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Athletes put in top performances in 1997

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Here is the second part of *The Tribune's* look back at the year in sports. Please see Tuesday's paper for a look back at the performances of local hockey teams.

MAY

• After years of campaigning and controversy, Stouffville's second ice pad finally became a reality, with a special grand opening held in May to commemorate the project's long-awaited completion.

• The Whitchurch-Stouffville darts league closed off their season with an awards banquet. The Fullerton's 2 squad cleaned up at the event, finishing first in regular season and then going on to win the playoff title.

• The annual A & S Raiders Slow Pitch Tournament saw both the Williamsville Leasing Buttermakers and the Stouffville Tigers reach the finals in their respective divisions. Both teams were narrowly edged out of victory in the late innings of their games.

• Stouffville Judo competitors continued to impress, bringing home two gold medals, three silvers, and a bronze from the Ontario High School Judo Championships at Peel High School.

• Local equestrian enthusiast Joanne Morehouse was honoured with a prestigious award by the Cowboy Publishing Group. Her horse, Katz N Jammer, was named Top Barrel Horse, Canadian Region, for the 1996 competitive season. Katz N Jammer overcame stiff competition from members of well-developed circuits in Quebec, British Columbia, and

Alberta, to emerge victorious in her field.

• The SDSS Spartans boys' fastball team completed a third consecutive undefeated regular season with a 22-1 pounding of the Markham District High School squad.

JUNE

• Stouffville was once again represented in the Stanley Cup finals by area resident Keith Acton, who reached the series this year as Assistant Coach for the Philadelphia Flyers.

• The SDSS Spartans took their fourth consecutive YRAA fastball crown in this long-time coach Bill McKnight's final year. In the ten years McKnight coached the team they reached the YRAA finals nine times, winning six.

• Paul Koert and Evan Boyd received news this month that they would be among those representing Ontario in a national fastball championship during the Summer Games in Brandon, Manitoba.

• Rachel Shanahan represented SDSS at the Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations (OFSAA) track and field championships. She qualified for the chance by winning the York Region title and taking fourth in the Central Ontario Region OFSAA championship.

• SDSS honoured its athletes at the 1996-97 Athletic Ceremony. Presented most Outstanding Athlete honours in each of their respective divisions were Ian Hazlewood, Alison Crowder, Mark Burkholder, and Alex Chacinski.

• Area skater Jeff Tratt joined the Disney on Ice troupe as first alternate to the lead role in their production of Andrew Lloyd Weber's *Starlight Express*.

• The Sheffield Judo Club made another impressive showing at the Ontario Judo Championships, with Chris Canteini, Chantal Jones, Jamie Hewlet, Kerry-Lynne Hulshof, Eugi Plank, Kyle Chee-a-tow, and Trevor Chee-a-tow all winning gold medals. The club also brought home six silver medals and four bronzes.

• Local harness racing legend Cam Fella, the Pacing Machine, was retired from stud after siring a distinguished line of winners.

• Stouffville/Markham based flyball troupe Total Recall won a tournament in Caledonia with repeated world-record-breaking performances.



Whitchurch-Stouffville Mayor Wayne Emmerson, centre, cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of the second ice pad at the Rec Centre in May. He was joined by many of the centre's user groups.

JULY

• The Betz Pools midget boys placed third at the Ontario midget fastball championships in Napanee. Paul Koert, who was named the tournament's best pitcher, and Evan Boyd earned spots on the roster of the winning team as they went on to represent Ontario at the Eastern Canadian Championships in Fredericton, N.B. Koert would also earn a place on Team Canada for the World Junior Fastball Championships in St. John's, Newfoundland.

• Long-time sports advocate, coach, and supporter Jim Wagg was named Sports Personality of the Year.

• The third annual Mayor's Golf Tournament raised \$15,000 for local youth programs.

• Stouffville hosted an exhibition double-header which saw the New Zealand Black Sox Under-19 Men's fastball team take on a pair of local clubs. Both the Betz Pools midgets and the Uxbridge Bandits Men's teams fell to defeat at the event, held at Memorial Park.

• Vandorf resident Reno Dambrosio was chosen to be among the players representing Ontario at the North American Fastball Association championships in Fargo, North Dakota.

• The York County Bowmen hosted their 5th annual 3-D Canadian Classic target shoot attracting competitors from Ontario, Quebec, and

Michigan.

AUGUST

• Team Canada, with the help of local player Paul Koert, placed third overall in the World Junior Fastball in St. John's, Newfoundland.

• Ted Stonehouse, a Stouffville native who moved to Nova Scotia, returned home this month as a procontesting a tournament held at the Mandarin Golf Club.

• Paul Koert and Evan Boyd's Team Ontario came to Stouffville for a double-header played against a pair of local teams. The Betz Pools midgets played the team to a tie, while the Claremont Rebels defeated the all-star team. Team Ontario would go on to win gold at the Brandon, Manitoba championships, going undefeated in eight games against teams from British Columbia to Newfoundland.

• The annual Musselman's Lake triathlon attracted competitors from around the globe again this year. Winning the women's category was Nerissa Johnson of British Columbia, while top men's honours went to Jonas Colting of Sweden. Jackie Wilson of Mount Albert posted the best time in the duathlon event.

• Andrew Bellerby and the University of Toronto rowing team won gold at the 1997 Allan International Collegiate Invitational Regatta in Taiwan.

• It was announced that Stouffville would be adding a juvenile AA

AAA hockey team to its roster of local sports teams.

• This year, 563 participants raised \$28,000 at this year's annual Terry Fox Marathon of Hope.

SEPTEMBER

• Former Stouffville resident Michelle Hofstee placed 4th at the 1997 World White Water Rodeo Championships, held in Ottawa.

OCTOBER

• The SDSS Spartans field hockey team reached the YRAA semi-final round before being eliminated by Newmarket High School.

• The soccer world mourned the passing of Casey Van Maris, who rose from the presidency of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club to sit on the executive of the Canadian Soccer Association. Van Maris was honoured posthumously at the grand opening of the mammoth indoor/outdoor soccer complex he helped build in Woodbridge.


NOVEMBER

• SDSS junior boys' and senior girls' cross-country teams advanced to the OFSAA championships. The boys' volleyball and girls' basketball clubs advanced to the YRAA finals.

DECEMBER

• Goodwood's Clinton Paisley won the Eastern Canadian Divisional Skating Championships in Peterborough. He combined impressive short and long programs to win the Novice men's division of the tournament.

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Lori Taylor put her name in the University of Vermont women's basketball team's record book recently by setting an all-time mark in career assists. The 22-year-old Taylor, who is a five-foot-eight senior point guard, established the mark on Dec. 14 when she was credited with six assists in the University of Vermont's 86-78 home court loss to the University of Maine. Taylor accomplished the record with her third assist of the game when she set up Kate Cronin for a baseline jumper with 16:51 left in the second half. That assist was the 455th of her career and broke the old mark of 454 set by Deb Lewis in 99 games between 1984 and 1988. Taylor was playing in her 93rd career contest.

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