



**Pair advance to Richmond Hill**

Stouffville Figure Skate Club members Melissa Gornik (left) and Lee Anna Hamilton placed first in the Junior Bronze Ladies Similar Pairs last Tuesday in Stouffville. The dance couple now advance to the Richmond Hill Inter-Club competition (Feb. 15-16). Hamilton and Gornik also secured first and second place respectively in the Pre-Juvenile Ladies Freestyle and Figure events last week.

Chris Shanahan

## Otonabee tourney belongs to midgets

"The whole team is full of diggers," exclaimed assistant coach Carol Barber after her midget girls' rep hockey team clinched the Otonabee tournament championship last weekend.

The Stouffville midgets defeated Leaside 4-2 and Baltimore on a no-overtime ruling (2-2) to advance to the championship against tourney host Otonabee. Stouffville shut out its rival 2-0 for the crown.

"Some of our wingers like Lorraine McDowell, Jenny Altilia and Cathy Dunkeld are big diggers...and they came through," commented Barber. "We communicate out on the bench and in the dressing room...All the girls have really improved. They're not greedy and everyone gets in on the plays."

In the opener against Leaside, Stouffville had to contend with a revenge-hungry foe — a team it had eliminated in the provincials last year. Defenceman Laurie Taylor cooled Leaside's engines with two goals: Kim Gutkind and McDowell assisted on the plays.

Taylor notched her hat trick early in the third period with Altilia and Vicki Smith assisting. McDowell

and Gutkind set up Shawn Morrison for the final goal.

In game two against Baltimore, Gutkind surprised her bench with an unassisted marker. McDowell stretched the lead 2-1. Despite Baltimore's goal which tied the game 2-2, McDowell's single tally proved crucial at the game's conclusion when the no-overtime rule gave Stouffville the win because it secured the fast lead in the contest.

The game was marred by much verbal abuse from the Baltimore bench, however nasty words did little to intimidate the Stouffville girls.

Smith scored what proved to be the winner in the championship showdown with Otonabee. Her goal came in the first period. Gutkind made it 2-0 on a pass from Morrison in the second.

Coach Ted Lowery, just back from a sunny vacation, praised his team's civilized demeanor on the ice when pressure situations develop. "We've been lucky with these girls. They don't swear or get vicious and that's kind of unusual (in heated situations)."

## Clipper playoff update

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Bracebridge eliminated the local boys 2-1 in overtime in game two. Smith got the lone tally for Stouffville. He also scored the winning goal in the 1-0 playoff opener against Port Perry last Friday. That round-robin series continues.

### BANTAMS

The Edwards-Murphy Bantam Clippers, like their peewee comrades, demolished Port Hope in a five-game series that was reduced to three. The Clippers swept the opening two matches by 16 goals. The second game, played Monday night in Stouffville, deteriorated into a scrappy spectacle with frustrated Port Hope players taking cheap shots against the local boys.

When the final buzzer sounded, both benches cleared and a couple players squared off in bear hugs.

### MIDGETS

The Becker's Midget Clippers are one game away from advancing to the second round of the OMHA playoffs. The club won its first two encounters with Port Hope in the best-of-five series last week. The final scores were 3-2 and 5-2.

In the opener Jeff Christensen scored two goals with assists going to Dave Fockler and Sean McQuigge. McQuigge scored the winner on a set up from Jim Baggs.

The milkmen avenged an earlier season defeat (7-3 whipping) when they travelled to Port Hope for game two. Dan Martin opened the scoring on a pretty play with Christensen. Still in the first period, Fockler fed McQuigge

his first of two markers.

The Clippers fell apart in the second frame with a rash of penalties that allowed Port Hope to tie the game 2-2. However, the local boys came back to secure the victory with goals from Fockler, McQuigge and Baggs. Frank Sluga and Dan Martin assisted on the final tally.

Game three is in Stouffville, Friday night at 9:15 p.m.


  
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## Figure skate runoffs

The Stouffville Figure Skating Club (SFSC) hosted its Inter-Club Runoffs Jan. 28, only three days after it competed at the Uxbridge Invitational.

The top two skaters in each runoff event, and the top couple in Similar Dance will advance to the Richmond Hill Inter-Club Competition, Feb. 15-16. Here are the results:

**FREESTYLE & FIGURE EVENTS**  
 Pre-Juvenile Ladies—(1st) Lee-Anne Hamilton, (2nd) Melissa Gornik, (3rd) Elizabeth Davia.  
 Pre-Novice Ladies—(1st) Susan Anderson, (2nd) Nicole Vautier.  
 Junior Ladies—(1st) Stephanie Barclay.

**DANCE EVENTS**  
 Junior Bronze Ladies Similar Pairs—(1st) Lee-Anne Hamilton and Melissa Gornik, (2nd) Elizabeth Davia and Michelle Olszevski.  
 Junior Silver Solo Dance—(1st) Brenda Hachey.  
 Senior Silver Solo Dance—(1st) Stephanie Barclay.

**INTERPRETIVE EVENTS**  
 Preliminary Interpretive—(1st) Leslie Penny, (2nd) Michelle Olszevski, (3rd) Leigh Frederick.  
 Ladies Bronze Interpretive—(1st) Michelle Barker, (2nd) Lee-Anne Hamilton, (3rd) Elizabeth Davia.  
 Ladies Silver Interpretive—(1st) Nicole Vautier, (2nd) Brenda Hachey.  
 Ladies Gold Interpretive—(1st) Stephanie Barclay.

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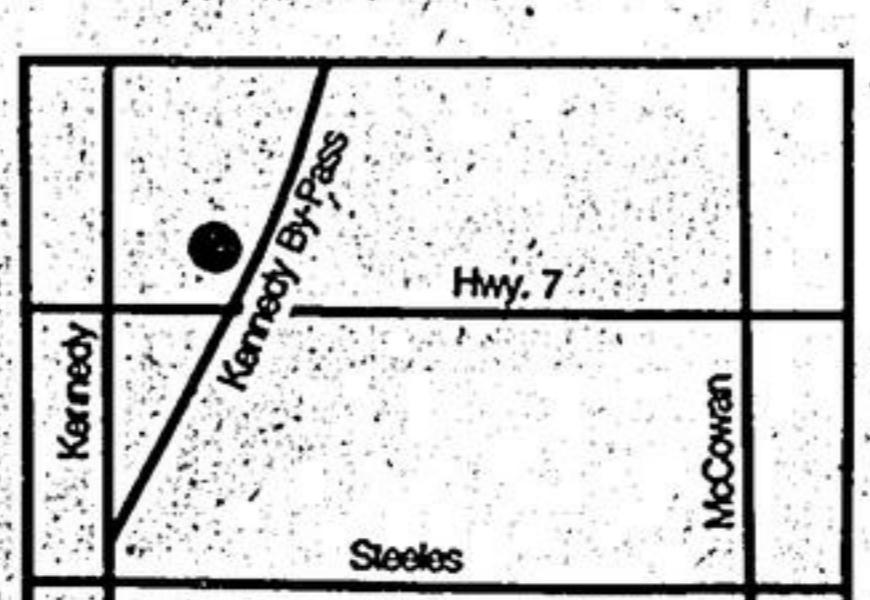
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