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Stratford Kroehlers will not operate in the O.H.A. Junior 'A' league next season but will enter into the Junior 'B' grouping instead.

Bill Eziniki, who stars for Boston Bruins in the National Hockey League finished third in the field in the U.S. open golf competition. "Wild" Bill as he is known to the hockey world will get a chance to show his worth in the New England section of the country-wide classic.

On Friday night of this week a street dance is being held on No. 7 highway at Unionville for the benefit of the Unionville Jets Hockey Club who hope to operate again next season.

The local girls went down to defeat at the hand of the powerful Elgin Mills squad on Monday night in an exhibition game. The final score was 19-6 in favour of the Yonge St. crew.

This Friday night Toronto Staffords will be the visiting team. In the line up will be one the Clippers' star wingers, Don Couch. Don holds down a centre field position for the city crew.

On Thursday night of last week the local hardballers journeyed to Sunderland. They emerged from the contest with a 7-7 tie. Lorne Schell did the hurling for the locals.

From June 22 to Sept. 22 a bowling tournament will be held every Friday evening at the Stouffville Bowling Green. Excellent prizes are being offered each night with a grand special prize for the season's total score. The first twenty entries are being accepted for each evening. The ladies high score prize will be one set of bowls donated by Maple Leaf Auto Sales, Stouffville. The men's high score will be the same prize. The fee is \$1.50 per bowler.

The New York Rangers have traded Tony Leswick to the Detroit Red Wings for sharp shooting Gaye Stewart. Leswick although small is one of the scrapiest players in the game while Stewart will give the Ranger Club that much needed scoring power that they lacked last season. Stewart played his first N.H.L. hockey with Toronto being traded to Chicago in the Max Bentley deal. From the Black Hawks the left winger went to Detroit. Stewart scored 13 goals last season and drew assists on 13 others for a total of 31 points. Leswick fell down last year with a total of 26 points.

An assault charge laid against Terry Sawchuck of Winnipeg, star rookie goalie of Detroit Red Wings of the National Hockey League was dismissed last week. The charge was brought by Philip Vetrano, 30-year-old Brooklyn market manager. Vetrano charged Sawchuck struck him with his hockey stick as the Red Wings were on their way to the dressing room between periods in a game won by New York last Feb. 25. Sawchuck said Vetrano called him several objectionable names. He added he did no more than wave his hand at Vetrano.

GENERAL MACARTHUR MENTIONED AS CHANDLER'S SUCCESSOR

The resignation of Baseball Commissioner A. B. (Happy) Chandler within the next few days was predicted last week by President Lou Perini of Boston Braves. Mr. Perini was asked whether he had any candidate in mind for the position when the Commissioners decided to vacate. The Boston Braves president made it clear that he had a man in mind to take Chandler's place. When asked whether the new man would be General Douglas MacArthur he would not answer.

It is no secret, however, that Perini regards MacArthur as the most logical replacement for Chandler's \$85,000 a year baseball berth.

Hockey's Red Line May Be Eliminated

Rumours going around have it that an effort is being made to eliminate the red line at centre ice. Reported backers of the move claim it will open up play and help a team clear the puck out of its end zone. Opposing defencemen, it is claimed, would be wary of moving up to the blue line on a ganging play. It is also claimed the move would add 10 goals a season to the total of a fast-breaking forward. Although a move such as this might increase the scoring totals of some of the forwards it would not help the condition of some of the already over-worked goaltenders. If the speed of the hockey played to-day needs a push from behind the removal of the red line would no doubt give it that extra shove.

Oshawa Regains Second Spot, Stan Miller Hurls 6-Hitter

Oshawa Merchants chalked up a 16-4 victory over Croftons Thursday night in the second game of a Viaduct Major League double-header at Millen Stadium and the win moved Oshawa up into second place in the league standing, a half-game ahead of Kingsway Lumber, who suffered a 5-3 defeat in Peterborough.

