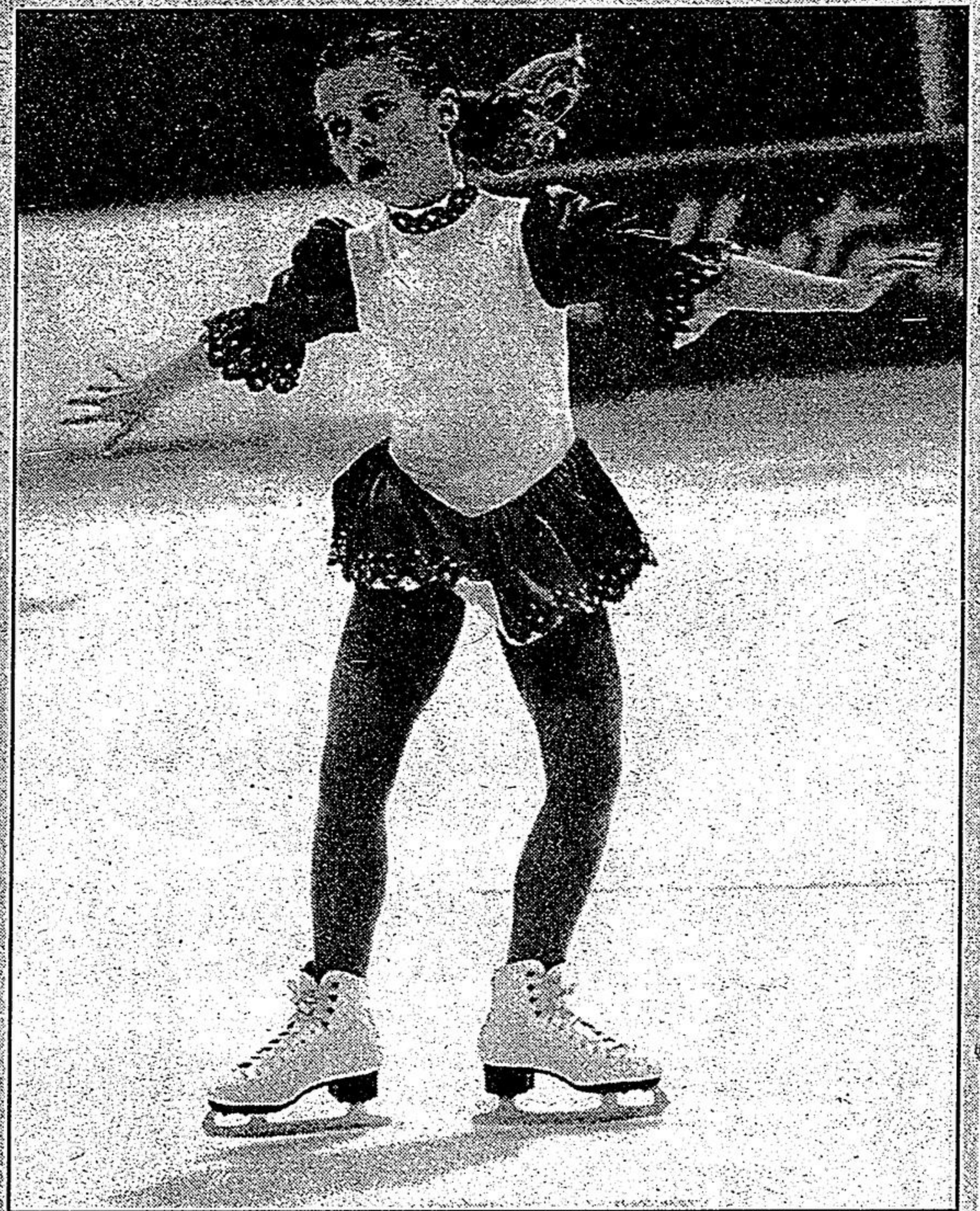
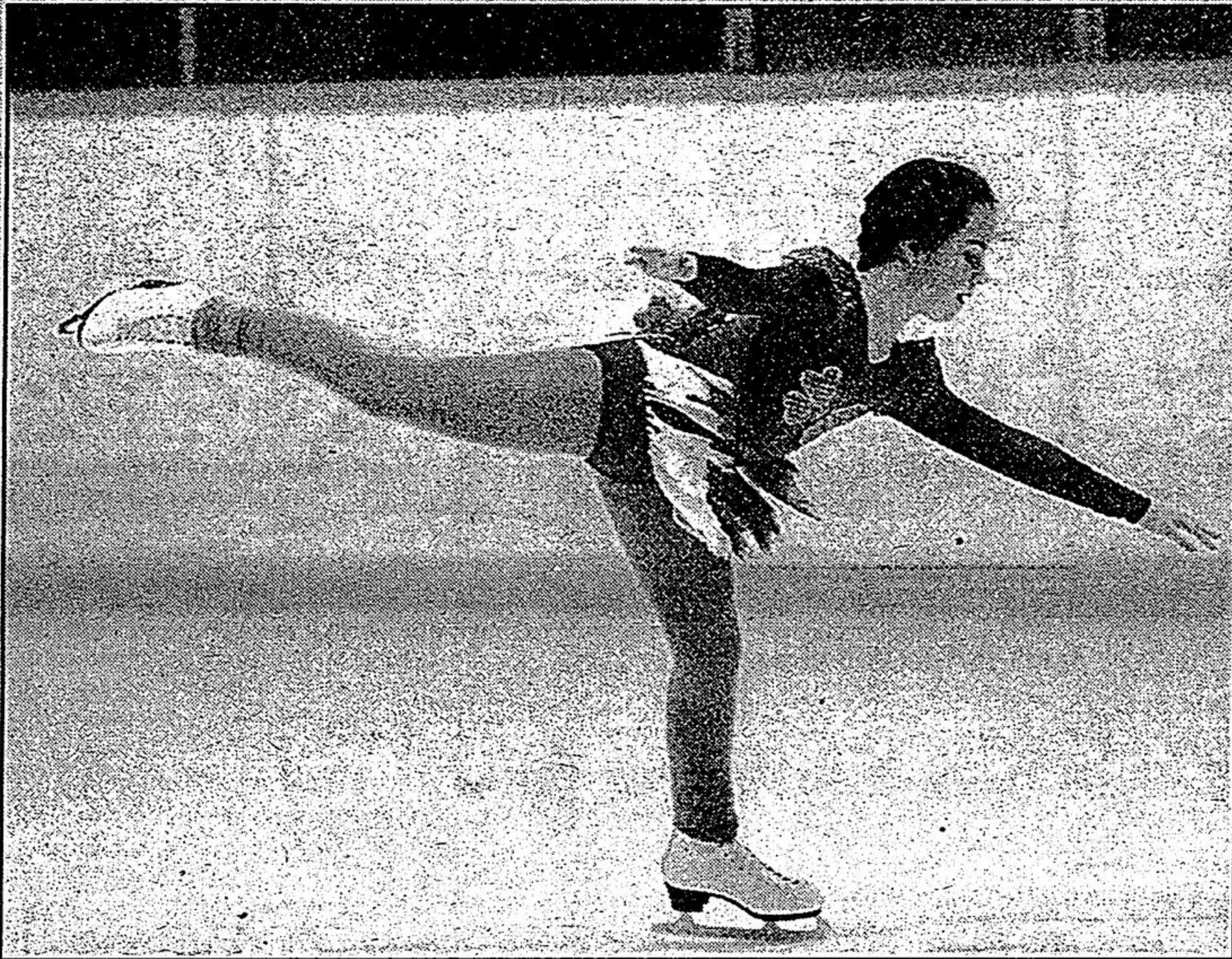


