

Stouffville

# Sports

## Past players honored

# Hockey memories abound at reunion

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They brought back the magic of the 1940s and '50s at the Stouffville Recreation Centre Lounge Friday night as the Markham-Stouffville Oldtimers Hockey Association held their annual reunion.

From a podium that was backdropped with a collection of sweaters from the old Stouffville and Markham Intermediate and Junior teams, awards and honors were lavished upon players and supporters both living and dead.

Those in attendance included Guest of Honor, and Stouffville Sports Personality of the Year Jim Clarke, Mayor Fran Sainsbury, and local NHL'er Keith Acton.

Others came from as far as Collingwood and Belleville, as players, organizers, wives and followers gathered to renew acquaintances.

Master of Ceremonies Bud Watson paid tribute to members of the Association who were no longer alive, including Howard Crosby, Dick Perry, and Bobby Forester, then expressed his regret over the recent passing of Association executive member Bob Lawrie.

Mayor Sainsbury presented a picture of a hockey scene to Committee chairperson Jim Thomas, on behalf of the town. The picture is to hang in the Rec Centre.

Members of the old Peach's Hockey Team were also honored.

As is customary, three builders were then acknowledged and presented with the Max Reesor Builders Award for contributions to hockey in the Markham-Stouffville area.

This year's recipients were Markham's John Lunau, Stouffville's Ed Grimshaw, and Stan Pringle, who died in 1978.

Harry Watson noted Lunau's dedication to the various teams he supported, adding he did everything from acting as batboy, through to serving as team president.

Grimshaw, presently first Vice President of the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, was introduced by Jim Thomas.

"Locally, he has held every conceivable position in the town's hockey program," said Thomas. "And now, he is a lifetime member."

John Hutchinson, who presented Grimshaw with his plaque, noted he was a "hockey ambassador without equal."

Pringle, who played with the Markham Juniors team that went to the Ontario semifinals in 1929, was represented by his wife Margie, and his son Grant.

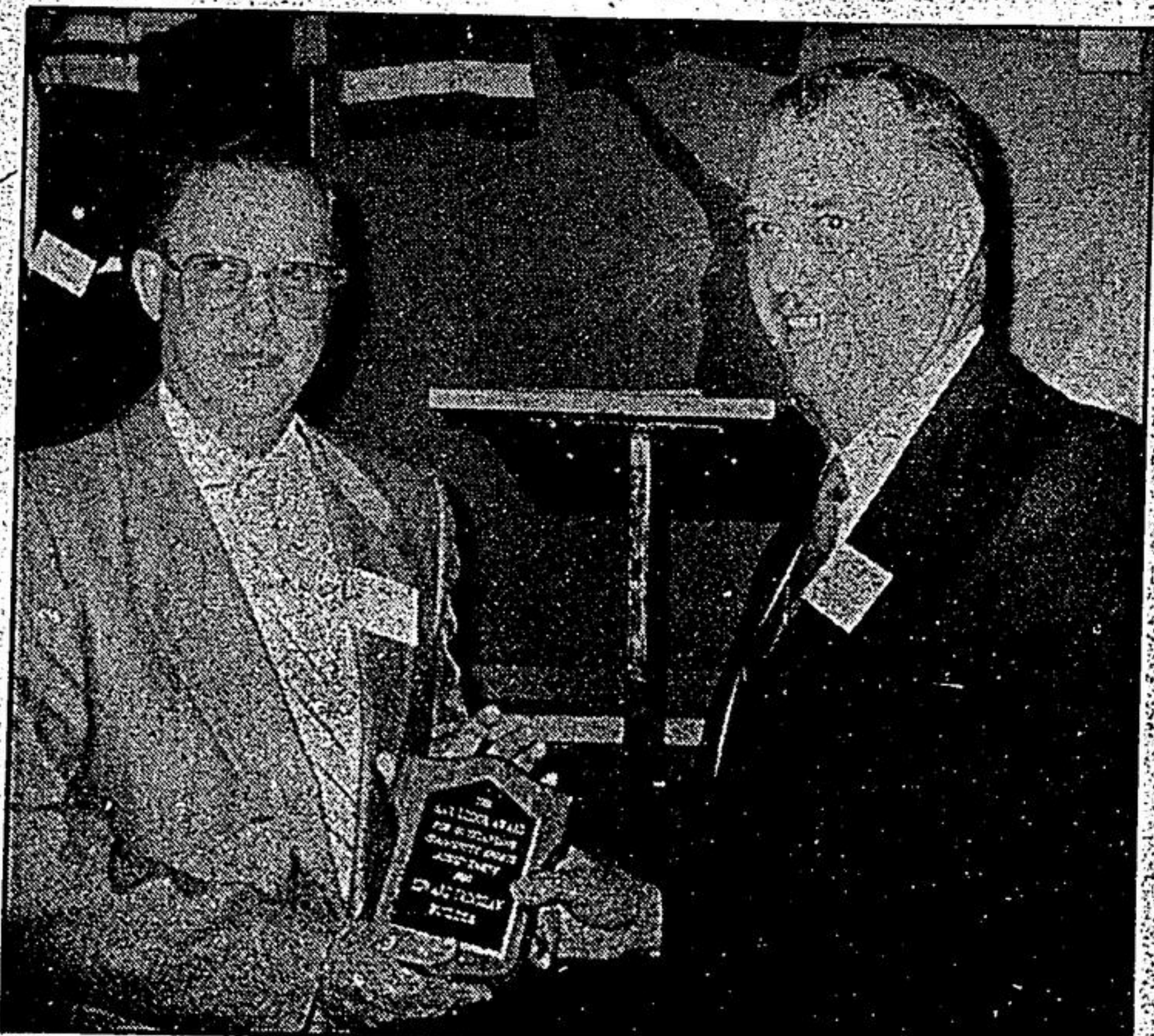
Ron Hurst, representing the NHL Oldtimer's Association, also made a presentation on behalf of his organization to Lunau.

