

Sports

Bryon makes national qualifying time

Uxbridge swimmer makes history by becoming eligible for Canadian championships

Melanie Bryon has succeeded in coming the first Uxbridge Swim Club (USC) member ever to record a national qualifying time.

Melanie, the 14 year old daughter of USC head coach Terry Bryon, achieved the feat at the Eastern Cup (Eastern Canadian) championships at Sherbrooke, Quebec last weekend.

The Uxbridge Secondary School student earned two silver medals at the senior level meet, placing second in both the 100 and 200 metre breast stroke events.

Bryon found herself in seventh and eighth place after the preliminaries, but

catapulted herself into second spot in both categories with her performances in the finals.

Bryon's mother Mary, a coach with the Uxbridge club, said it was a matter of putting it all together when it counted. "We knew she hadn't swam up to her potential in the preliminaries," said Mary. "But she turned a few heads, including her own, in the finals."

Both Bryon's silver medal times were under the national qualifying times, making her eligible for the Canadian national championships to be held this summer.

Mary Bryon said the club might have

had a second national time swimmer at the meet, but that Mike Wasylenky had been slowed down by a bout with the flu.

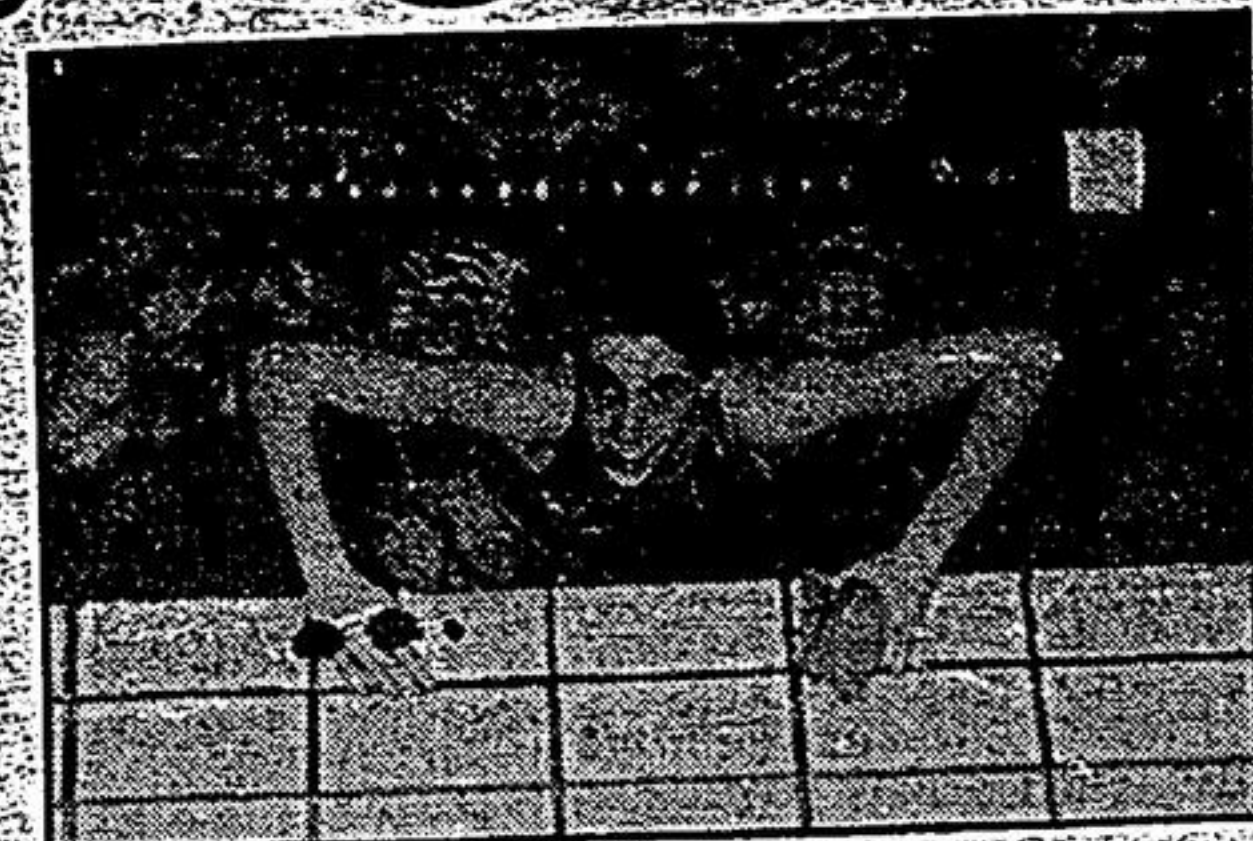
She said her husband (Terry Bryon) had been saying it was inevitable that the five year old club would eventually produce a national qualifier, and that there would likely be more to come.

"It's now just a matter of time before the club has more national qualifiers. I'm sure there will be a few more before this season ends."

Melanie also placed in the 200, 400 and 800 metre free style events, recording personal best times in all five categories in which she competed.

In all, 12 USC members competed at the meet, which included swimmers from Ontario, Quebec and the maritimes.

All swimmers participating in the



Melanie Bryon exits the pool in Sherbrooke, Quebec after last weekend's Eastern Canadian Championships. Bryon's times were up to national qualifying standards and she is now eligible for the Canadian championships event had qualified by posting times faster than their provincial time standards.

Stouffville figure skaters pass tests

Stouffville Figure Skating Club members passed 58 of 65 tests at a recent test day.

Leslie Penny, Michael Pride, and Nicole Liadis were all successful in attaining their fourth figure, part two, while Jennifer McLeod and Zoe Liadis had a complete pass in their third figure.

