



Whitby fans opened up all the stops on Tuesday night as they welcomed home their victorious Dunlops. Their supporters had good reason to celebrate the occasion for their underdog "Dunnies" had fooled all the experts. They topped the highly-favored Kitchener Dutchmen then ousted the North Bay Trappers in a seven-game nip-and-tuck series. In comparison with Kitchener and North Bay, the Spokane Flyers provided little more than good practice sessions for the hard-driving Dunlops. The County Town crew have literally put Whitby on the map. Prior to their climb up the Senior "A" playoff ladder, Whitby was merely an over-size village between Toronto and Ottawa. Now, the nameplate has become famous throughout the Dominion due to the fact that they faced a fighting hockey club that refused to quit even against almost impossible odds. The year 1957 will be written into the record books as Whitby's year for attaining Senior hockey's highest laurels, the Allan Cup.

PEEWEE TOURNEYS POPULAR

Pee-wee Hockey Tournaments are becoming more and more popular every year. Although one can hardly get in a hockey mood with the temperatures hovering around the 75 degree mark, it would appear that Pee-wee Tournaments must be organized almost one year in advance in order that they may be successful. At Goderich, there is a waiting list every spring and Stouffville, although they filed an entry very early, were out of luck this year.

There has been some talk here, that a Pee-wee tournament may be run off here next winter. With so many outlying hockey towns promoting Pee-wee competition, it would not be difficult to find enough clubs to take part in a tourney. Such a promotion takes considerable time and work and cannot be shouldered by the usual few for the benefit of many.

DOWN, BUT NOT OUT

Although the collapse of the Markham Township Softball league came as a complete surprise to its many followers, those closest to the operation of the group have been reading the handwriting on the wall for the past two or three seasons. A few years ago, the Markham circuit was one of the finest organized softball leagues outside of Toronto. Following the war years, everybody and his brother was performing in the loop. Markham had two clubs, Unionville, Buttonville, Thornhill, Peach's, Cedar Grove, Richmond Hill, Agincourt and Newmarket have all fled since that time. One by one the teams either fell by the wayside or moved into other groups until in 1956, only four clubs remained to carry on. Everyone, including the League Executive and the players knew that the Markham Twp. League was drawing its last breath. In a final effort to keep the circuit in operation, an organization meeting was summoned last week but only two teams, Markham and Buttonville were represented. Even the Aces and the Sluggers, although in attendance, had already made plans for competition in outside groups. Thornhill and Newmarket have apparently disbanded.

There's no denying the fact that the teams, possibly excluding one, have been blamed for the position in which the Markham League now finds itself. The majority of clubs were insistent on entering into OASA competition and the outcome of the local group was given very little thought. Hence the Markham playoffs were run off in a half-hearted fashion in temperatures which were extremely uncomfortable for even the players, not to speak of the fans. The Ontario playdowns were one of the main contributors to the league's downfall. A lack of youth on many of the teams was also a contributor. Many of the veterans, who were in their hey-day back in the early '40's began to run out of steam after nearly a decade of fine community softball service and the clubs suddenly found gaps in their lineups which could not be filled. Last, but probably not least, was the use, by some teams, of players who were above the calibre of the average performer. Hence, clubs found that they were constantly occupying the cellar positions. They either folded or shifted to a league where they could compete on a more balanced basis. It was learned by your reporter that one team, in the Markham circuit last season, paid their pitcher a stated salary for each game he took part in. That same club isn't even operating this summer.

Personally, it was with considerable regret that we accepted the Executive's decision to disband for the 1957 season. Anyone connected with organized sport knows only too well that it is difficult to revive anything once it has become stale or dormant. However, such an attempt will be made next spring and it is our hope that the move will meet with success.

Local Soccer Club to Play Brampton Here Sat. Night

The Stouffville-Markham soccer club will meet Brampton here in the Memorial Park on Saturday evening of this week in an exhibition game. The purpose of the contest is to give the Management a chance to look over all the available players in action and select a team for the first league game. The team would appreciate your support.

