



**IT TAKES TIME**

It has been said many times among local sports circles that for the amount of time and money expended on minor hockey organization, Stouffville has not developed its share of top-notch talent. In a sense, this is true, but there are two important factors which one must take into consideration in this respect. (1) It takes time, plenty of time to turn a wobbly-ankled eight-year-old lad into a free-skating puck juggler. Such an accomplishment doesn't happen over night as any sports promoter will agree. Our hockey program in Stouffville took its first big step toward proper organization back in the fall of 1951 when our first PeeWee League was set up. At that time there were four teams, comprising close to 80 boys. From the winning club in the spring of '52, seven of the fifteen players are still actively engaged in the sport: including Murray Holden, Don Haynes, Jim Rennie, Steve Wideman, Barry Wilkes, Merlin Harmon and Bob Barnes. Only now, five years later, have these young lads moved up into O.H.A. Junior competition. The other three PeeWee teams of '51-'52 have also produced a number of today's top competitors including Ross Madill, Don Tran, etc. Whether these chaps will continue their climb up hockey's success ladder is not known, but certainly, in a couple of years, they will form the nucleus of our Intermediate Clippers. As far as this writer is concerned, I couldn't be less interested in developing hockey talent for Smythe and Co. It's Stouffville's hockey future that we all should be interested in and I believe that our organization here is accomplishing this purpose. Facts prove, that out of one PeeWee team, 47 percent are, five years later, still in the game. I wonder what the percentage would be if this minor organization had been discontinued? Cut one single rung out of the ladder and a player's ascent is disrupted, perhaps momentarily, perhaps forever.

The second important factor which must be considered is the promotion of physical fitness and good sportsmanship. It shouldn't be felt by local promoters that each and every player who drops out of active participation in the game after perhaps one or two years, is "dead wood." There's more to be gained from any competitive sport than merely the ability to play the game a little better than the next fellow. One could list a dozen benefits gained through active hockey participation — benefits which aid in moulding the characters of these young men, whether they make hockey their career or take up another line of endeavor.

**SURPRISING ENTHUSIASM**

There is surprising enthusiasm in the ranks of our Intermediate hockey entry here this season. Personally, we had believed that this class of hockey competition had died with the completion of last winter's playoff schedule. If this was true, it certainly hasn't been indicated at recent practice sessions held in the arena. The largest number of adult hockey prospects in years have been attending the workouts and it is thought, by those closest to the team, that Stouffville will ice a formidable competitor this year.

It is a known fact that the players wound up last spring with very little in the dollars and cents department. This rather discouraging conclusion has not deterred the interest of the boys, however, as the majority have returned for another tryout. With the best of last season's club back in the harness coupled with a sprinkling of front line and rearguard additions, it is possible that Stouffville may once again be a real threat for an Ontario championship.

I feel that this town will support a winning team. Regardless of whether the talent is of the local variety or imports, when the entry is connected with the O.H.A., the fans want to see a real top-notch contender. This old adage about local players filling the arena with local spectators has been proven false. In OMHA competition, it's different. Mr. and Mrs. Jones like to see their son catch a spot on the Bantam, Midget or Juvenile squad, but in Junior, Intermediate or Senior ranks it must be the survival of the fittest. Times have changed as hockey promoters here have discovered during the past couple of seasons. We must ice the best team, comprising the best players we can legally obtain. I believe this is the plan of the Stouffville management for the coming winter.

**MAN-SIZE JOB**

In the operation of our well-organized winter sports program in Stouffville, it is only right that we should give credit where credit is due. Mr. Don Davis, chairman of the sports committee has undertaken a man-size job. Almost single-handed, he has personally arranged a hockey program for close to 300 lads, ranging in age from 8 to 19. After hours of work he has mapped out a schedule of hours in an effort to suit the ages of the players involved. He has acquired the necessary coaches and managers for 4 PeeWee teams, 4 PeeWee (Bantam) clubs, 3 Bantam teams, a Midget, Juvenile and Junior club. If this is not enough, he has agreed to hold down the managerial position with the Juniors when no one else could be found. This work has not been confined to the last two or three weeks when most people's thoughts were beginning to turn from baseball to hockey. These plans were promoted and presented to the local Lions Club early in '57. The proposed cost of such a large-scale operation was also figured out down to the last cent and barring any unforeseen complications the program should run true to form. I don't believe in the history of Stouffville's lengthy sports operation, such a one-man scheme has ever been attempted. It's taken co-operation from other parties, of course, but the spade work has all been done by chairman Davis. For the next six months, the arena will be his part-time home. It is our hope that with the spring season rolls around he may find some satisfaction in looking back on a job well done.