The Max Reesor Players Awards were given to Harry Milroy, the late Bruce Harper, and the late Bob Lawrie.

Milroy, a hockey legend in Markham and Stouffville, starred for the old Markham Millionaires, and the Markham OHA Juniors, and exhibited "uncanny ability, and excellent sportsmanship," according to Bill Hood, who paid tribute to Milroy.

Les Clarke, who paid tribute to Harper, noted that he "brought honor to both Markham and Stouffville," in his days as a player.

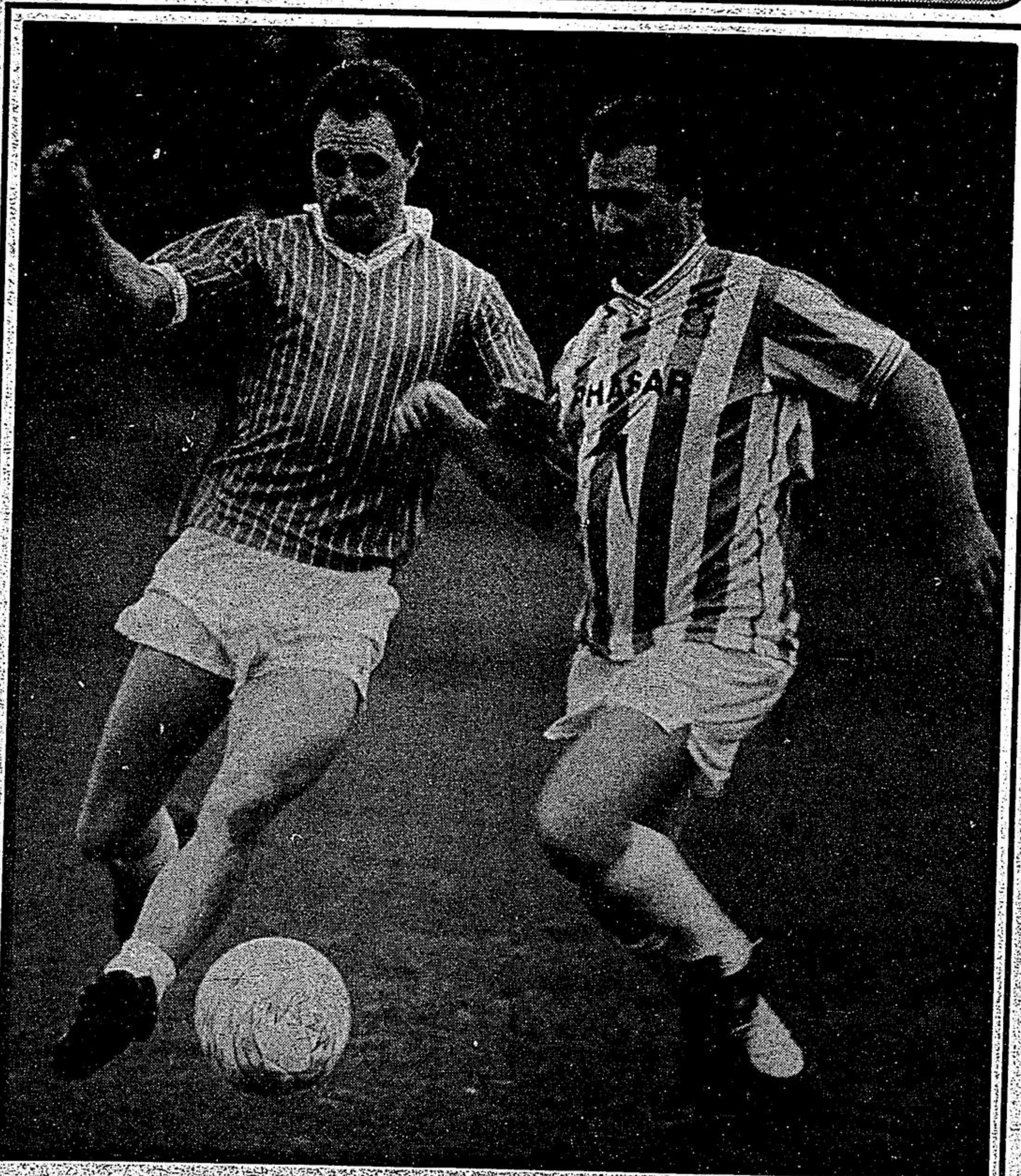
Bob Bangay, in honoring Lawrie, said he was a "graceful skater who could score goals." And it just wasn't in his nature to hold a grudge. He was a good sportsman.