Chris Weatherill, Lisa Choo-Hum, Jackie Cooper, and Amanda Leger had complete passes in their second figure, with Stephanie McLeod getting her part two.

Amanda Crowder, Leah Percy and Kirsty Assinck were awarded complete passes in first figure, with Andria Dowdell and Naomi Ishiguro earning their part two.

Other passes included: Freestyle - Leah Percy; Preliminary Dutch Waltz - Jessica Wilcock, Samantha Alston, Mary Jo Radford, Sandra Brown, Bonnie Thompson, Lianne McMullen, Canasta Tango - Nicholas Choo-Hum, Christiana Little, Megan Crowder, Janice Boyd, Heather Penny, Sean Chubbuck, Blair Wilkinson, Vilja Roman-metsmaa, Crystal Raptis, Wendy Wright, Juula Roman-metsmaa; Baby Blues - Scott Neuman, Kelly Stowar. (This completes preliminary dance for Scott and Kelly).

Other passes included Junior Bronze, Swing - Helen Raptis, April Cody, Lauren Smith, Willow - Jessica Smith, Andria Dowdell, Naomi Ishiguro, Kristin Urbinati, Michelle Zafiroopoulos, Lisa Forsyth (All have now completed their junior bronze dances); Senior Bronze - Kristy Assinck; Fourteenstep - Karen Boyd, Jessica Weatherill, Christopher Weatherill; European - Amanda Crowder (Karen and Amanda have now completed their senior bronze dances); Junior Silver, Foxtrot - Kirsten Fraser, Lisa Choo-Hum; Tango - Amanda Leger, American - Stephanie McLeod, Lisa Choo-Hum; Rocker - Julie Selwyn, Zoe Liadis, Amanda Leger. (Amanda, Julie and Zoe have now completed their junior silver bronze dance).

Other passes included Leslie Penny, Lee-Anna Hamilton, Jennifer Selwyn, Kirsten Kelly and Jennifer McLeod will be trying high tests Feb. 26.

SDSS volleyballers win

The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans Junior girls volleyball team powered its way to a double victory last week.

The Spartans disposed of Sutton DH in two games straight in their opener, then took Newmarket two games to one in the next set.

The Spartans received a total team effort. Kate McKnight and Melissa Austin served effectively, while Stacie Patten, Erin Blenkhorn and Leanna Milos combined to provide strong hitting and solid defence.



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Members of the Uxbridge Skating Club recently won the Boundy Trophy at the Pineridge Interclub meet. Winning skaters included front row (left-to-right) Clinton Paisley, Emily Ahlgren, Victoria Reinhardt, Lars Ahlgren; second row Chris McQuat, Jonathan Ball, Chris Moynes, Victoria Leeming, Brooke Batten; back row - Sara Dart, Lee Pilkington, absent are Ryan Davies, Tiffani Foster and Jennifer Mercier-Esmonde.

Uxbridge skaters win Boundy Trophy

For the fifth time in the past 10 years, the Uxbridge Skating Club has brought home the Boundy Trophy at the Pineridge Interclub Competition.

The local outfit snuck past its nearest competitor, edging the Oshawa Figure Skating Club by just two points at the two day event held in Port Hope recently.

The Uxbridge club earned four first place medals at the meet. Jonathan Ball finished on top in the beginner men's

category, Clinton Paisley was first in the preliminary men's final; Tiffani Foster won in the senior ladies' field and Emily Ahlgren and Clinton Paisley prevailed in the preliminary dance.

Seconds were earned by Chris Moynes (preliminary men), Lars Ahlgren (pre-juvenile men), Lee Pilkington (senior ladies), Brooke Batten and Ryan Davies (preliminary dance) and Victoria Reinhardt and Lars Ahlgren (junior bronze dance).

Thirds went to Ryan Davies (preliminary men), Jennifer Mercier-Esmonde and Chris McQuat (junior bronze dance).

Other Uxbridge club members to finish in the top seven in their categories were Sinead Gallagher, Joselyn Bell, Ashleigh Thomas, Brett Doble, Ashley Reinhardt, Allison Lunne, Krystin Matthews, Jennifer Ozolins, Victoria Leeming, Laurie Dyke, Linda Hamilton, Sara Dart, Tiffany Kolenbrander and Shannon Kemp.

USS senior Tigers reach basketball semifinals

It wasn't fancy, but the Uxbridge Secondary School (USS) Tigers senior boys basketball team limped into the regional (LOSSAA) semifinals with a 78-64 win over Port Perry HS at the USS gym Wednesday.

The Tigers, with just four healthy starters, got a 26 point

effort from Jason Eddy to lead the way.

Steve Pilkey went to the hoop for a season high 19 points, while Aaron Massey was good for another 15 points.

With starters Greg Ferraro (ankle injury), Blake Palmer (cold) and Darryl Stevenson (ankle turn) at less than full

strength, the Tigers were performing under their potential, according to coach Tim Huleatt.

"Having just five players, we had to run a lax defence because we didn't want to run into foul trouble," said Huleatt. "The Tigers, who led 38-20 at the half, were still able to dom-

inate the boards, said Huleatt, which resulted in many inside baskets for his team.

"We were a taller team so we could beat them in close. And we had worked on passing and inside shooting at practice earlier in the week, and it seemed to pay off," added Huleatt.

However, the coach said the

Tigers would have to play an improved game if they hoped to beat Brock HS in the LOSSA semi-final, which was to have been played yesterday.

"Hopeful our injured players will be able to play up to form. We'll need to play much better than we did against Port Perry if we hope to beat Brock."