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Stouffville Peewees advance

Weird goal ends series

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The puck seemed to float in the air. Stouffville Peewee Clipper captain Jason Underwood delivered the long shot from outside the blueline, late in the third period of Friday's semifinal game-four tangle with Woodbridge.

The puck took an abrupt dip and beat the Woodbridge goalie to the glove side. The marker broke a 4-4 deadlock and terminated Wood-

bridge's lifespan in OMHA hockey this season.

The 5-4 decision wrapped up the best-of-five series for the tenacious Clippers, sponsored by Stouffville District Credit Union. The local squad now advances to the All-Ontario BB finals against Amherstburg (near Windsor).

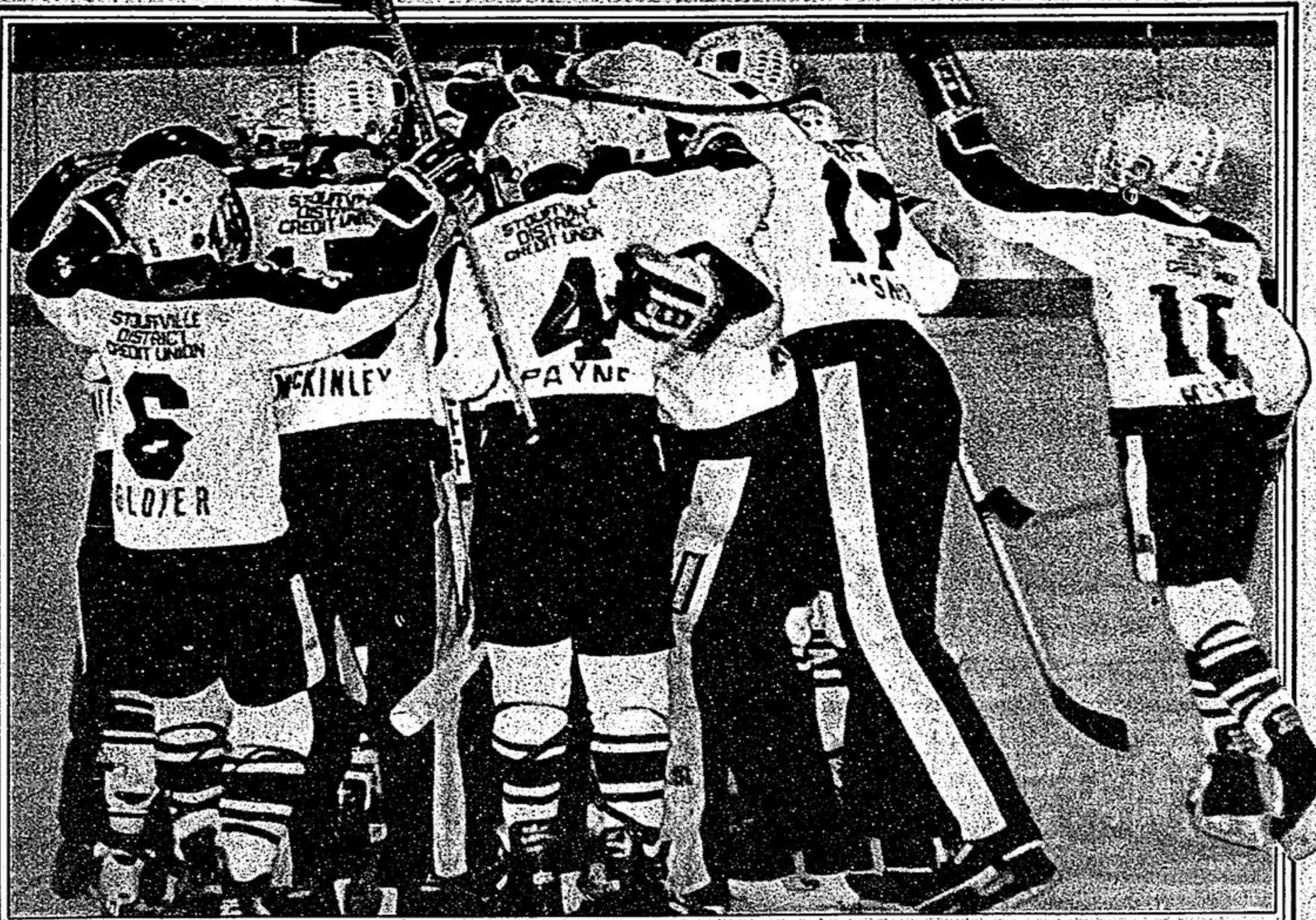
That best-of-five series will begin in Stouffville this weekend.