Expect Strong Juv. Entry

Although the official schedule hasn't been received to date, the first games will commence on Saturday evening, May 11th. The soccer club is very appreciative for the co-operation received from the Stouffville Dist. High School Board in permitting the players to use the gymnasium for indoor training during the next couple of weeks.

Anyone interested in catching a position on the club should contact Mr. Lou Meydam, Montreal St., Stouffville. His phone number is 784. There is still room on the club for additional talent. The team is also lacking in funds and would appreciate any financial assistance that might be directed their way. The League Management has stressed a need for nets in the goals but at the present time, the local finances don't allow for such an expenditure.

The team Management is confident that the team, now known as M-S United, will provide their followers with plenty of soccer entertainment throughout the summer. All scheduled home games will be played here in Stouffville with a number of exhibition tilts to be run off in Markham's Morgan Park.

Coach Murray Stewart is confident he can field a powerful Juvenile baseball team here this summer. The team held their third practice session on Tuesday night with fifteen players attending the workout. They plan to enter the North York circuit and later move on into O.B.A. competition.

To date, the club's chances rest on the arms of first-string hurler Harry Barber and speed-ball twirler Lynn Taylor. Both moundsmen attended the warm-up session on Tuesday. To complete the battery, Don Haynes and Gord Eckardt will be available to handle the decker. Ross Madill, who took a few warm-up pitches on Tuesday, may be used for relief work should either Barber or Taylor tire. Other local performers who hope to catch a position with the club are—Murray Holden, Roger Beazley, Ted Suzuki, Bruce Smith, John Little, Wayne Redshaw, Jim Spang, Roger Stover and Vern Ferguson. The latter starred with the Brooklin Combines who reached the Jr. "C" hockey finals this winter. Wayne Redshaw also performed on the same club.

The local Bantam baseball team is ready to open their early season workouts but at the present time they lack a Coach. Anyone willing to undertake this job should contact Murray Stewart, Juvenile Coach. The local Lions Club has given the Bantams a grant to assist in the purchase of bats, balls and other equipment.

Vern Ferguson, well-known performer with the Brooklin Juniors this season attended the Juvenile ball practice in the local park on Tuesday evening. Wayne Redshaw, also a Brooklin hockey star, attended the workout and is probably responsible for Ferguson coming here.

Peach's Drop Playoff Opener 4-3 in Overtime

Peach's A.C. passed out of the Clancy playoff picture on Wednesday night of last week, losing a sudden death game to Toronto "Tophatters" 4-3 in overtime. It was the locals' first setback after eight wins and a tie chalked up, in regular, schedule competition. The winners counted their game-winning tally after less than three minutes of overtime play.

Peach's broke into a 1-0 lead early in the contest with Harold Hodgson blinking the light with a bullet drive to the bottom corner. The Toronto team evened the count and moved out front 2-1 before the first half was completed.

In the final frame, Jim Thomas put Peach's back on even terms and Don Thomas made it 3-2 for the locals with a backhand shot from close-in. With only four minutes remaining in regulation time, the Tophatters drove the puck into the twine to force the contest into overtime. They then sewed up the game with a quick goal on a three-man break.

Murray Grove was the only casualty, receiving a nasty clip above the eye from a high stick. The game was played in the Scarborough Arena.

Ringwood New Entry

Ringwood will be the new entry in the Claremont Community Softball League, replacing Raglan who folded at the end of the 1956 season. The other clubs will be Claremont, Altona, Mount Zion, Greenwood and Peach's.

The organization meeting of the group was held in Claremont on Thursday evening of last week. Representatives present were: Mt. Zion—Allan Carson, Lorne Jones; Claremont—Gord Gaslin; Altona—Rae Hill, Cliff Dunkeld; Greenwood—Les Wilson; Peach's—Jim Thomas, and Ringwood—Clare Fockler, Howard Forgie and Wilf Lawrenson. The Ringwood club will comprise players who performed in a Toronto loop last season and are employed with the Vachon Cake Co. With the exception of a couple of men, all are local residents.

