

Reunion stirs up memories for former Clipper Watson

By BRUCE STAPLEY
When the oldtimers of Markham-Stouffville hockey assemble for their reunion May 12, the man at the microphone will be a still-robust 57-year-old who remembers his own day in the sun as if it were yesterday. Bud Watson, who will be master of ceremonies at the reunion, played for the Stouffville Clippers team that won the Ontario Senior B championship in 1951.

"It doesn't seem that long ago," admits the high-scoring centreman who played on a line

with the legendary Nick Bangay and George Stark. "I recall it vividly."

Watson was born and raised in the Unionville-Markham area, currently resides in Unionville and works as residential manager of a sizeable heating and air conditioning firm in the Beaver Creek business section.

He remembers playing hockey as a child on a pond in Unionville, then on an outdoor rink where Crosby Memorial Arena now stands.

"I played in the THL and the King Clancy League from the age of 11, from Pee Wee through Junior. I played with the Unionville Jets Junior Ds, Cs and Bs, and won the scoring title twice."

Watson would go on to play Junior A hockey with Stratford in 1948, then joined the Clippers in 1951 for one year.

"When I was with Stratford, George Armstrong had just left to play for the Toronto Marlboros. I remember playing against Glenn Hall while I was there. And then there was the exhibition game we played against Harry Sinden and his Lyndhurst Motors team that went to play in the Olympics in Europe."

In recalling his year of glory with the Clippers, Watson starts

to rhyme off the names of his teammates, people like Bob Bangay, Hal Gibson, Ron Bell, Jack Rummey, Norm Stunden and Herb Rose. And of course, his pugnacious linemate, Nick Bangay.

"He had a hot temper. He was always looking for a fight." He remembers the series

against Port Colborne that gave the Clippers the provincial title. "We won it four games to one. We lost one in Port Colborne but came back and won it at home."

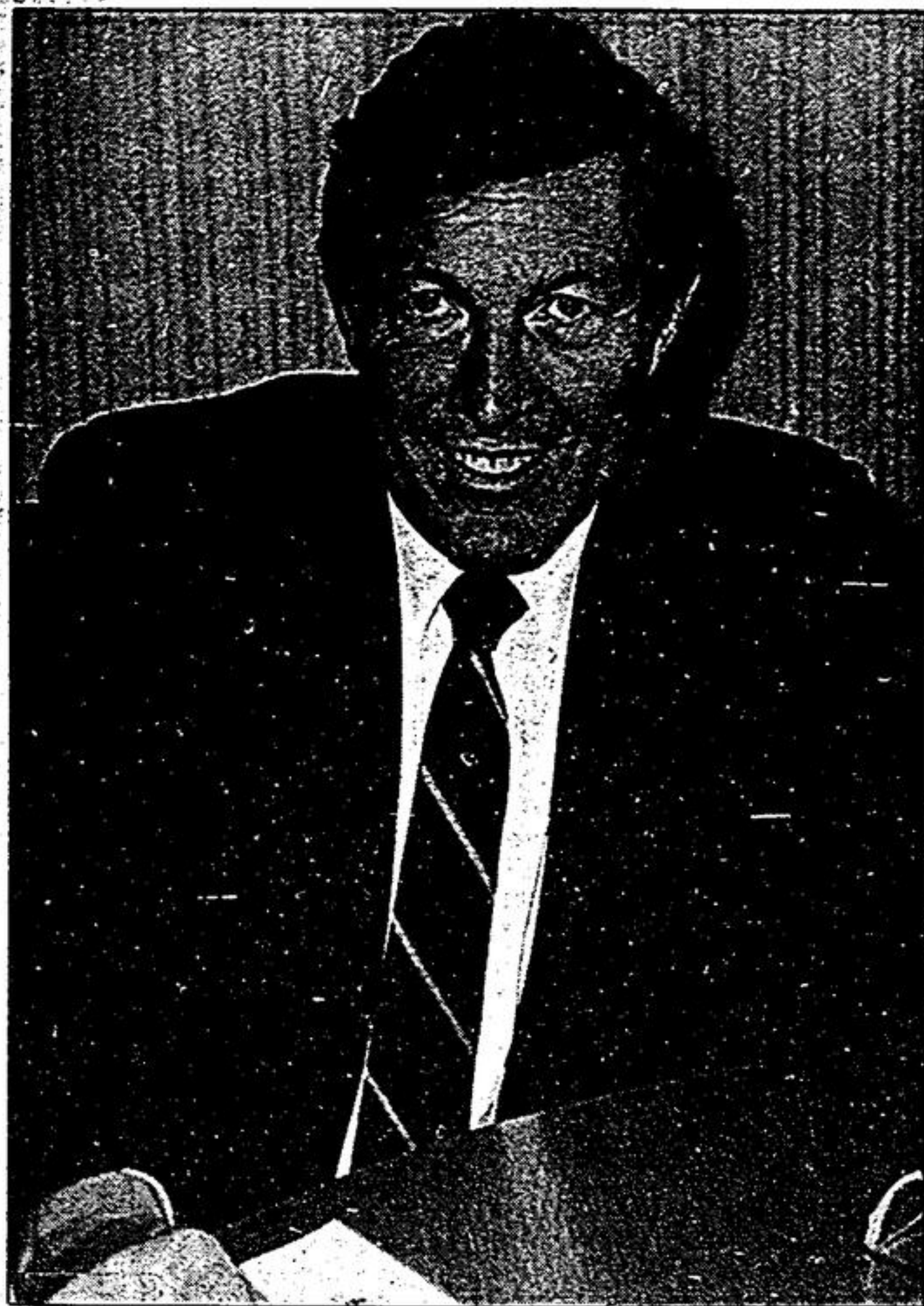
Watson looks forward to meeting with his old mates, as well as some of his opponents, at the reunion, which will be held at the Crosby Arena.

