Meet The Coach

John O'Flaherty started his hockey career with St. Michael's Buzzers, and was a member of the Buzzers team that won the Ontario Junior 'B' Championship in 1934. John then moved up to St. Michael's Junior 'A' team for the next two seasons. In 1936 he joined the West Toronto Nationals, Junior 'A' team and under the coaching of Hap Day, the team won the Canadian Junior Championship and Memorial Cup. The next season he moved up to Senior 'A' Company with Dominion Breweries, and won the OHA Senior Crown, He then returned to Junior 'A' with Toronto Marlboros, and shortly thereafter joined the Toronto Goodyears, Senior 'A' team, winning three Senior 'A' titles in succession.

In 1941 John turned pro with the New York Americans, then a member team of the National Hockey League and played two seasons with that club. In 1943 he joined the Pittsburgh Hornets



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of the American Hockey League and played the next nine seasons for that team. John then decided to try coaching and accepted the position of coach with St. Michael's Junior 'A' when that position was made vacant by the departure of Joe Primeau. While coaching the Juniors, he also took on the job of coaching, managing and playing for St. Michael's Monarchs Seniors, and ended the season as Canadian Senior finalists. John then did a little touring of The Canadian Senior teams. first with Saint John Beavers of the Maritime League, the Ottawa Senators of the Quebec Senior League, then to Sault Ste. Marie and Sudbury, both in the NOHA Senior League. In 1959 he took over as coach of Marlboro Juniors for two years, then Unionville Junior 'B's', and Knob Hill Junior 'A.' In January, 1965 he accepted the position of coach with Dixie Junior 'B' team, and he will be at the helm again this year.

Let's get behind our coach, and team, and help boost the 'B's' along the championship way.