Stan "Speed" Miller, the "high-pockets" member of the Oshawa pitching staff, formerly of Stouffville, went to the mound and turned in a superb chour until his mates had the victory clinched. He allowed only one hit, a double by "Red" Stephens in the 4th frame and not a single run for the first five frames and by that time, Oshawa was leading 10-0.

Miller gave up three hits for a pair of runs in the 6th and two of each in the 7th, which gave Croftons their four runs but actually from a competitive standpoint, Miller was always far out in front.

Fred Huntley's two hits made him top hitter for Croftons' but the rest of his mates didn't do much, collecting only a half-dozen safeties all told off Miller's delivery.

Kitchener Withdraws, Major Series Seems Likely To Fold

Ever since the skates and hockey were hung up at the conclusion of the hockey season rumors have been going around thick and fast concerning the likelihood of there being a Major series next season. Sudbury and Sault Ste Marie seemed interested in joining the group but that idea died out soon after birth. At a meeting of the Kitchener Waterloo Dutchmen Hockey Club last week it was decided that they would withdraw from the group and enter into Senior 'A' rating along with such teams as Owen Sound, Brantford, Niagara Falls, Hamilton and some more. Although it isn't definite the final decision that broke up the Major circuit was the unwillingness of Toronto to help any new clubs that might be planning entry into the league to reinforce their squad to Major calibre. When the Leaf delegates came out and said that it was very necessary to the Toronto Maple Leafs to have a farm club from which to draw some needed players the ideas of the other clubs involved were further dampened. It is only natural that other cities would not feel overly anxious to sponsor and support a league for the Toronto Maple Leafs benefit. A league made up of Kitchener, Brantford, Owen Sound, Hamilton, and possibly Niagara Falls sounds like a good idea. At least the competition would be a lot more even and not so one sided as we witnessed here last winter when such teams as Brantford and Owen Sound invaded our ranks. When cities get pared off with towns and villages there should be a change somewhere.

Three Way Tie for Top Rung in Township Softball League

For the first time in years two teams have challenged the right of Buttonville to share the top rung in the Township Softball League. Markham and Unionville have steadily climbed up the ladder until they now find themselves in first place tied with the Sluggers from the fourth concession. On Tuesday night of last week Unionville blanked Claremont 9-0, Markham downed Peaches 7-1, and Buttonville hit Thornhill for a 14-4 drubbing. Eddie Crouch was on the mound for Unionville in their win over Claremont while O'Neill continued his sensational hurling job for Markham as he held Peaches to a few scattered hits. Jack Rumney did the pitching chores for Buttonville in their defeat over Thornhill.

A home run in the final innings gave Claremont their first win of the season as they handed Peaches an 8-7 defeat on Thursday night. Lloyd Pascoe went in for Claremont near the end of the game while Vic Meharg replaced "Boomer" Smith in the final innings. In a similar contest Markham edged Thornhill to bounce them into first place. The big game of the week saw Unionville down Buttonville in an exciting exhibition game 5-3. The game was a pitcher's battle between Chuck Blundell of Unionville and Norm Stunden of the Buttonville squad. An error in the outfield for the Sluggers allowed the winning runs to cross the plate to give the Indians the game and a share in the top spot in the league.

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This season is seeing the best pitched ball games that have been played for some time. Stunden of Buttonville along with Jack Rumney form a powerful twosome with Mac Clement back of the plate. Unionville have a trio of pitchers in Chuck Blundell, Eddie Crouch and Cliff Cox. Markham have their one main hurler in "Peg" O'Neil with Milton Black competing the battery. Peaches have Vic Meharg and "Boomer" Smith while Claremont have a good find in Lloyd Pascoe.

Girls Softball League Underway This Week

This week sees the opening of the girls softball schedule with four teams competing in this group. The group will comprise Stouffville, Peaches, Unionville and Victoria Square. On Thursday night the locals start the ball rolling as they play host to Unionville. The following night Peaches take on Victoria Square in Unionville. The line up for Stouffville will be as follows: p, Myrtle Staley; c, Gertie Drewery; 1st, Pat Lehman, 2nd, Helen Goudie; 3rd, Peggy White; ss, Jean Thorvaldson; If, Erla Holden; cf, Marg Berry; rf, Joan Haynes.

