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Brenda Hachey earns two bronze

Stouffville skaters shine at Upper York skating finals

Stouffville's Brenda Hachey earned two bronze medals, Saturday, in the Upper York Inter-Club Figure Skating finals at Aurora.

Brenda placed third in both Open Interpretive and Gold Dance.

Other medal recipients from Stouffville were — Jennifer Selwyn, (bronze), Preliminary Interpretive; Leslie Penny,

(silver), Silver Interpretive; Elizabeth Davia, (silver), Gold Interpretive and Janine Jeffrey, (bronze), Jr. Silver Dance.

Stouffville's Michael Pride placed second in Men's Preliminary Juvenile Free-Style.

Other Stouffville participants included — Melissa Miller, Michelle Barker, Zoe Liadis,

Lee Anna Hamilton, Nicole Jeffrey and Jennifer McLeod.

Lee Anna Hamilton finished out of the medal round by only a few points in both the Silver Interpretive and Juvenile Free-Skate.

She placed fourth. Elizabeth Davia came close to winning a second medal.

She was fourth in Pre-Novice Free-Skate.

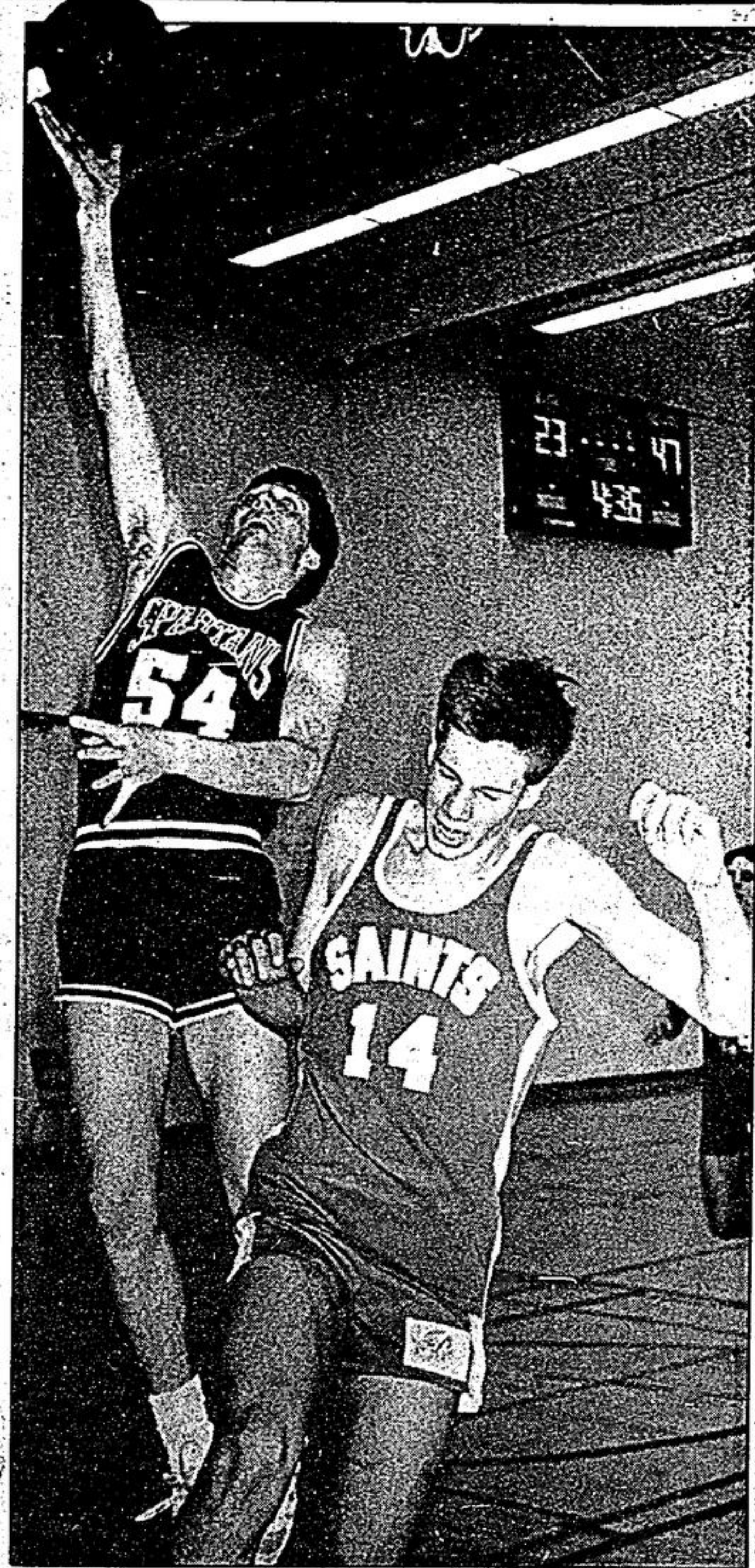
Richmond Hill won the team trophy with a total of 69 points followed by Markham with 59; Newmarket, 55; Stouffville, 28 and Aurora 15.

