

Figure skating carnival

'Wizard of Oz' performance a glittering success

By ANNAGRET LAMURE
STOUFFVILLE — There was only one topic of conversation in Stouffville this weekend, and the most asked question was: "Have you been to see it yet?"

Judging by the crowds that packed the local arena to the rafters, the answer was a resounding yes. The Stouffville Figure Skating Club's 24th Ice Revue, "The Wizard of Oz," drew standing room only crowds at all three performances.

The battered arena, transformed by glittering foil and many blue lights, became a setting where anything could happen. The sense of unreality was heightened further by an overture of coloured lights that played in rhythmic patterns on the ice and fascinated every baby in the audience.

A dramatic Twister then swirled on and the story of Dorothy (Lynn Roberts) among the

Munchkins unfolded. There were glittering raindrops, bouncing pumpkins, owls, ladybugs and fiery foxes, as well as gnomes, be-bop birds and striped raccoons. A stately forest swayed in waltz time and glittering emeralds and rubies danced. The evil, electrifying, wicked witch of the west (convincingly portrayed by Nancy Yakely) was one of the highlights of the show, a foil to the gentle beauty of the good witch of the north (Julia Faggiani). The guards of Oz marched on in their smart yellow tunics and black caps (To the delight of the audience they never did get quite lined up and one little fellow actually deserted his post.) But the biggest hits of the evening were probably the little Ozkins. About fifty preschoolers toddled onto the ice, totally captivating the audience as they carefully edged their way around the slippery rink. With some help from Dorothy, Tin Man (Joanne Hopper),

Lion (Marlene Boyd), Straw Man (Jane Lewis) and Toto (Cinda Wilson) they all made it.

The Wonderful Wizard (Peter Mellon) electrified the crowd with his jumps and spins and stately Farm Ladies (Morning Glories) brought the show to a close. A little blond boy, raptly watching the grand finale, summed the show up rather well. "If somewhat inaccurately, HIS eyes never left the stage as he said, "Dad, this is the best movie I've ever seen."

Stouffville Souses need one victory for basketball league championship

UXBRIDGE — The past two games in the Uxbridge Men's Recreational Basketball league have brought the Stouffville entry in the league from the brink of elimination to within one game of the championship.

April 5, the Souses downed Uxbridge Supersonics 48-44 in the second game of a two-game total point series. That gave the Souses a win in the semi-finals by a 92-90 score.

On April 12, Stouffville took the first game of the championship round against the St. John's Saints, 38-32.

The second Supersonics encounter saw the lead change hands several times during the first half. However, with about three minutes remaining in the game, the Supersonics grabbed

a three-point lead. The Souses then fought back to tie the score on a Dave Connell foul shot, then captured the series on a shot by Don Beauchamp with eight seconds left.

Beauchamp led scorers with 18 points, while Jim Fletcher tallied 10 and also led the team defensively with his close checking of the league scoring leader Chuck Thompson. Randy Barker also chipped in with eight points.

The championship bout with St. John's this Monday may have been the Souses best team and defensive effort of the season. The Souses played a tight zone defense and fine play by

Don Beauchamp, John Night and Eric Button held the Saint's big scorer Ron Underley to just eight points. John Scott netted 10 for the Saints.

Offensively, Dave Connell hit for 18 points as Don Beauchamp and Fletcher contributed 10 and six respectively.


Second game of the championship round is Monday, 7:30 p.m. at Uxbridge Secondary School.

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Farmer Jack's are atom champs

STOUFFVILLE — Farmer Jack's became champions in atom house league recently with a 2-1 win over Stouffville Delicatessen. Potting the

goals were Giles Elliott and Bill Blundell, both scoring unassisted. The Delicatessen tally was by Jeff Boake from Jeroen Verhoog.

For the "B" series title, Dixie Lee nipped Giulios Pizza by an identical 2-1 score. John Ohlman netted both winning goals, with Todd Armstrong assisting each time. For Giulios, Chris Brown scored from John Milwain and Dennis Hesch.

Hockey meeting

STOUFFVILLE — The annual meeting for the Whitchurch Stouffville Minor Hockey Association is May 8, 7:30 p.m. in Latham Hall.



Anne Marie Hetherington's "Flying monkey" costume illustrates the elaborate detail that went into producing the Stouffville Figure Skating Club's "Wizard of Oz" show last weekend. The event was a sell-out affair.



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SDSS rugger teams expand this season

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Rugger season commences Tuesday when SDSS plays at Bayview in exhibition. Bayview comes here the following Tuesday.

The target for the teams are the York County finals, May 13.

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Unionville curlers executive chosen

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