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Skaters fare well at Uxbridge

Stouffville was shut out of the medal presentations this past weekend at the Uxbridge Invitational meet, but several performers came close. Stiff competition from large clubs in Unionville, Markham and other communities grabbed a monopoly on medals at the annual affair.

Here are the results of Stouffville Figure Skating Club members who competed at the Invitational held at the Uxbridge Arena:

- Michael Pride placed 6th in Pre Preliminary Men.
- Janine Jeffrey placed 4th in Flight in Pre Novice C Ladies.
- Nicole Jeffrey placed 8th in Flight in Pre Juvenile B Ladies.
- Lee Anna Hamilton placed 5th in Flight in Juvenile B Ladies.
- Elizabeth Davia placed 5th in Flight in Junior B Ladies.



Julie Ozolins of the Uxbridge Figure Skating Club presents Allan McKenzie, 11, with her award after a successful skate in the Uxbridge Invitational meet this past weekend (top photo). Tara Cake, 13, placed second in her division, and received her award from mother Patty. They live at RR.3, Uxbridge (centre photo). Above, Verna Hemington, donor of the Hemington trophy, presents the award for the top skater in Pre-preliminary competition for men to Andrew Pilkington of Uxbridge.



Julie O'Connor, 13, of the Uxbridge Skating Club is awarded a medallion for her performance in the Uxbridge annual invitational this week. Janice Kemp presents Julie with her medal. Stouffville skaters were shut out of the medal rounds.

In playoff action Atom Clippers earn a win then drop a pair

By BRUCE STAPLEY

The Stouffville Atom Clippers tasted victory early last week in round robin playoff action, but took it on the chin twice as the week wore on.

Michael Underwood's goal, scored while he was on his knees, gave the Clippers a 3-2 win over Port Perry on the road Monday. Stouffville had taken a 2-0 lead into the final period on a penalty shot goal by Roger McMann, and a Peter Smith tip in of a Chad Dickinson pass.

But the Port crew roared back with two to tie it early in the third.

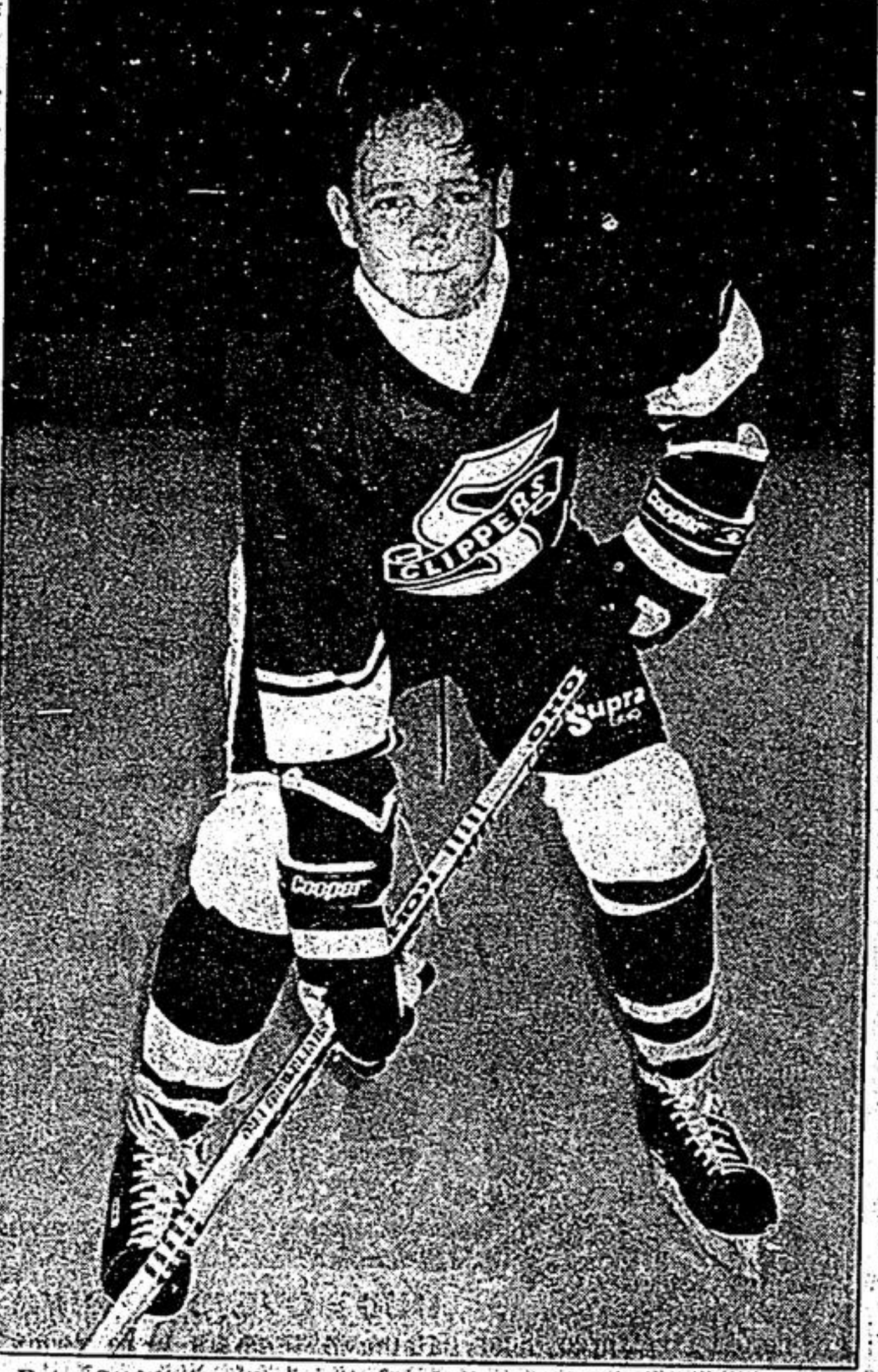
After being brought to his knees at the crease, Underwood lifted the puck into the Port Perry net for the game winner. John McKinnon and Ian "Turk" Ellis drew assists on the play.

