

SLAPSHOTS

Shaking hands - Is it really needed?

By Jack Watson

Why shake hands anyway? The last thing a losing team wishes to see after they have lost in a close game are the smiling faces of their conquerors. Many youngsters just want to get off the ice and cry. Why not, all their extra hours have been spent playing hockey in preparation for the game in which they didn't make it. Disappointment. Who wouldn't be disappointed. Recently I referred to the Uxbridge atom management as being "bush league". Well I

soon found out where my readers were. And, I feel that I owe my personal apologies to that fine group of youngsters who make up the team. It seems that my remarks were interpreted by them as disparagement on their play. Boys, I am sorry. I have not seen, nor enjoyed three games more this year than those you participated in.

I apparently erred in my interpretation of some post game reporting by suggesting that these boys did not shake hands with the Stouffville

players. Most, I now have been informed, did. Whether they wanted to or not, they did because of the tradition.

Why shake hands, at all? This formal gesture acts as a punctuation point to the combat. It is the official signal that this game is over and we are awaiting the next time we meet. I personally have not seen anything of a nasty nature occur during this part of the contest and it draws to a close, the end of most episodes, much like this upcoming period is going to do.



Plays lead role

When the Stouffville Figure Skating Club unveils its 1974 Spring Carnival, April 5, it will feature pretty Mary Jo Sutherland in a lead role. The theme is 'Mary Poppins'. Mary Jo is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Sutherland, Lloyd Avenue. Jim Thomas.

Teams advance to finals

STOUFFVILLE — Both the midgets and the juveniles easily handled their OMHA semi-final opponents. The juveniles put-out Unionville in four straight and the midgets tagged Woodbridge in five. Both are waiting for opponents in the finals.

Juvenile manager Eldon Wagg seemed unconcerned, "we don't care which club we meet." It could be either London or Aylmer. Aylmer won the first game of their series 14-7.

London edged Stouffville 2-1 in the Silver Stick Tournament in December.

"We were tired and I feel the club they will meet in the final is much improved over our December squad," Wagg added. He reports the Stouffville squad is healthy and waiting anxiously for the final series to begin.

The midgets will meet either Petrolia or Listowel.

Thurs. Ladies

STOUFFVILLE — Thursday Ladies Bowling League results March 21, showed Pat Apleton with the top triple of 693 and single scores of 313 and

212, followed by — Bev Sefton, 223; Doris Redquest, 212, 200; Barb Melhuish, 222; Judy Bond, 213; Bev Blundell, 215; 230; Gail Hunter, 260; 208; Diane Graves, 206; Audrey Gibson, 203; Lydia McPhee, 224; Muriel Illingworth, 285; Joanne Harper, 234; Judy Armstrong, 246; Marlene Grove, 237; Flora Fortar, 226, 221; Joyce Shadlock, 240, 201; Faye Gills, 237; and Cathy Graves, 217.

Over 800 boys participate in hockey week

Rolls high single — 225

STOUFFVILLE — Brad Steel posted scores of 225 and 211 to lead the Stouffville Children's League March 23.

Shelly Bond was high bowler in the 8-12 group with scores of 137 and 173. Other top youngsters were — Paul Assinck, 123, 135; Beth Housser, 117;

Karen Sleeth, 130, 121; Sherri Campbell, 126; Cheryl Bond, 128; Sharon Dykstra, 166; Ronda Campbell, 124; Teresa Ewing, 147, 151; Dan Leblond, 130; Chris Armstrong, 173; Colleen McConnell, 130; Kim Sleeth, 143; Julie Ireland, 139, 142; Steve Rigby, 119; Randy Zwier, 144; Terry Bishop, 133; Ingrid Assinck, 141; Steve Ireland, 140; Dale Jackson, 123, 150; and Sandra Hincks, 150.

MARKHAM — Over 800 boys on 49 teams will participate in the Town of Markham's Minor Hockey Week, April 1-7. Boys from Markham, Unionville and Thornhill will take part in the week-long tournament. Mayor Tony Rman will present the Mayor's Trophy to the community

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