

# Canton Upsets Stoners 36-33 In Defensive Tussle

**BY DAN WILLIAMS**  
A determined Canton boys basketball squad, employing a tough collapsing zone, squeezed by the Potsdam Sandstoners 36-33 Jan. 4 in a battle of league-leaders at a packed house in Potsdam.

It was apparent from the outset that this game was going to be a defensive slugfest, as the Stoners could not get the ball inside to their bread and butter man, Mark Nunge. Nunge was limited to nine points by Canton's Gordie Leonard and Mark Saltrelli.

The hosts held a slim 8-6 edge after the first period. Leonard, a 6'4" forward, flipped in six of six foul shots in the first eight minutes for the Golden Bears' scoring attack. Rob Peets, a 6'0" senior Stoner guard hit several long-range jumpers to keep Potsdam ahead for most of the first half. However, a jumper at the buzzer by Mark Simpson staked Canton to an 18-16 lead at the intermission.

Fine play by 6'0" junior guard Andy Ondek and 5'4" freshman John Knack helped Potsdam to a 25-22 advantage after three

quarters. Knack was forced to play most of the game because of a back injury to starting point guard Jeff Bajza in the first quarter.

The Bears began to close the small gap in the early going of the fourth quarter when Simpson got hot, scoring five points in the decisive quarter. A layup by his brother Pete Simpson with 1:39 left in the game lifted the Bears to a 32-31 lead.

Ondek hit a jumper at 1:13 as Potsdam regained the lead, 33-32. But, Canton stormed back when Mark Simpson hit a 15-foot jump shot with :35 left to take the lead 34-33.

After a flurry of timeouts, Peets let fly a 20-foot shot which rolled in and out with :04 left. He committed a foul, and Saltrelli hit both free throws, icing the upset win for the Bears, now 8-1 overall, 4-0 in league play.

Peets was the leading scorer for the hosts, hitting six jumpers for 12 points. Ondek scored eight points. Potsdam falls to 9-2 overall, 3-1 in NAC play.

"We played great defense, but

we couldn't put the ball in the hoop. Our big men didn't play well, they were ineffective inside," said Stoner Coach Steve Knack.

"We were forced to play three quarters without our point guard, Jeff Bajza. John (Knack) played well, but he's only a freshman. Andy Ondek played great in the second half, even though he had three fouls."

He continued, "We have a lot of games left, the season is still young. We'll learn from this game, and get ready for two big league games."

Potsdam is in Norwood-Norfolk tonight (Tuesday) to face the 4-0 Flyers. On Friday, Jan. 11, Tupper Lake invades Potsdam for another big matchup. The game was originally scheduled to be played in Tupper, but the Lumberjacks' gym is being refurbished.

**Stoners Pound Clifton-Fine**  
Nunge scored 16 points leading a balanced 11-man scoring attack as Potsdam ran past an outmanned Clifton-Fine squad 71-37 Jan. 2 in NAC play.

**Potsdam.**  
Knack was able to use all 12 players before the first quarter was over. In all, 11 Stoners hit the scoring column. Four players, Bajza, Peets, Basil Cheney, and Knack, all scored eight, while Ondek hit for seven points in the blowout.

Potsdam held quarter leads of 10-6, 32-20, 55-26 over their Division III opponent. C-F was led by Mike Frank's nine markers. His brother Jim and Jim Brown each hit for seven.

**Canton 34 Potsdam 33**  
Canton: Leonard 3-6, P. Simpson 1-0-2, Saltrelli 2-0-4, Gibson 2-0-4, M. Simpson 6-2-14. Totals: 14-8-36.  
Potsdam: Nunge 4-1-9, Manske 1-0-2, Bajza 1-0-2, Ondek 4-0-8, Peets 6-0-12. Totals: 16-1-33.  
Halftime Score: Canton led 18-16  
JV Score: Potsdam won 46-43

**Potsdam 71 Clifton-Fine 37**  
C.F.: M. Frank 4-1-9, Janack 1-0-2, Rizzo 1-0-2, Brown 2-3-7, Forkey 1-2-4, Woods 3-0-6, J. Frank 2-3-7. Totals: 14-9-37.  
Potsdam: Nunge 6-4-16, Manske 2-0-4, Bajza 4-0-8, Peets 4-0-8, Ondek 3-1-7, Cheney 4-0-8, Knack 4-0-8, Unswoth 1-0-2, Patel 3-0-6, Knapp 1-0-2, Lenney 1-0-2. Totals: 33-5-71.  
Halftime Score: Potsdam led 32-20  
JV Score: C.F. won 60-47

## Knights Win Twice, Gain 1st Place

Clarkson University added to their string of ECAC hockey triumphs last weekend (Jan. 4-5) downing Army 5-3 and Princeton 5-2. The two victories, both on the road, moved the Knights to first place in the ECAC with a 12-2-2 overall mark.