Unlike Underwood's fluke goal, the peewees' ice-capades this year have little in common with chance. Coach Glenn Whitebread and his talented troupe won the prestigious peewee championship in Quebec's International Hockey Tournament in February.

That global accomplishment coupled with local tourney crowns has given the squad a well-deserved competitive reputation above the platitude-line of most clubs.

Goals and assists in Friday's chippy eliminator went to Scott McKinley (1,2), Guy Biadi (1,0), Keith Piette (1,0), Drae Glover (1,1), and Underwood. Goalies Basil Luciano and Danny Wilson shared pipe duty throughout the series.

Prior to game-four, the Clippers shutout Woodbridge 5-0, March 16. Point-getters included: Jamie Campbell (1,1), McKinley (1,1), Jason Maskery (1,0), Underwood (1,0), Piette (1,0), and Billy Payne (0,2).



One more series to go!

The Stouffville Peewee Clippers added another chapter to their remarkable season last Friday. What's all the celebration about this time? The Clippers eliminated Woodbridge from OMHA play-downs to clinch a birth in the final series with Amherstburg (a

suburb of Windsor). Prolific centerman, Jason Underwood, scored the winner with an unusual drop shot from outside the blueline in Friday's 4-3 victory. The final series is expected to get underway this weekend in Stouffville. —Chris Shanahan



JASON UNDERWOOD scores winner

Local novice club bucked by Toros

The Neil Patrick Novice Clippers lost in overtime to the aggressive Bowmanville Toros Monday night in the Lakeshore playoff finals.

At press time, the score was unavailable. However, the young Stouffville hockey squad now trails the favored Toros two games to one in the best-of-five showdown.

Prior to Monday's loss, the Clippers defeated their eastern neighbour 4-3 in the opener at the Recreation Complex last Friday.

SEE-SAW BATTLE

Ryan Jefferson drew first blood on a set up with Sian Morrison and Geoff Smith in the first period. The bulls battled back to a 2-1 lead on goals by their talented captain in the next period.

With four seconds remaining in

the middle frame, Stouffville anchorman Jason Reesor blasted a shot from the point to tie the game.

Reesor scored the go-ahead marker in the third period before Bowmanville responded to tie the game again with less than two minutes left on the clock. Smith combined with Phil Pridham to sink the winning goal with 43 seconds remaining.

LOSE GAME 2

The bulls clipped the local squad 3-1 the following day in Bowmanville. Stouffville trailed 3-0 and missed some great powerplay opportunities before Roger McMann scooped up Reesor's shot for a rebound goal.

The series continues with game-four at the Recreation Complex tonight at 7 p.m.

"We couldn't even buy a goal," laments Stouffville midget coach

The Stouffville Midgets were eliminated from a penalty-ridden OMHA semifinal series with Wood-

bridge by a painful 2-1 margin on Sunday.

In front of a capacity crowd (over

Off-season workout refines skate talents

Uxbridge Figure Skating Club's weekend carnival, 'If The Shoe Fits...' marked the end of its regular season.

However, class is still in session for students attending the club's Off-Season Skating School. The school, which operates in

both spring and fall, is geared to individual skater development through programs featuring a varied and flexible menu.

Classes are offered in freeskate and dance techniques and are supervised by a highly qualified coaching staff.

Skater conditioning is enhanced by the rigorous stroking program, while the 'Back to Basics' session concentrates on the refinement of style, carriage and so on.

Though the school isn't necessarily recommended for a passively interested skater, it will provide an extended season for all who enjoy the pure physical pleasure of the sport.

With this intensified and more personalized program, skaters will learn at a faster pace and will accomplish more in the program's five short weeks than they would through an entire winter season.

Sessions run Monday through Thursday from 4 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., beginning today (March 26) and ending April 30.

For more information, including fee schedules, contact Marion Cassie at 852-7709 or Marion Cook at 852-7757.

800) at the Recreation Complex, the local boys did everything but put the puck in the net. That the series went the full five games with Stouffville blowing an early two-game lead, made the final outcome all the more disappointing.

Trailing 2-1 with 1:37 left in the final contest, Stouffville's Jeff Christensen failed to capitalize on a rare penalty-shot opportunity. Prior to the free shot, a Woodbridge player, sensing an impending goal by Dave Fockler, knocked over the net intentionally to stop play. The penalty-shot was awarded.

"We just couldn't buy another goal," bemoaned Clipper coach Dave Fockler. "Woodbridge had

more penalties than we did. We should have (won the game) in the first period. We had our chances."