Peaches line up will be p, Florence Anderson; c, Nelda Elson; 1st, Fern Hoover; 2nd, Carley Grove; 3rd, Pat Smith; ss, Marg Smith; fielders, Marilyn Johnston, Eleanor Reid, Marian Reid, Joan Chapin, Laura Warriner and Maureen Mustard.

Unionville have formed their line up from the following players: Marjorie McCarty, Edna Lamorie, Pearl Rainey, Mavis Trunk, Alice Anderson, Viola Foster, Verna McCarty, Mary Anderson, Nancy Wehr, Shirley Latimer, Mary McMullen, Marg Rainey, Myrtle Latimer and Jean Danby.

Big League Cheers Still Ring in Ears Of Local Hurler

On a farm located up the seventh concession of Whitechurch in the small community of Lemonville there was raised one of the most outstanding hurlers ever to wear a pair of spikes or don a glove in the person of Earl Cook. From Stouffville where he began his trek up the ladder of success, to Detroit where he starred on the mound for the famous Tigers Earl has brought fame and renown to both himself and his community. Printed in bold black type across the sporting pages of American newspapers were headlines such as these—Cook Pitches Double Shut Out for Bisons, Cook Twirls One Hitter, or Cook Sets Modern Record Blanking Jersey City Twice. The story behind these headlines bares out the facts about the big six foot right hander, who this season is starting his second year with the local club since his retirement from Big League play.

Earl began his baseball career in Stouffville when at the age of 15 he played with the Intermediates along with other local boys of that time. Such players as Dr. Neil Smith, Wes Boadway, Max Reesor, Buster Lunau, Reg Button and the Clendingen boys all formed part of the squad. After three years with the locals Earl moved to Toronto St. Georges where the team walked off with the Senior Championship. In 1934 Earl broke into the International League where he played with Toronto Maple Leafs for two months. He went from the Leafs to the Mid-Atlantic League where he led the league with earned runs. He turned in a number of games with Cincinnati and spent the following two seasons with Syracuse. For three years Earl starred with Buffalo and during that time he played with two of the most outstanding players ever to hold a bat in Lou Boudreau and Conny Mack. The local hurler then journeyed to Detroit with Hal White in one of the biggest player deals of that day. After a stay with the Tigers he returned to Buffalo but was put out of action when hit in the ankle with a line drive. After his recovery he returned to Detroit and finished out the season with them.

The following year Earl went to Beaumont in the Texas League where he won 22 games against 9 defeats to bring his club the championship. He spent one year with Portland and then was traded back to Toronto for hurler Joe Sullivan. A salary disagreement forced Earl to quit the Leafs and he returned home to play what he terms "some good ball" with the local club.

Last season Earl led the locals to the Tri-County League Championship and nearly coped the O.B.A. title besides.

Some of the players with the Detroit club to-day who broke into the Big Time along with Earl are Al Newhouser, Fred Hutchinson, "Hoot" Evers, Al White and Johnny Lippon. Termed the "Iron Man" of baseball from the time he hurled his double header shut out against Jersey City, Earl likes to recall many of the so called "old days" when roaring crowds, flashing spikes and swirling dust brought thrills to every player who could come up to the high standards of the Major Leagues. It is with some quiet thought that Earl will get out his scrap book, thumb through the pages and recall the thrilling moments in his colourful career. Earl likes to think of the day he struck out the one and only Joe DiMaggio although he says with a smile how on the second pitch the Yankee Clipper smashed a line foul into the stands. Earl cannot recall anyone ever being intentionally injured with spikes or a ball. He does remember, however, the time when Woody Abernathy was smashed on the head with a ball delivered by John Gee. The injured