The Clippers fell just short at home on Wednesday, dropping a 4-3 squeaker to Cobourg. The two teams traded goals in the first period, and then again in the second, with Smith and Michael Boyd doing the damage for Stouffville.

Cobourg hit for a pair of markers in the third period, with McKinnon's goal, on a great pass from Smith, being too little too late for the Clippers.

Back in Cobourg Friday, Stouffville never recovered from a 3-0 second period deficit, eventually losing 4-2.

Stouffville takes on Cobourg yet again Wednesday (Feb. 1) at the Recreation Centre at 7 p.m., before going back to Port Perry for a game Friday. The two teams will square off in Stouffville Sunday afternoon at 4 p.m. in further playoff action.



Peter Smith scored one goal and assisted on another in a 4-3 Stouffville Atom 'Clipper' loss to Cobourg. — Bruce Stapley

Oldtimers clash for first time in benefit contest

By BRUCE STAPLEY

While it could be seen as a battle of the grey-bearded pucksters, unlike most skirmishes, everyone will win this game.

Stouffville's two men's oldtimer hockey teams will faceoff for the first time ever in a benefit hockey game for Ernie Kennedy, the Stouffville area man who lost both arms in a gravel accident last year. The game will be played Feb. 25 at the Recreation Centre.

The contest will pit the Chefero Sand and Gravel Stouffville Classics against the Betz Clippers Oldtimers, fresh off their big victory in the annual Ernestown Oldtimers' Tournament Jan. 22.

"It's certainly not a grudge match," says Jim Wagg, manager of the Chefero team. "We decided several years ago

we wouldn't play against each other because we didn't want a rivalry to develop. The two teams work closely together."

Wagg claims the game evolved from the players' decision to do what they could do to help Kennedy, who is now convalescing at home after a futile attempt was made to reattach his limbs in hospital.

"We had a meeting and decided this was a good cause, and that we should arrange a game between the two teams for the first time."

According to Wagg, the Recreation Centre holds 1,100 people, and he's determined to fill it.

"The Lions will run the bar, and Don Lloyd is going to donate his hand, 'Country Gold'."

Wagg says Kennedy's neighbours have volunteered to

man the ticket window, and the Stouffville Amateur Hockey Association will hold a 50-50 draw. Wayne Nugent, referee in chief of the SAHL, will line up referees free of charge.