Mr. Gordon Symes acted as the recording secretary. It was agreed to open the schedule earlier than last year in order that the playoffs might be run off under more favourable weather conditions. The first games will commence on Friday evening, May 17th at 7:30 p.m. The second half of the doubleheader will start at 9:15.

All persons entering the park with the exception of Public School students, will be charged 25c. Public School children will be admitted free. Each club will be refunded \$3.00 per game. The gatekeeper will be paid \$2.00 per night and the umpire will receive \$5.00.

All players' lists must be filed with the League Executive by Friday, June 21st. A \$5.00 penalty will be charged to any club failing to comply with this rule.

A number of improvements have been planned for the park prior to the schedule opener. A fence will be erected on the east side and the home plate will be either replaced or repaired. A considerable amount of work will be done on the third base side of the diamond and a light will be erected at the gate to assist the money-taker. A complete set of rules and regulations will be presented to each club prior to the opening of the league.

TRI-COUNTY LEAGUE MEETS THURSDAY

An organization meeting of the Tri-County Baseball League will be held in the Sutton Curling Arena on Thursday evening of this week. Mr. Ted Cadieux, the group President and Manager of the Red Sox, will attend. Possible entries are expected from Sunderland, Port Perry, Orillia, Newmarket and Stouffville. Barrie and Lindsay may also seek entrance into the group.

Jack Watson Head Coach

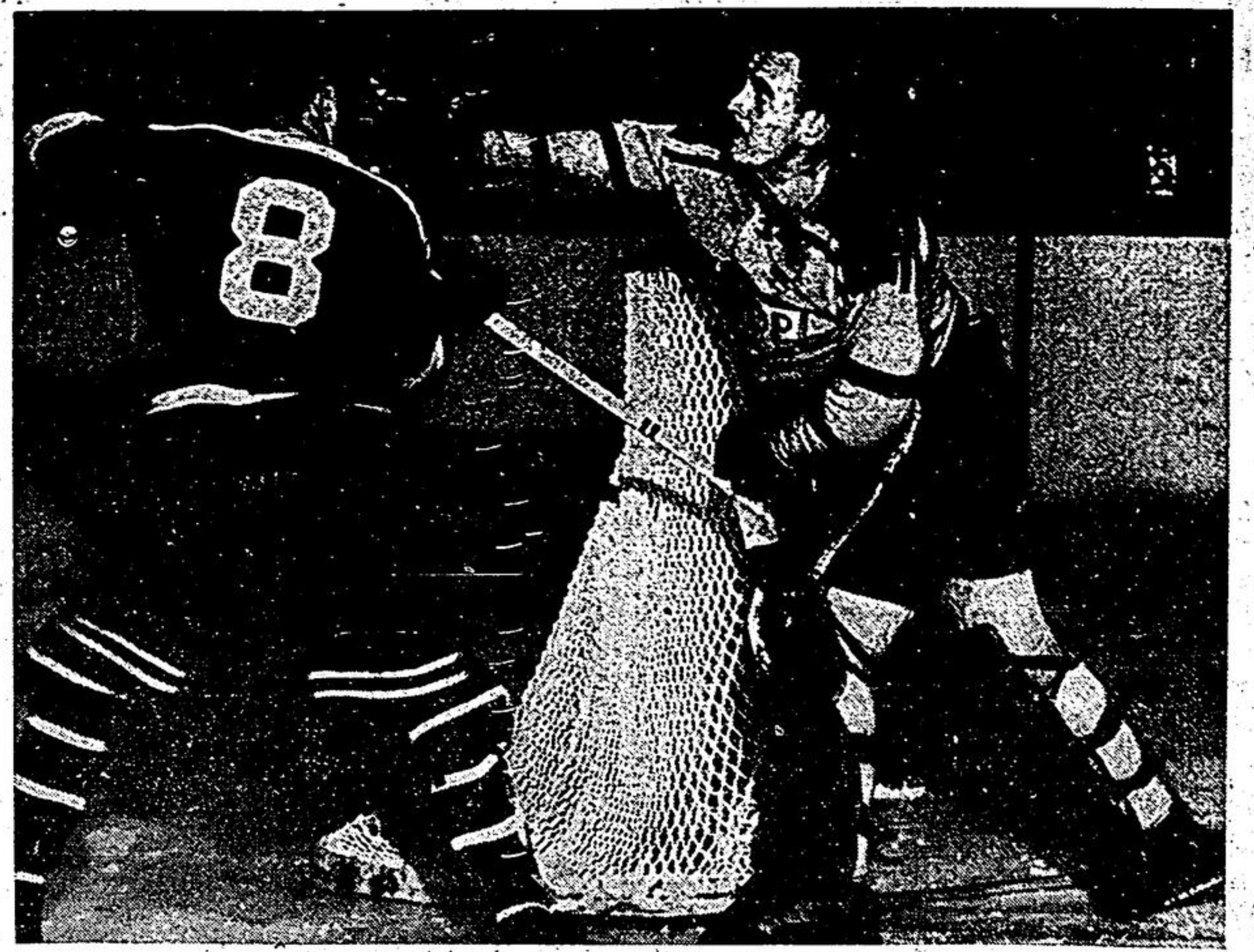
Jack Watson, well-known local sportsman, has accepted the appointment of Head Coach of the newly organized Stouffville Hockey Association.