The medal presentations were made by Inter-Club President Bea Fisher of Markham assisted by skaters Jana-Kim Batha of Richmond Hill and Bill Bridel of Aurora.

Medal winners



The Upper York Inter-Club competition in Aurora this week saw many local skaters bring home medals for fine efforts on the ice. Above, Leslie Penny, 14 of Spring St. in Stouffville earned a silver medal in the Silver Interpretive class. She is presented with the award by Bill Bridell of Aurora. At right, Jennifer Selwyn, 12, of Geoffrey Cres., Stouffville, is presented with her medal by Jana-Kim Batha of the Richmond Hill Figure Skating Club.



The Stouffville Senior Spartans may have been eliminated from York Region basketball action this week, but it was not without the efforts of leading scorer Don Clearwater. Here, Clearwater (54) makes his way to two more of his 27 point total for the final week of play. The Junior Spartans managed a playoff berth, however.

Senior Spartans fall short in bid to make playoffs

By BRUCE STAPLEY
The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans fell just short in their bid to grab a playoff position last week.

The Spartans took two of four games in a hectic season-concluding week, doubling their victory total to that point in the season.

The Spartans started the week strong, hammering Newmarket 81-57 on Monday. Don Clearwater was the big point-getter for Stouffville, hitting for a total of 27.

Mark Brooks had 13 and Guy Cowan 12.

On Tuesday, it was Clearwater again leading the Spartans to an exciting 46-45 win over St. Roberts.

Brooks added eight points, as did John Hall.

But Thursday found them up against a red hot St. Andrews team and the Stouffville boys bowed 54-40, despite Clearwater's 21 points scored.

Friday, the Spartans were obviously out of their depth against Thornhill, as the visiting cagers dumped them 65-43 to end any hopes they had of making the playoffs.

Cowan led Stouffville with 12 points.

Spartans' coach Jim Fletcher feels his team never recovered from the slow start brought on by the season starting when his basketball mainstays were still involved in the All-Ontario volleyball playdowns.

"That caused us to get off to a bad start," says Fletcher. "I wish we had another month for basketball. We'd be right there. But we can't really use that as an excuse."

Juniors earn playoff spot

The Stouffville District Secondary School Junior Spartans defeated St. Roberts 45-40 last Tuesday to guarantee them a basketball playoff spot.

Mike Greathead was the big man for Stouffville, scoring 16 points, while Kevin Harmer chipped in with 12.

Sebastian Templer played a strong game on defence.

Greathead was at his best, faking his shot, then driving it to the basket for points repeatedly.

The Junior Spartans finished off the regular season with a 66-37 loss to Thornhill.

Stouffville was in the game at the half, trailing 31-37, but in the second half a lack of rebounding along with many missed layups led to their demise.

Greathead again was the top scorer, with 11 points.

Cam Harden and Kevin Harmer had 10 each.

Coach Dave Connell feels his team could be a major force in the playoffs this week. "If we pass as well as we have been and score our layups and foul shots, we will have good success in the playoffs."



DON CLEARWATER
27 points

Bruins make playoffs

By BRUCE STAPLEY
The Uxbridge Bruins all but guaranteed themselves a playoff spot this weekend, taking two out of three games to move one point ahead of Cobourg.

The climb into the eighth and final playoff position climaxed a three-week charge that saw the Bruins erase a 10-point deficit.

Playing before a near-capacity crowd at the Uxbridge Arena Friday night, the Bruins rode a two-goal effort by John Long to a 3-1 win over Little Britain. John Steeves counted the other marker. All three Uxbridge goals came on power plays.

The Bruins' injury-depleted lineup managed to jump into a 4-1 first-period lead. Long was the big shooter again, scoring twice in the productive first stanza, his second a short-handed effort.

But Little Britain charged back to tie the score at 4-4 in the third period. However, a power play goal by Angelo Perfetti from Steeves provided the Bruins with the win. Steeves and Gregg Pierce also had goals for Uxbridge.

Sunday night saw the tired Bruins bow 7-4 to Port Perry on the road, finally snapping the unbeaten skein. Perfetti, Derek Lee, Greg Cook and Pierce had the Bruins goals.



Fond farewell

An era has come to a close with the departure of Wayne Emmerson (centre) from the Buttermakers slowpitch organization. As manager of the team for the past 10 years, Emmerson has seen 35 players come and go on the squad. This week, he announced his retirement, and his old teammates

gave him a fond send-off. Emmerson and his wife Debbie are presented with a travel voucher by Wayne Jackson, (at right) as part of the festivities on Saturday night at the Stouffville Legion Hall. Emmerson, who is town councillor, is leaving the Buttermakers to concentrate on town matters.

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