# McNeil shutout Union 7-0

STOUFFVILLE — Action in the Girl's hockey league last weekend was fast and furious as titles were fought over, disappointments and the odd tear bravely hidden, and victory jubilantly celebrated.

It was a week-end in which the girls gave of their best and spectators enjoyed some super hockey. One conclusion was clear after all the noise had died down, girls definitely skate better than boys.

In the junior Championship game the Bunnies were missing one of their star players, Denise Coppins, due to a leg injury.

The flower power was missing in this game and the Gormley Greenhouse girls - albeit, rather dormant most of the season - came on strong with a decisive 9-2 win.

Andrea Tricker was in top form, with a hat trick, whilst Julie Goldring, Heather Hall and Allison Lowery added two each. Assists went to Heather Hall 2. Allison Lowery 2. Kristen Graham and Julie Goldring.

Michelle Coppins scored both Bunnies' goals, with the assists coming from Paula Gilbert.

In other junior action the Kinsmen dumped the Lions 5-3 in an exhibition game.

Cathy Carr led for the Kinsmen with a pair and two assists, with Leslie Roberts also adding two goals. Liz Brodie picked up a single, and assists went to Ann Marie Lacoursiere and Shelly Ferguson.

Lions singles came from Donna Ryckman, Autumn Goselin and Brenda Petersen. Shawn Morrison picked up an assist.

In the senior division, McNeil Labs came on strong with some very powerful moves in the first period which saw them collect three very fast goals, with no reply from an unusually subdued Credit Union team whom they shutout 7-0.

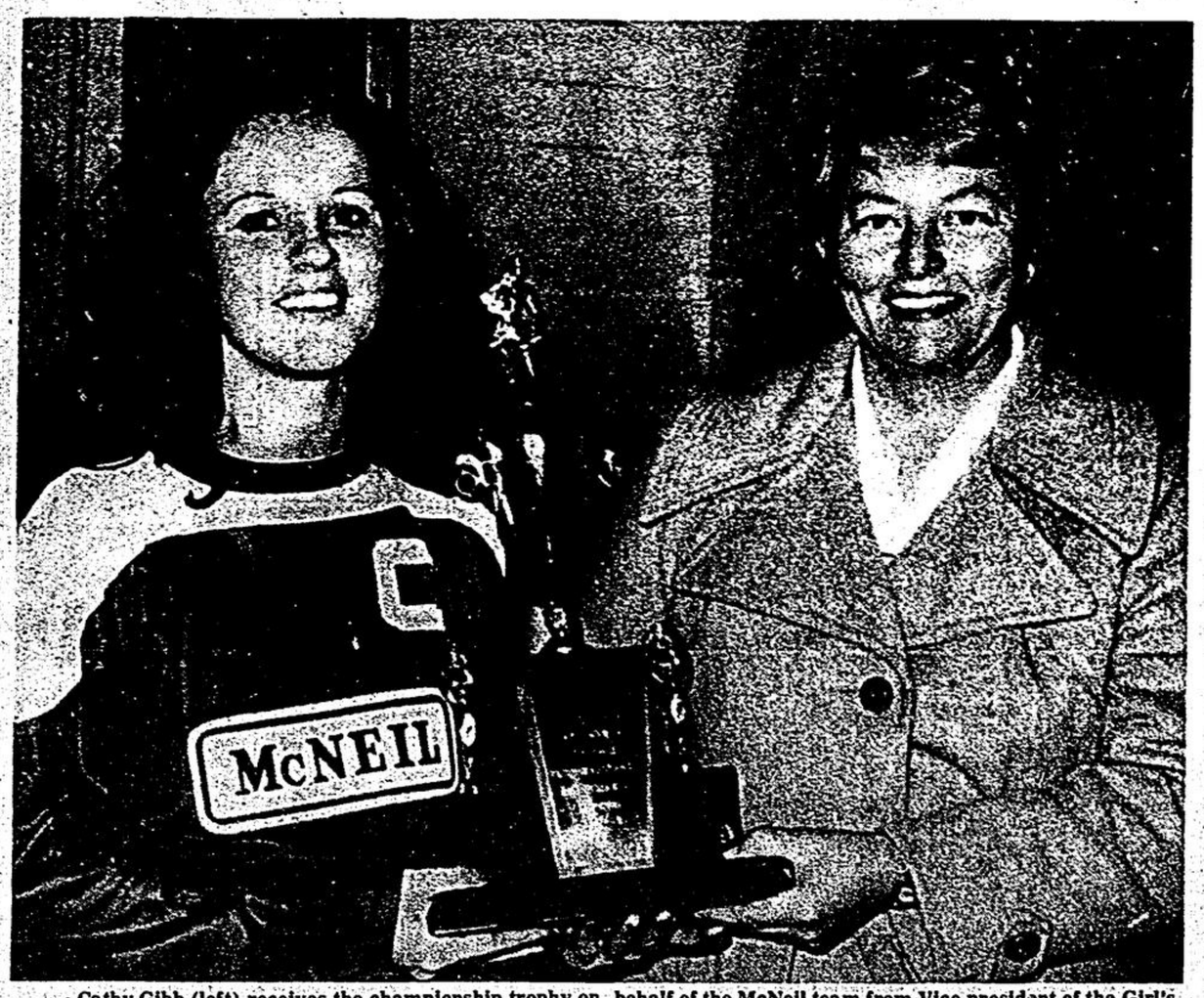
It was pretty heady stuff the McNeil girls were handing out. The passing was not only accurate, it was spectacular, and every goal was assisted.