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## Grimshaw honored

Ed Grimshaw, left, was one of three Markham-Stouffville hockey personalities honored with the Max Reesor Builders Award at the Oldtimers Hockey Association reunion Friday at the Stouffville Recreation Centre. Making the presentation is John Hutchinson. Also receiving builders Awards were Markham's John Lunau and the late Stan Pringle.



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Jon Lord, left, of the Stouffville Spurs men's soccer team battles an Orangeville player for possession during action Saturday afternoon. The contest ended in a 0-0 tie.

## Spurs earn tie in soccer opener

It was solid end-to-end soccer Saturday evening as the Stouffville Town Spurs played to a scoreless tie with Orangeville at the Stouffville District Secondary School field.

The Spurs, playing their first ever Newmarket and District Soccer League contest, were weakened by an injury to their top playmaker, Anton Wilson, who had to leave the game early.

Spurs manager Bill Perrie felt Wilson's absence might have made the difference between a win and a tie.

"Anton's our main guy. If he hadn't got injured, I

think we would have eventually gotten a goal or two," he said. "But it was good to get one point in our first game ever in Stouffville. And Orangeville is an established team who have been together for about 15 years."

Spurs goalie Danny Piggott earned the shutout, while John Klein came up with a big game on defence for Stouffville.

The Spurs, who are still looking to add a few more players to their roster, play again on May 26 in Owen Sound, returning home for a match on June 2.

## Second straight title

# Fletcher paces SDSS to win in York Fitness Challenge

Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) won their second straight York Region high school Fitness Challenge competition Monday.

The eight-member SDSS team outscored their five competitors in the four event fitness tournament held at SDSS.

In winning their second consecutive title, and their fifth in the six years the competition has been held, SDSS had to fend off a strong challenge from Huron Heights in Newmarket.

The SDSS team won the title by the narrow margin of 21.5

points.

Events in the Fitness Challenge included a two-mile run, a rope climb, sit ups and straddle jumps in a two minute period.

Kevin Stemm was SDSS's top individual performer, placing second overall among the males. Teammates Mike Morgan and Cam Harden were fifth and sixth respectively.

In the female side of the competition, it was Raquel Beecher of SDSS placing third overall with Anne Beecher and Lise Haylow coming in fourth and fifth.

Jim Fletcher, the Stouffville school's male teacher team member, was third, while female teacher rep G. Eastman finished fifth.

SDSS phys. ed. head Dave Connell praised the dedication of Fletcher as being inspirational to the whole team.

"The enthusiasm of Mr. Fletcher was the key to our winning again," he said. "The kids got into the spirit of the thing because he was practising so much in the days leading up to the competition."