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FIGURETIVELY SPEAKING: Skaters from the Stouffville Figure Skating Club took to the Rec Centre ice on Monday and Tuesday to take part in the club's annual Interclub competition. Here, Samantha Huskisson (above), tackles a manoeuvre in the Ladies Preliminary B, Interpretive competition. In the right photograph, Kristin Naylor goes through her routine in the Preliminary B, Interpretive division.

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Lloyd saves the day as Spirit tame Cougars

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Correspondent

Road warriors!
The Spirit of Stouffville made it three wins in their last four games away from home when they defeated the Cobourg Cougars 5-2 Monday night in a Provincial Junior A Hockey League contest in Cobourg.

The Spirit got stalwart efforts from goalkeeper Cory Lloyd, along with offensive bulwarks



Darcy King and Kevin Edgar. Lloyd had to be sharp as the Cougars held a 34-22 advantage in shots on goal.

"We didn't play a very good hockey game, but Cory bailed us out," said Spirit head coach Dan Larmer. "The pucks were flying all over in our end, and it's a very small rink down there."

Larmer suggested that while the victory was not a classic, it helped balance things out.

"There have been games this season that we should have won but didn't, so we'll take the two points."

King and Edgar continued to inch their way towards the top of the Eastern Conference scoring race.

King notched his team leading 21st and 22nd goals of the season, while adding an assist to put him in second place in the points parade. Edgar counted his 20th marker, with his three assists leaving him right behind King in third place.

Defencemen Craig Giuliani and Brian Fish each picked up their second goal of the campaign. Mike Micheff had two assists.

Larmer was delighted to see his team get back on track after two straight losses.

"We've now won three of our last five games. If we keep doing that we'll be fine," he said.

SPIRIT CREEPING UP THE LADDER

The triumph brought the last-place Spirit back to within two points of the fifth place

Couchiching Terriers, and four points of the Lindsay Muskies.

The Spirit travel to Lindsay to take on the Muskies on Friday.

The Spirit's recent road resurgence is in stark contrast to their first 12 away matches, in which they won just one, tied one and lost another in overtime.

The Spirit have won seven and lost seven at home, but are winless in their last four Rec Centre starts. They'll be out to put a stop to that streak when they entertain the Sturgeon Falls in a rare Saturday night game this week.

"Earlier this season all of our wins were at home, so it would be nice to start picking up a few more at the Rec Centre," said Larmer.

Local players to don Blackhawks uniform in exhibition tilt

With the Spirit of Stouffville taking a rare Thursday night off this week, hockey fans might want to make the trip up Hwy. 47 to take in the visiting Russian Men's Oldtimers Hockey Team.

The Russian team, which includes several members of the squad which won their division at last year's World

Cup Oldtimers Tournament in Toronto, will be facing off against the Uxbridge Blackhawks men's team.

With seven skaters in the Russian lineup under 35 years of age, the Blackhawks will be adding a kid line of Stouffville's Mike Feasby, along with Kent Jordan and Cliff Freckleton.

This trio of 30-plus players made their respective mark in the Stouffville and Uxbridge minor and junior hockey scene in years gone by.

The game gets under way at 7 p.m. on the new ice pad at the Uxbridge Arena.

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