Ann Holden played nice positional hockey and picked up a hat trick for her efforts. Heather Ross, Cheryl Singleton, Brenda Steel and Kim Vance all added singles.

The assists went to Heather Ross 3, Kathy Gibb 2, Kim Vance, Angela Jacobs, Kelly Rex-Graham, Brenda Steele and Cheryl Singleton. In fact, every member of the team - with the exception of the goalie - picked up at least one point in this game; that's team work for you.

Although never under heavy pressure, McNeil goalie Diane Houston earned a well deserved shutout.

Credit Union were a bit of a disappointment, but were much better than the score indicates. They had, in fact, tied the McNeil girls in the double round robin playoffs, and entered this championship round as 'even' favourites. However, the 'Big red machine' was unstoppable on Sunday evening; even the Clippers would have had problems with them.




Cathy Gibb (left) receives the championship trophy on behalf of the McNeil team from Vice-president of the Girl's hockey league Joanne Steele. Jim Holt

## AHL results

STOUFFVILLE — Amateur Hockey League results for the week ending Sunday March 30 are as follows:

Guarantee Trust 4 - Smirthwaite Heating 2.

Guarantee goals: Mike Jones 3. Doug Gornall 1. Smirthwaite goals: Wayne McMann 2.

Steerburger 7 - Success Steak House 4.

Steerburger goals: Brian Bond 2. Doug Wall 2. Ron Graham 2. Steve Davis 1. Success goals: Ron Arends 2. Gary Yoshita 1. Bill Pain 1.

Pro-Hardware 2 - Fawns 0.

Hardware goals: Bill Corner 1. Gerry Cole 1.

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# Win tourney

STOUFFVILLE — Neil Patrick's novice Polar Bears are finishing the season in fine style - despite their undecided position in the Lakeshore league championship, which seems to have been going on forever. Last week end they came home with the championship trophy from the South London Invitational hockey Tournament.

It was a tough weekend for the Bears who played no less than four games in two days.

In their first game, they downed their South London hosts 2-1 on Saturday morning to move on against Port Colbourne in the afternoon. A decisive 4-1 win then put the Bears up against a strong Kitchener side on Sunday morning. Their 3-3 tie ensured that they got a crack at the championship later in the day.

It was ironic that the Bears faced their old protagonists Whitby in the final. It was their tenth game against one another this season.

Whatever the eventual outcome of the league championship, the Bears deserved to win this one.

It was a terrific team effort on everyone's part. Brad May put the Stouffville squad on the board and Darron Baston made it 2-0.

Despite Whitby's comeback, late in the second period with a single, Kevin Blacktopp ensured their victory by flipping the puck over the Whitby netminder, on a play by Danny Larmer.

Full marks to Stouffville netminder Scott Evans. He played a great game in net.

# Trust take title

STOUFFVILLE — Sunday morning's game at the arena for the Amateur hockey league championship title was very much a one sided game, with the outcome never really in doubt.

Guarantee Trust set the pace early in the first period with a couple of goals from Mike Jones, and it was not until Steve Miko took a tripping penalty that Smirthwaite's Wayne McMann found the net.