The ex-Clipper forward who piloted the Juveniles through to the all-Ontario semi-finals will oversee the coaching duties of every Stouffville minor entry including the PeeWees, Bantams, Midgets and Juveniles. In addition he plans to personally coach a new Junior "D" club here next winter.

Although a number of individual coaches and managers have been contacted, a complete list is not available at the present time. Such names as Bob Bangay, Hal Gibson, Polly Minton, Keith Sutherland, Geo. Stark and others have been mentioned as possible participants in the programme.

Henderson Stars as Whithy Dunlops Clinch Allan Cup



Whitby's Long John Henderson has contributed much to the success of the Dunlops in their march to the Allan Cup

honours. The ex-Boston netminder was particularly outstanding in the series with both Kitchener and North Bay.

In the picture above, "Long John" appears to be able to hold his own out of the net as well as inside the cage, as he

fires a straight right hand at the head of Spokane forward Buddy Bodman in a third-period, goalmouth skirmish. Both players drew minor penalties.

Sport Bits

Joan Stephenson, an ardent softball player with the Victoria Square girls a few years ago and well-known in the Buttonville-Square communities, was married to Mr. Doug Tribbling in the Thornhill Anglican Church on Saturday afternoon. The couple will reside near Gormley.

Mr. L. E. "Tim" O'Neill missed a seat on the OHA Executive Board by a scant one vote following Saturday's annual meeting in Toronto.

There's a move afoot down Markham way to organize a Junior baseball club. The team will use the Morgan Park for their home diamond.

Word has been received that Messrs. Dick Duff and Sid Smith of the Toronto Maple Leafs will be unable to attend the Lions Hockey Night here on May 13th due to previous commitments. Suitable replacements will be sent out however by the Garden's Management.

'57 Fishing Guide

For the hundreds of local fishermen who will be inhabiting their favourite lake or stream during the next few months, here is a handy guide which may save many an unwary rod and reel artist a penalty through prosecution.

Speckled Trout—May 1st to September 15th. Possession limit is 14 fish weighing not more than 10 pounds plus one fish. Size limit 7 inches.

Rainbow and Brown Trout—May 1 to September 15th. Possession limit 5. Size limit 7 ins. Lake Trout—May 15th to October 5th, except in Peterborough County it is lawful to fish for lake trout starting May 1st by any orthodox method including trolling, drifting, or using artificial bait from a boat, in the following lakes only: Anstruther, Sucker, Gold, Beaver, Long, Loucks, Cherry, Triangle, Catchacoma, Mississauga, Tallan and Crystal. Possession limit 5. No size limit.