Clippers Oldtimers manager Al Hachey says neither team wants to see the game become one-sided.

"We're rated as a C team, whereas the Classics would be a little higher than that. But nobody wants to see a runaway in either direction."

Both teams are strictly tournament clubs, with the Clippers Oldtimers playing in Canadian Oldtimers Hockey Association tournaments.

The Classics are coached by Ray Steel. John Boyd stands behind the Clipper Oldtimer's bench directing traffic.

Also included in the Classics' lineup will be: Doug Gornall, (7); Bill Hermanson, (100); Art Nicholson, (16); Wayne Jackson, (17); Bruce Mehaffey, (18); Ted Pickering, (20); Gord Smith, (21); and Larry Penny, (27).

Playing for the Oldtimer's will be: Dave Parrott, (33); Steve Ellis, (2); Lionel Villeneuve, (4); Bill Corner, (5); Joë Infurnari, (9); Ralph Cain, (11); Ron Cain, (6); George Cowley, (12); Bob McKinnon, (13); Wayne McMann, (14); Steve Upton, (20); Terry Weatherill, (27); John Blair, (25); Bill Ormson, (7); Eric Scaife, (10); Henry Stevens, (18); and Don Lloyd, (19).

Betz beats Co-op Atoms

Betz Pools trampled Co-op 6-1 in Atom play at the Recreation Centre Saturday.

Kris Vanoughnet scored two for Betz and singles came from Jeff Greer, Greg Northey, Rob Jones and John Woodley.

Ian Simms scored the lone Co-op marker.

Jesse Gray's fine goaltending had much to do with Custom Ready Mix registering a 4-1 win against Cedar Beach.

Chris Lightfoot scored two for the Ready Mix team with singles coming from Bryan Mallison and Shaun Boyd. Billy Define scored Cedar Beach's goal.

First winter show draws 19 to Boots and Saddle Club event

While icy conditions and slippery footing kept many regular competitors sidelined, more than 19 horse and rider combinations turned out for the Boots and Saddle/Western Horse Club's first winter show Jan. 15.

An added feature to this season's competition was the introduction of two gift certificates presented by both Frontier Saddlery and Fox Hunter Equestrian Centre to the winners of four classes chosen by the presiding judge at random.

This month's lucky recipients were Kathy O'Halloran in Adult English Equitation, Marsha Fortus in Open Mystery and Open Down and Back and Scott Moir in Youth Barrels.

Results follow:
SHOWMANSHIP
 1st: Joanne Wright, (M); Tommy Chicago, (2nd); Diane Partridge, (Decks Desiree), (3rd); Lori Sherwood, (Devils Dreamer).
ADULT ENGLISH PLEASURE
 1st: Kathy O'Halloran, (Super James), (2nd); Beverly Anne Ferguson, (Scorp Mystery), (3rd); M. Frazer, (Starlight).
YOUTH ENGLISH PLEASURE
 1st: Kathy O'Halloran, (2nd); Beverly Anne Ferguson, (3rd); M. Frazer, (Polly).
ADULT WESTERN HORSEMANSHIP
 1st: Beverly Anne Ferguson, (2nd); David Tomlinson, (3rd); Lindsay Randolph, (4th).
OPEN MISTERY
 1st: Marsha Fortus, (Buttons Lee Pine), (2nd); Clark Hunter, (Pokey), (3rd); Clark Hunter, (American Express), (4th); Andrea Tedder, (Miss Paula Clara), (5th); Glen Morehouse, (Superamer), (6th); Ralph Wallin, (Sundance Kid).
ADULT BARRELS
 1st: Wendy Gayman, (Baytonia Lee Aaron), (2nd); Clark Hunter, (3rd); Marsha Fortus, (4th); Clark Hunter, (5th); Glen Morehouse, (6th); Ralph Wallin.
YOUTH BARRELS
 1st: Scott Moir, (American Express), (2nd); Andrea Tedder.
STAKE BARREL
 1st: Marsha Fortus, (2nd); Andrea Tedder, (3rd); Wendy Gayman, (4th); Clark Hunter, (5th); Glen Morehouse, (6th); Clark Hunter.