Coaches needed

Where are the coaches? Five teams in the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Softball Association are threatened with extinction unless volunteers come forward who are willing to coach the teams.

Three girls' teams, two Mite and a Squirt, may be forced to retire their bats, as well as a Pee Wee and a Bantam boys team.

All people who are interested are asked to call Murray at 642-3376 immediately.



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The annual reunion for the Markham Millionaires and Stouffville Clippers promises to be another success this year, when it is held at the Crosby Arena in Unionville later this month. The event is organized by former Clipper Bud Watson, who currently lives in the Markham area. Watson will be joined by dozens of teammates and former opponents at the affair, rehashing old rivalries and keeping up to date with old friends.

Barker leads top bowlers

Don Barker led the Monday Night Men's Bowling League with a three-game score of 838.

Scoring over 700 were Bill Petri 778, Bill White 757, Norm Ewing and Glenn Jackson 748.

As well, bowlers Bill Dart 743, John Banks 732, Bill Grove 727 and Bob Hughes 713 had admirable scores over the 700 mark.

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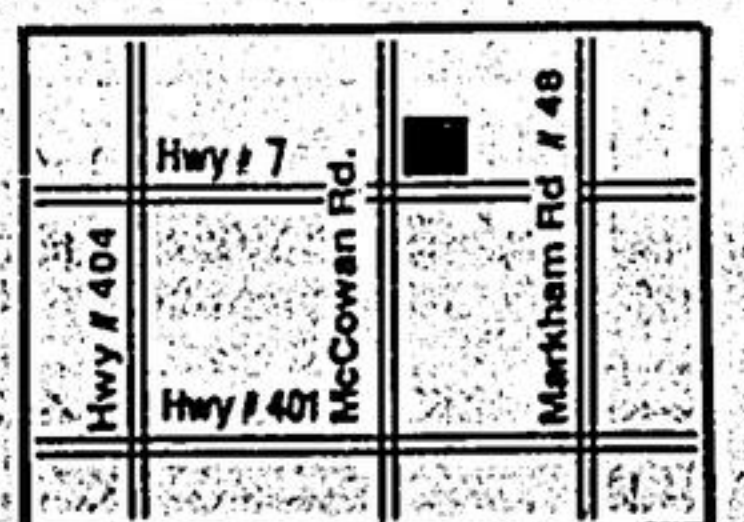
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