

## Wicks, Douglas top Ducks at meet

Victoria Wicks, 13, and Laird Douglas, 9, led the Stouffville Ducks Swim Club with top-three placings at last weekend's Division Two Team Championships in Brantford.

Other top-eight finishes were recorded by Cassie Beach, 14, and Kevin Boehnke, 18.

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# Scoring titles run in McLellan family

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Like father, like son. Like father, like daughter.

In the case of Dave McLellan and his daughter Laurie McLellan, the Stouffville residents recently accomplished something that hasn't happened too often, if at all, in the Stouffville Amateur Hockey League.

They captured scoring titles in their respective competitive divisions.

Dave, 53, amassed a total of 39 points for his BMO Nesbitt Burns entry to lead all scorers in the league's 50 and over division for the second straight year.

Laurie, 24, a first-year player in the women's division with Wild Wing, compiled a league-leading 38 points.

To prove their feat wasn't an aberration, both scored game-winning goals to lead their club's to their respective SAHL titles in last Saturday's year-end championships.

"It's funny, but we actually did talk about it a bit at the beginning of the season," she said. "He had won the scoring race last year

as well, and I thought it would be really cool if we both managed to win it in the same year. But the pressure was all on him though, to defend his title."

Good teammates help, Laurie said.

"Luckily, I have an entire team of incredibly supportive women, so I never felt pressured to score. I think it just shows how much we both love the game, that we go out and work hard regardless of the stakes.

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"Whether it's the finals, or the first game of the year. I'm not a natural scorer so I always show up to play, and that's really the only way the points will come for me," she explained.

Dad is far prouder of what Laurie did than of himself.

"There's been a bit of a rivalry during the year," said the fourth-year league member. "Sure it's quite a feat in what we did. But really, I'm far more proud of what she's done than what I accomplished. I'm just an old guy playing for fun. She's an unselfish and skilled player."

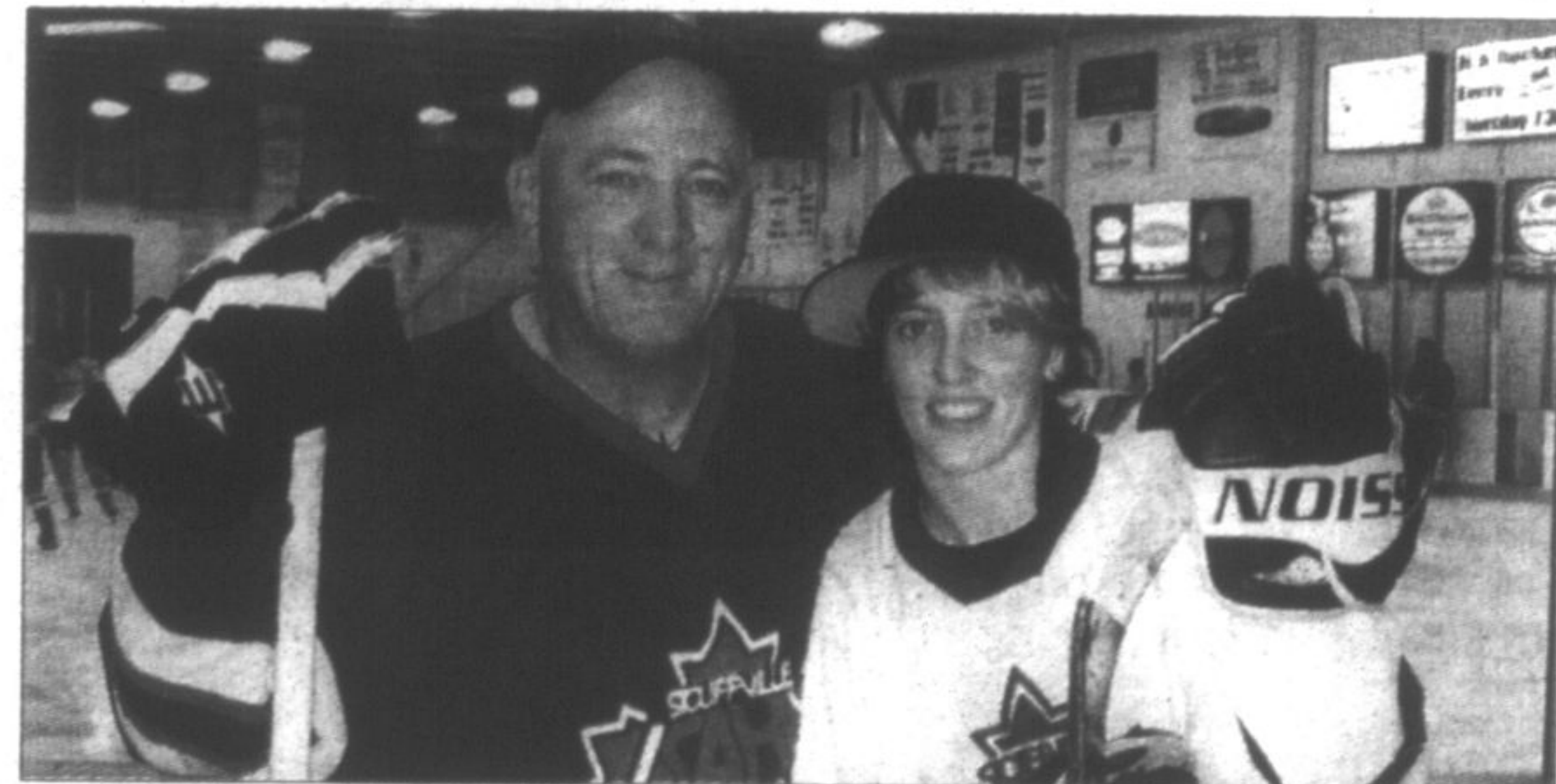
Laurie began playing in a boys' league

at age six while growing up in North Bay before Dave helped to get a girls' league started there, 15 years ago. She also plays on the Stouffville Markham Stars Senior A team. That's when Laurie isn't attending school where she's training to be a welder.

Or thanking Dad.

"He's definitely been a big influence in my hockey career," she said. "I was the first one in the family who wanted to play hockey as my older sister doesn't play the game. He was there to get my equipment, show me how to hold a stick, tied my skates when I was younger and explain why players did certain things with and without the puck on the ice. He's taught me so much about hockey growing up."

Dave played up to the midget ranks in North Bay before becoming an official for 21 years, including work in the Ontario Hockey League. Memorable assignments included the gold medal game in the World Under-17 Championships in Sudbury in 1991 and a pre-Olympic exhibition game in the mid-1980s between Canada and Russia in Rouyn-Noranda, Que.



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