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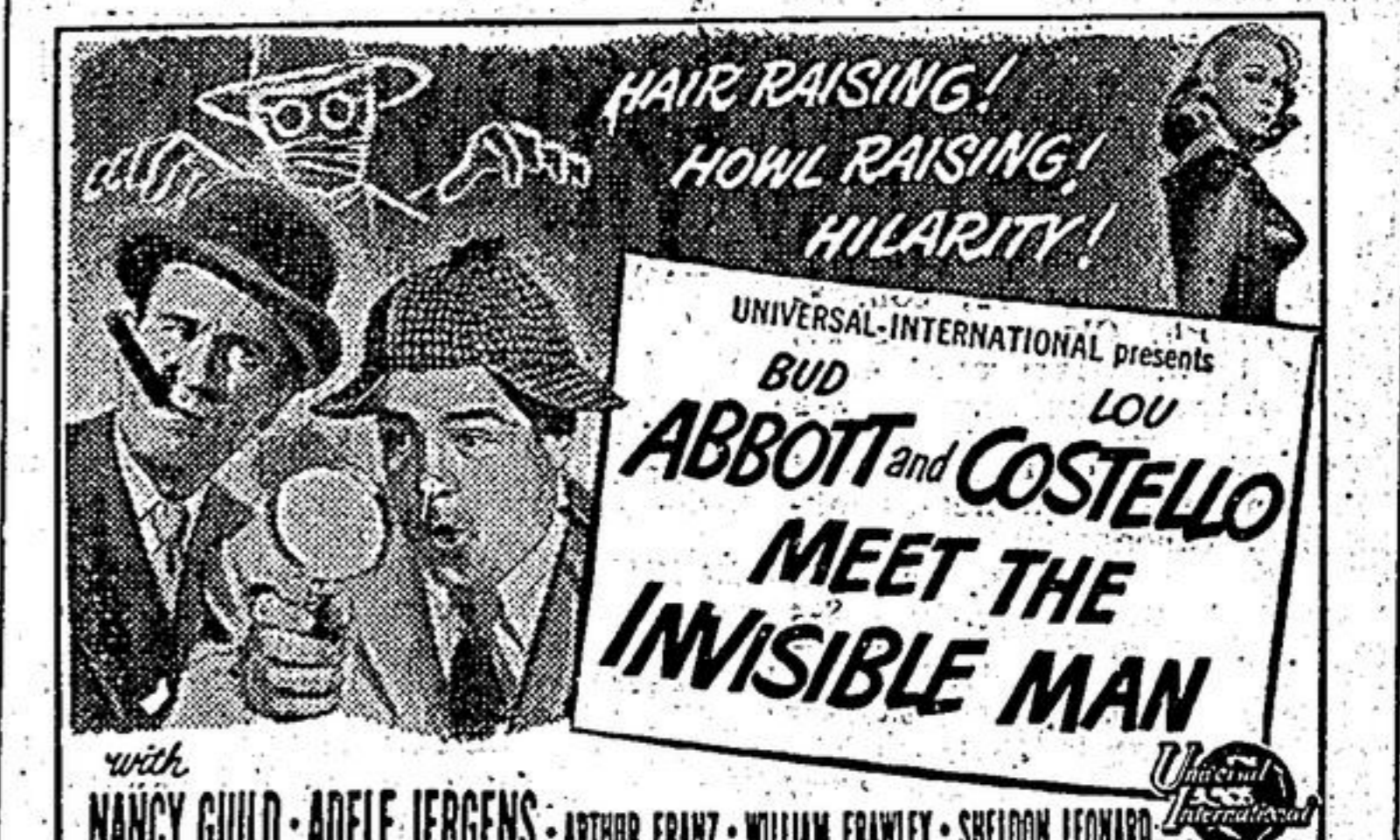
On Friday night of this week the local Red Sox will take on Toronto Staffords in an exhibition contest. The city squad should prove powerful opposition for the homesters as they operate in a Senior League along with Oshawa, Kingsway and some other top notch clubs. The visitors will have in their line up Don Couch who is no stranger around these parts in the winter months. It will be interesting to see how this senior crew from Toronto stack up against our local squad

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