the officials. According to reports, the entire team has been banned from further play. Peach's chalked up a 4-1 victory for their seventh straight win.

The fireworks started when "Bud" Anthony of Peach's and an unidentified Plastic player crashed heavily into the boards. As Anthony pinned his man for the ten count, rival players joined the fray. Manager Ashmore Reesor of Peach's vacated the bench to take part in the tussle. With only three minutes remaining in the contest, the official called the game. At this point, two players with the Toronto club charged the referee

with Mr. and Mrs. J. Masters of Erin. Carol Vague and Brian Tew visited grandma and grandpa, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Vague for several days last week.

Visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Atkinson on Friday afternoon and evening were Mr. and Mrs. Teetzel from Beaver-ton and Mr. and Mrs. B. Cockwell for the weekend.

On Friday morning Mrs. Fred Steckley was delightfully surprised with a visit from Mrs. Warren Faw of Springfield

RINGWOOD

Church service at 11.10 a.m. on Sunday, April 21st. Remember the Good Friday service at 10.45 a.m. in Stouffville Christian Church under auspices of the Christian Endeavor Union.

There will be a baptismal service in Second Markham Baptist church at 2.30 p.m. on Easter Sunday. The candidates will be young men from our church congregation.

Mr. George Gower and Miss Ada Grove accompanied Mr. Seth Wideman to Stayner on Wednesday afternoon to attend the funeral of their cousin, Mr. Fred Wetheral.

We were thrilled to hear Gordon Howard, C.B.L. sports news caster, deplore the fact that the "stock-car racing" which is to take place at the Ex. grounds had selected Good Friday for opening day.

On Thursday evening, Mrs. T. Grove entertained Mr. and Mrs. Aylmer Fockler and Mrs. Fred Steckley. Fred was stranded in Kitchener at the time.

Five cousins, Helen Lewis, Richard and Arlene Yakely, Robert and Marilyn Daniels attended the birthday party of Larry Peacock on April 12th.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jacobi and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Atkinson had Saturday noon dinner

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