**Stouffville Will Ice Int. "B" Team — Mgr.**

"I believe we have the makings of a championship hockey club," said Mr. Harry Lee, Manager of the Clippers in an interview with the Tribune this week. Mr. Lee said that Stouffville's entry would move up into Intermediate "B" class competition this season. Other clubs in the group are expected to be Aurora, Newmarket, Richmond Hill, Milton and Bradford. Being an entry in the league last year, will remain in Int. "C". To date there has been a large turnout of players at the weekly workouts in the arena. On Sunday evening, more than thirty were in attendance. A Coach has not been named as yet. Two newcomers to attend the latest practise session were Jim Harrison, last season with St. Catharines Jr. A's, and Gus Olmsted, last year with Unionville. He was voted the club's most valuable player in the season of '56-57. The entry will be allowed four imports. Stouffville's home games will be played on Friday night.

Manager Lee said that as many local boys as possible would be signed to the club's roster. He noted, however, that the Management would attempt to acquire the best players available in an effort to ice a winning team. A half-dozen players from the Pickering district are hoping to catch positions on the squad. A third workout will be held on Sunday. Stouffville's Intermediate "C" club advanced to the group finals last season, only to be beaten by Aurora in three straight games. Aurora went on to win the Ontario championship.

An exhibition game is being arranged with Gregg Currie's Brampton Sr. "B" team.

**Close to 40 Bantams at Practise, May Ice 3 Clubs**

Coaches Hal Gibson and Keith Sutherland were flooded with a horde of hockey players at the initial practise session of the Bantam age group on Monday evening. Due to the overflow attendance, it was impossible for the two Managers to pick out any top-notch performers. Another workout has been arranged for next Monday night from 7.00 to 9.00 p.m.

Coaches Gibson and Sutherland said they were able to select at least four players who, they believed, might be of first-string calibre. Warren Hendricks, Eric Mortimer and Keith McDowell were mentioned as three good-looking prospects. Netminder Glenn Jackson is the only hold-over from last year's Bantam team. He will guard the twine again this season for the local entry. Marvin Betz may also work out as a sub goalie.

Coach Hal Gibson said he hoped the forty recruits might be split up into three separate teams. The best players would form Stouffville's Bantam entry in the OMHA. The remaining lads would be divided into two separate clubs. Any players in the second division squads who showed considerable improvement during the season would be brought up for a tryout with the boys in the higher class team. Any lad who failed to retain his OMHA calibre, would be sent back for additional seasoning.

Coach Gibson noted that since the Bantams had two hours of ice time every Monday evening, the two lower grade Bantam clubs could use an hour from 7.00 to 8.00 p.m. The Bantam entry in the OMHA would practise or play during the hour between 8.00 and 9.00 p.m. Both Coaches Gibson and Sutherland felt that they would make every effort to keep as many boys playing hockey as possible.

"This is the age group where a boy begins to learn the fundamentals of the game," said coach Gibson. He cautioned against any idea whereby a player might be shelved for an entire season because he appeared to lack ability in a few early practise sessions. "Some boys improve rapidly and should be given an opportunity to make good," he said.

**Expect to Ice Power-packed Juvenile Club, 18 at Practise**

Coach Bob Bangay put his eighteen Juvenile recruits through a rugged ninety minute workout on Monday evening. It was the club's first practise of the young season. On paper, the team appears to be a power-packed squad. Headed by such speedsters as Ted Suzuki, Doug Cooper, Ernie Abraham and Murray Holden, the squad packs plenty of strength up front. On defence, Howard Malcolm, Fred Abraham, Rolf Sundquist and Gord Eckardt form a stone-wall rearguard. The team will hold another workout on Monday evening at 9 o'clock.

A number of players, eligible for Juvenile competition this season are, as yet, undecided in what class of hockey they will perform this winter. Murray Holden may move up into the Junior ranks but it is expected that Suzuki, Sundquist and Eckardt will remain Juvenile.

Coach Bangay's biggest problem at the present time is the lack of a regular and sub goalie. Max Vague donned the pads for Monday's session. Roger Beaz-

ley, a standout performer in the nets for the Midgets last season, is still eligible to remain in the Midget ranks. Coach Bangay is anxious, however, for the lanky puck-stopper to move up into Juvenile class hockey. Ken Wagg will act as Manager for the club.

Larry Malloy and Rick Wedseltoft, regular Midget-age players, worked out with the Juveniles on Monday. They may assist the higher class club, if needed.

**Bantams Ousted By Wellington 7-1 in "Rubber"**

Stouffville's Cinderella Bantam baseball team came to the end of the playoff road on Wednesday afternoon of last week when they dropped a 7-1 decision to Wellington. It was the third and final game of the Ontario semi-finals. Wellington took the opener 17-16 but Stouffville battled back to even the series with a 6-3 victory here. Wellington is now playing Wheatley for the Ontario championship. A distance of 400 miles separates the two towns.

The game had been previously arranged for Oct. 12th but since more than half the players were sidelined through illness, the contest was postponed. Lefthander Glenn Jackson went the distance on the mound for Stouffville. Two errors and a pair of hits for Wellington in the first inning allowed the winners to jump into a 2-0 lead. They added single tallies in the fourth, sixth and seventh. They pushed two runs across in their final turn at the plate.