Pickeral and all other species except Black Bass and Maskinonge—May 15th to October 15th. Possession limit on Pickeral 6. No size limit.

Black Bass—July 1st to October 15th. Possession limit 6. No size limit.

Maskinonge—July 1st to October 15th. Possession limit 2. Size limit 28 inches.

During the period between May 15th and June 30th Section 61 prohibits trolling or the use of artificial bait from a boat except in lakes as above mentioned in Peterborough County. If fishing from a boat, the boat must be anchored, and the use of any artificial bait, lures, spinners, or combinations of natural and artificial baits or spinners from a boat is prohibited.

Haliburton—In the Provincial County of Haliburton the restrictions on trolling and artificial bait from a boat do not apply, and the fishing seasons are:

Speckled, Brown and Rainbow Trout—Same seasons and limits as mentioned above.

Bass and Maskinonge—Same as above.

Pickeral—May 15th to December 31st. It is illegal to possess or use live bait to take fish from the waters of Bruton Township, except Fourcorner Lake and Kingscote Lake.

Drop down to the park on Saturday evening and see the season's first soccer match between a newly organized Stouffville-Markham club and Brampton.

Keith Sutherland, staff teacher at the local Public School, hopes to re-join Brooklin's lacrosse club again this summer. Unknown to many, Keith is a real athlete having played on a number of championship softball teams in his home city of Oshawa. Last winter he coached the local Bantam hockey team through to considerable playoff success.

Members of the Stouffville Bantam Hockey Club during the 1956-57 season will be sporting new jackets shortly. Each player is paying for his own.

GIRLS HOLD FIRST PRACTICE

The Stouffville-Peach's girls softball team held their initial practice session of the season in the Memorial Park on Monday evening. Ten players were on hand for the warm-up including Joan Raymer, Doreen Jarvis, Gwehn Kennedy, Edna Stickley,

Joan Gayman, Helen Gayman, Donna Lewis, Audrey Murison, Betty Brooks and a number of other promising recruits. Dennis Pilkey will again pilot the local squad. There is a possibility they may perform in a Cowxwell League in Toronto but the girls would rather play in a group with Oshawa or in the Richmond Hill circuit. They will re-enter the P.W.S.U. playoffs.

In an effort to raise some much-needed money, the team is selling tickets on a clock-radio and an electric frying pan. Your support of this promotion would be appreciated by the team.

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On Thursday of last week the final euche of the season was played in the School here. The winners were: Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. P. Hardy, Mrs. D. Tran, Mrs. R. Rennie, Mr. E. Bentley, Mr. Wm. Grove, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Gall. Winners of the series were: Ladies—Mrs. P. Hardy; Gents—Mr. J. Sheridan.

Miss Joanne Draper spent Wednesday of last week with Ruth Ann Carruthers. Mr. and Mrs. Ted Brant of Whitby spent Monday evening with the Carruthers family, also

on Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. Ed. MacAloney and Brian were visitors.

Our school has two student teachers from Toronto, this week. They are staying at the home of Mrs. Murray Dunkeld. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mabson and family from Beachonsfield, Quebec, visited the Carruthers last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elles Milton and baby were guests with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lewis, Altona, on Sunday.

Birthday greetings to two of our young ladies, Miss Betty Jean Tran for May 1st, and Miss Carolyn Tran, May 2nd.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray Dunkeld and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hodgson attended the Hockey Match on Saturday night in the Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto, between Whitby and the Spokane Flyers of Washington, U.S.A. Mr. and Mrs. Crowhurst of Stouffville, also his brother David from Toronto spent Sunday evening with the Carruthers family.

Ruth Ann Carruthers spent a few days of Easter holidays with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Wagg, also with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brillinger, Stouffville.

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