Stouffville secured a fragile 1-0 lead on a goal by Sean McQuigge until the final frame. Woodbridge pressed and finally tied it up while shorthanded and then scored what proved to be the winner.

Coach Fockler figured the intensity of the game and large number of spectators intimidated the play. "My guys might have been a little tighter than normal," he suggested. "A lot of guys looked to be shooting at the goaltender. We tried different powerplay situations, but nothing seemed to work."

Soccer players enlisted

Six of the Whitechurch-Stouffville Soccer Club's most promising young players were chosen to represent York Region at an upcoming tournament.

Stouffville kickers who received invites to the Ontario Inter-District Indoor Soccer tournament, March 29-30, include: Jason Melko, under 16 York Region Selects; Travis White, Gilles Francis, Frank Nardi,

Aaron Massey, Drae Glover, under 14 York Region Selects.

The event will comprise district select teams from Lambton, E.M.S.A., South West Ontario, Peel-Halton and Niagara.

Coaches from the Ontario Soccer Association and provincial clubs will be scouting the tourney for possible candidates for the Ontario provincial under 14 and 16 teams.

'King of Blades'--dazzles all

Showcase of medals

Luke Austin is quickly earning a reputation as Uxbridge's own King of Blades.

Like Canada's former world men's figure skating champion Donald Jackson, Austin appears to be jumping and spinning his way to the top.

He's racked up an impressive array of skating accomplishments during the past four years as a member of the Uxbridge Figure Skating Club.

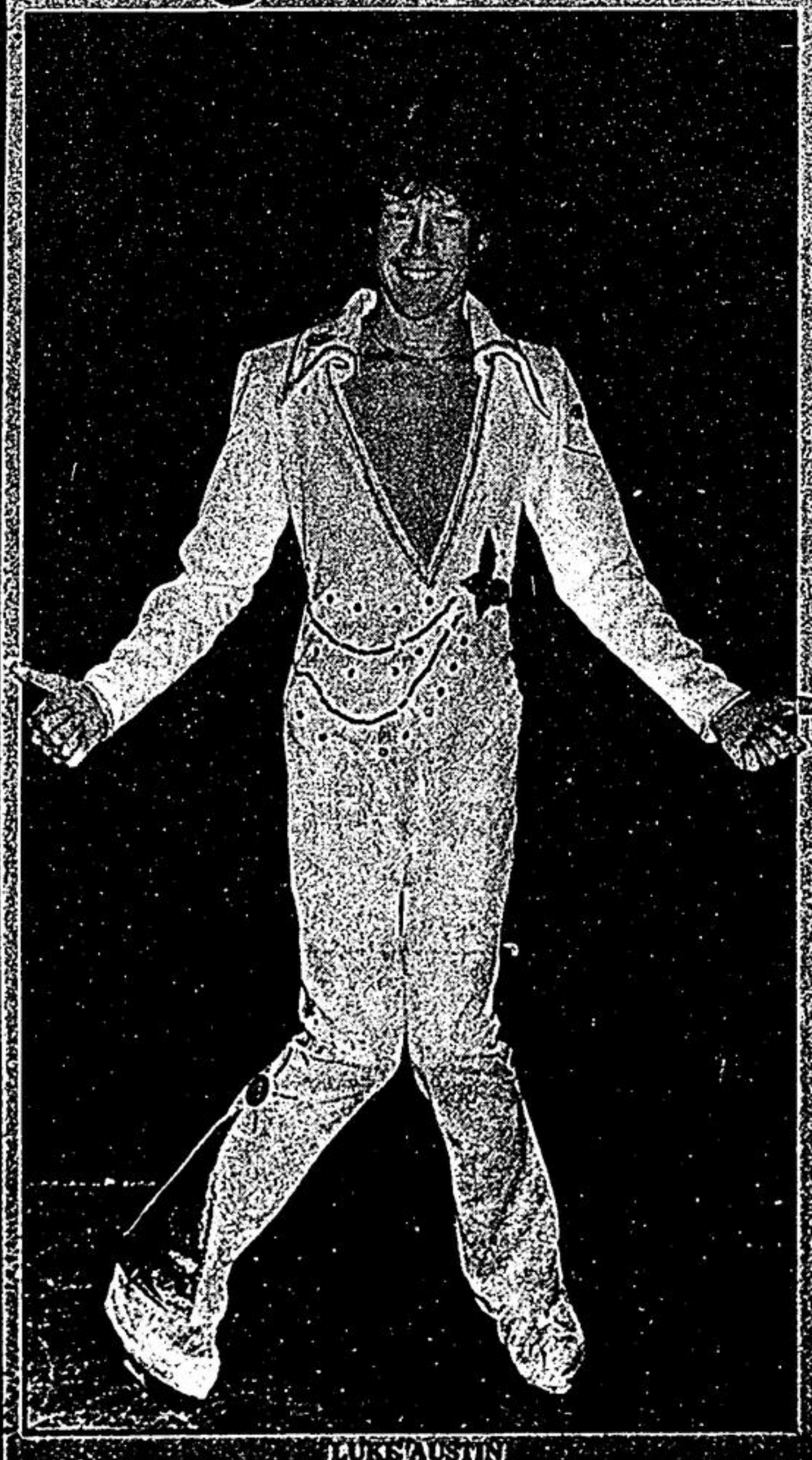
Most recently, Austin placed first in the juvenile men's singles event at the 1986 Eastern Ontario Sectionals in Ottawa. This marks the first time an Uxbridge club member has struck gold at this level of competition.