Opening the third period 2-1, Guarantee's Doug Gornall picked up John Tordella's pass for a safe 3-1 lead and then went further ahead when Mike Jones made his hat trick on an unassisted goal, with only two minutes left to play.

Although Smirthwaite had trouble keeping the opposition out of the end zone during the final period, Wayne McMann made a great solo effort, to pick up his second goal of the game, in a scuffle around the net in the dying seconds of play.

Smirthwaite played well but were no match for the high flying Trust team, who rarely put a skate wrong in either offence or defence.

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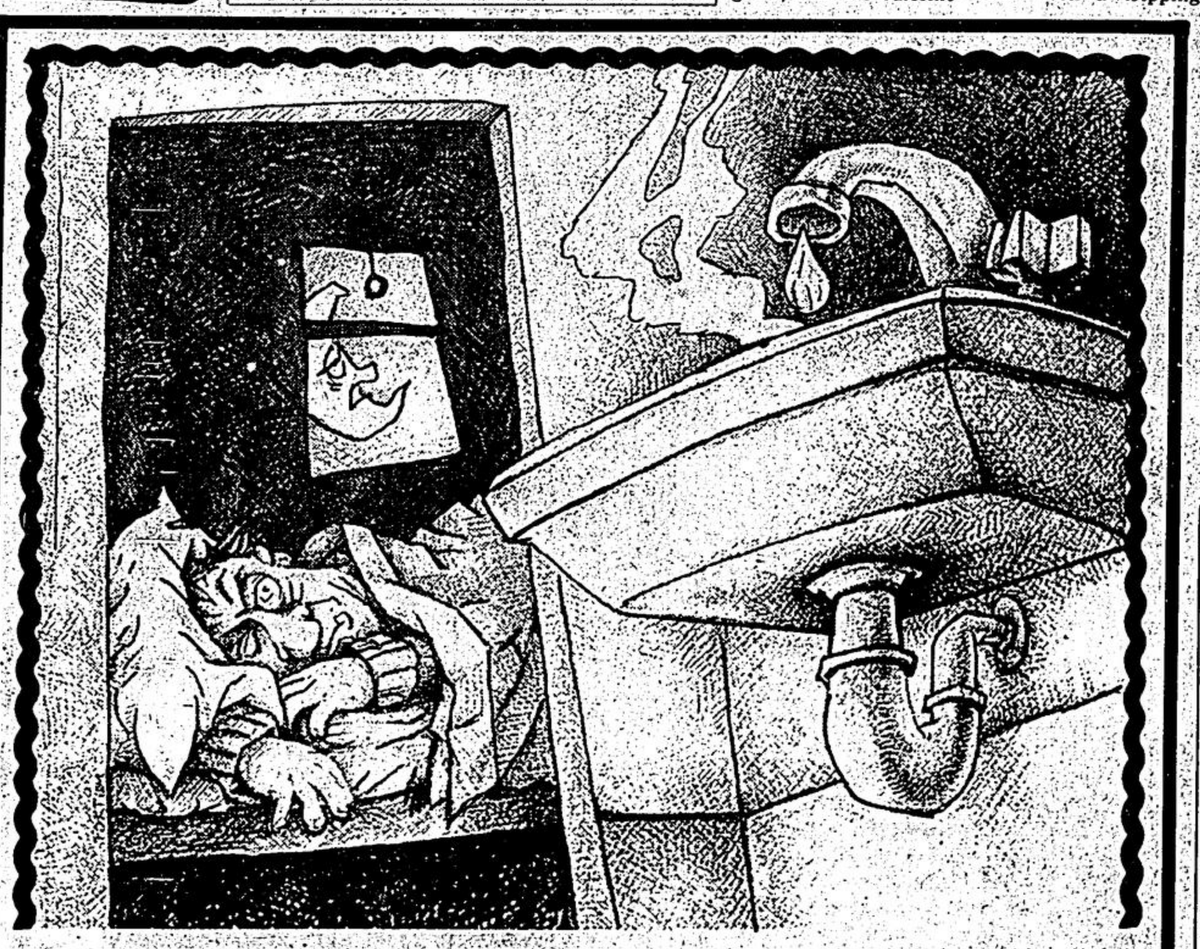

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