Lynn McMullen counted Stouffville's only run in the third inning. He walked and with two out, raced home on a hit by first sacker Norm Galbraith. Roger Todd, Larry McMullen and Norm Galbraith were Stouffville's best batters.

**30 PLAYERS SIGNED PEEWEE BANTAMS START OCT. 28**

Four PeeWee (Bantam) teams will swing into action next week. On Monday evening, Oct. 28th, the Leafs and Canadians will open the schedule with a game at 6.00 p.m. On Thursday evening, Oct. 31st, Buffalo and Pittsburg will meet at 6.30 p.m.

At the present time, thirty players have been registered. This figure is expected to increase, however, by game time next week. All players may attend the final open practise session on Thursday afternoon, Oct. 24th from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.

Four excellent Coaches have been lined up to look after the teams. They are as follows: Maple Leafs—Lloyd Jennings; Canadians—Bud Lehman; Buffalo—Don Lewis and Pittsburg—Don Haynes.

REMEMBER — THE PEEWEE (BANTAMS) PLAY EVERY MONDAY EVENING FROM 6.00 to 7.00 p.m. AND EVERY THURSDAY EVENING FROM 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.

**PEE-WEE BANTAM SCHEDULE**

- (Mondays—6.00 to 7.00 p.m.)
- Mon. Oct. 28  
Leafs vs Canadians
- Mon. Nov. 4  
Buffalo vs Leafs
- Mon. Nov. 11  
Canadians vs Buffalo
- Mon. Nov. 18  
Leafs vs Canadians
- Mon. Nov. 25  
Buffalo vs Leafs
- Mon. Dec. 2  
Canadians vs Buffalo
- Mon. Dec. 9  
Leafs vs Canadians
- Mon. Dec. 16  
Buffalo vs Leafs
- Mon. Dec. 23  
Canadians vs Buffalo
- (Thursdays, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m.)
- Thurs. Oct. 31  
Buffalo vs Pittsburg
- Thurs. Nov. 7  
Pittsburg vs Canadians
- Thurs. Nov. 14  
Leafs vs Pittsburg
- Thurs. Nov. 21  
Buffalo vs Pittsburg
- Thurs. Nov. 28  
Pittsburg vs Canadians
- Thurs. Dec. 5  
Leafs vs Pittsburg
- Thurs. Dec. 12  
Buffalo vs Pittsburg
- Thurs. Dec. 19  
Pittsburg vs Canadians
- Thurs. Dec. 26  
Leafs vs Pittsburg

Congratulations are in order for Bruce Middleton, ex-Stouffville-Unionville netminder who was married to Margaret Jean Snowball of North Markham on Saturday afternoon. The couple will reside in Markham.

**23 Players at Midget Practise Thurs. Night Four Forward Lines**

A total of 23 players attended the second weekly practise session of the newly-organized Midget hockey club on Thursday evening of last week. Only 11 boys turned out for the opening workout on Oct. 10th. Coach Nick Bangay put the lads through a strenuous pre-schedule training session. He included the workout with a 15 minute scrimmage.

Coach Bangay split his club into four separate forward lines and four sets of defencemen. Roger Beazley and Ron Mortimer guarded the nets.

In an effort to build a "strength-down-the-centre" attack, Coach Bangay placed Larry Malloy, Grant Foreman, Ron Stewart and Keith Stewart in pivot positions. Larry Malloy worked between wingers Rick Wedseltoft and Al Jackson while Grant Foreman centred a line with Larry McMullen and Allan

Boyd. Ron Stewart pivoted between speedy Garry Taylor and rightwinger Joe Herold. A fourth trio comprised Keith Stewart at centre with Wayne Penanen and Norm Galbraith on the wings.

Rearguard combinations comprised Glenn Penanen and Roger Stover; Bob Lehman and Jack Corner and Willard Peddie. Lynn McMullen, a fast-stepping forward with last year's Bantam club, was not present.

In the scrimmage session, each team registered one goal. Ron Stewart dented the twine on a goalmouth pass from Garry Taylor while Al Jackson's shot caromed off defenceman Glenn Penanen's stick and slid over the goal line. The team will get together for another practise session on Thursday evening of this week from 7.45 to 9 p.m.

**LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE**

- Unpredictables ..... 14
- Ups 'n Downs ..... 11
- Live Wires ..... 11
- Comets ..... 10
- Whirly-ettes ..... 9
- King Pins ..... 5
- High Single—
- Hilda Epworth ..... 236
- High Triple—
- Evelyn Grove ..... 559

**Badminton Club—**

The Stouffville Badminton Club held its first get-together of the season at the High School on Monday evening. About twenty players were in attendance. An Executive will be appointed next week to hold office for the 1957-58 season.

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