And at Hamilton/Stoney Creek, he captured the silver medal in singles and earned a bronze in dance. He also skated to a gold in men's singles at the 1985 Pineridge event.

A list of Austin's other achievements include: Pineridge '83 gold medal in singles in his first year there; Pineridge '84 gold medal in singles and dance; Uxbridge Invitational '84 silver in singles; Hamilton/Stoney Creek '85 silver in dance; 1985 Eastern Ontario Sectionals at Whitby silver for dance in his first year at that level; and the 1985 Uxbridge Invitational silver in both dance and singles.

The 14-year-old North Street resident (he celebrates his birthday today) also had a starring role in the club's weekend carnival, 'If The Shoe Fits'.

Austin, a Grade 8 student at Joseph Gould Senior Public School, electrified audiences Saturday and Sunday as the King of Blades. He also took part in other skills during the carnival which was graciously hosted by the Canadian Figure Skating Association.



LUKE AUSTIN

Thanks to Mayor

Dear Editor: Through the Stouffville Tribune as a volunteer in local sports, I wish to commend Mayor Fran Sainsbury for her interest in our athletes; be it an individual or a team. All our athletes and sport organizers help to bring honor

to our town and are actually sales people promoting our town.

Thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,
Cliff Dunkeld,
Stouffville

SPORTS SHORTS

FISH LICENCE MEETING

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources is inviting the public to a series of meetings to discuss the proposed \$10 angling licence for 1987.

Local meetings (7 p.m.-9:30 p.m.) are scheduled for the following dates: March 27, Red Oak Inn, 100 Charlotte St., Peterborough; April 2 and 3, Howard Johnson Airport Hotel, 801 Dixon Rd., Rexdale; April 10, Bridgeport Rod and Gun Club clubhouse, Woolwich Township Rd. 65, between the villages of Bloomingdale and Mary Hill.

Ontario currently spends \$30 million annually on fisheries programs. Ministry officials say fees from the new licence could provide approximately \$10 million in additional revenue for fish projects.

GIRLS HOCKEY BANQUET

The Annual Banquet and Awards Night for the Whitechurch-Stouffville Girls Hockey League is April 27 (6:30 p.m.) at Latham Hall.

All players must contact Carol Barber or George Taylor to confirm attendance. Parents and guests can purchase tickets from the above persons. Cost is \$7.50.

The junior and senior houseleague championship finals take place April 6 at 6 p.m. and 7:20 p.m. respectively. Two senior squads will combine to take on the Kinsmen Mens Club at 8:40 p.m.

The provincial playoffs are slated for Meadowvale Arena (Mississauga), April 12. In Stouffville, the Annual General Meeting (7:30 p.m.) will take place at Latham Hall. All players and/or parents are asked to attend.

A PENALTY FOR LIFE

An unprecedented number of eye injuries in the NHL has prompted CKVR television to produce a documentary — A Penalty For Life — to be aired Sunday, March 31 at 5:30 p.m.

Close-Up reporter, Stephen Fischer, examines the increase of violence in the NHL and the alarming rise of eye injuries that have occurred as a result. Many hockey observers believe the bellicose attitude of professionals is rooted in the mirror hockey system.

SOCCER REGISTRATION

Boys and girls can register for Whitechurch-Stouffville soccer at the Recreation Complex on March 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Registration forms are available at the recreation office. For more information call Linda White 640-5313 or Martin Johannessen 640-4764.

1986 ICE REVUE

The Stouffville Figure Skating Club presents 1986 Ice Revue on April 11 and 12 at the Recreation Complex. Tickets are on sale at the arena, Card's Hardware, Stouffville Electronics, or call Marilyn Ferguson at 640-2374. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for children, and \$2 for seniors (matinee only).