Clarkson, which stands atop the ECAC with a percentage of .889, just ahead of second place RPI at .875, will return home to Walker Arena after a 42 day absence when they host third place Harvard on Jan. 11 and Dartmouth on Jan. 12.

In their first scheduled match-up against Army in 30 years, the Knights almost never made it as they were stranded enroute just three miles shy of the West Point campus by an ice storm for over two hours. Clarkson finally arrived at Smith Rink and the scheduled 7 p.m. game got under way at 9:20 p.m.

The Knights showed little effect of the two-hour confinement in a bus as they jumped out to a 4-0 lead midway through the second period.

Freshman Jay Rose opened the scoring with his first collegiate goal, an unassisted slapshot from the top of the right face-off circle that beat Army goaltender Brian Drinkwine high on the glove side at 2:39 first period.

Steve Williams and Gord Sharpe set up the second goal with a beautiful passing combination that sophomore Al Hill (Ottawa, Ontario) connected on at 6:25.

Hill made it 3-0 at 1:36 of the second period when he knocked in a rebound off a Luciano Borsato shot. Jeff Korchinski also assisted.

Junior Charlie Meitner scored the fourth goal and eventual gamewinner when he sent a blast through Drinkwine's pad at 4:58. Ted Cline assisted.

The stubborn Cadets, who have battled all of their ECAC foes tough, refused to give up and stormed back with three unanswered goals.

Dave Knowlton tallied at 14:22, followed by Rob Brenner's marker at 17:30. Marc Kapsalis pulled Army within one at 15:55 of the third period before freshman Borsato added an insurance goal at 18:16 when his shot went off a defenseman past a surprised Drinkwine for a 5-3 lead. Sharpe was credited with the assist.

The Knights outshot the Cadets 43-20. Junior Jamie Falle recorded 17 saves, including two spectacular sliding pad stops in the first period. Drinkwine posted 38 saves.

Clarkson had a little easier time getting to Baker Rink for their game against Princeton, but the Knights showed the same aggressiveness, storming out to a 4-0 lead at the midway point of the middle stanza.

Meitner put the Green and Gold on top with his 10th goal of the season, a wrist shot from the right face-off circle on the power play at 2:11 first period. Defensemen Andy Otto and Dave Fretz set up the play from the point.

Junior Bob Lenney (Massena)

took a pass from Derek Ray and flipped a wrist shot from 10 feet out that found the top left corner of the net for a 2-0 Clarkson lead. Todd Jackson also assisted.

Williams made it 3-0 after he connected on a passing play by line-mates Sharpe and Hill at 1:33 of the second period.

At 7:44 on a 4-3 Clarkson power play Otto skated in from the point, picked his spot and fired a shot, beating goaltender David Shea up top for the fourth and final goal against Shea who was sent to the bench for Dave Marotta. Meitner and Fretz assisted.

Princeton, like Army the night before, refused to give up and rallied back for two goals in the period.

Scott Howe tallied on the power play at 9:25 and 30 seconds later Tim Driscoll made it 4-2.

Unlike the previous night, Clarkson refused to let the home team any closer as Meitner dimmed the Tigers' comeback hopes with his second goal of the contest, a rebound off a Borsato shot into an empty net, 17 seconds into the final period. Cline also assisted.

Falle posted 20 saves in his 40th career win between the pipes for the Knights.

Head Coach Bill O'Flaherty recorded his 125th career win with the Princeton victory. Last season on the same date the Clarkson coach reached his 100th win. Now in his sixth year as the Golden Knights mentor, O'Flaherty has compiled at 125-52-11 record for one of the best winning percentages in college hockey at .697.



**OUT OF BOUNDS —** Potsdam's Margaret Gibbs (3) has the ball knocked out of her hands by an unidentified Tupper Lake player in their 50-46 loss Jan. 3. Watching the play for Potsdam are Sarah Spencer (25), Peg Hourihan (11), and Monica Converse. Gibbs scored nine points in the losing cause. (Dan Williams photo)

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## OFA Batters Potsdam 69-17

**BY DAN WILLIAMS**  
The Ogdensburg Free Academy girls basketball team crushed Potsdam 69-17 last night (Monday) behind a stellar 26-point effort by Kathy Ballou.

Incredibly, the Devils held the homestanding Stoners scoreless for the first 13:36, holding a 35-0 lead until Potsdam's first points, two free throws by Mary Jo Fields. The score was 23-0 after the first eight minutes and 43-6 at the halfway mark.

To Potsdam's credit, the extremely young squad kept their heads in the game and continued to play with intensity as their taller and more experienced opponents marched up and down the court, scoring at will.

The Stoners, coached by Barbara LaGrand, received gutsy performances from both junior guard Monica Converse and sophomore sparkplug Kelly Norman. Norman scored eight points, while Converse hounded the ball on defense, picking up five steals. Converse was forced from the game in the third period with a knee injury.

OFA's tall front line gave Potsdam fits, and at times, had five or six tries at the hoop. Laurie Beauchamp, an excellent all-around basketball player, poured in 14 points for the Devils. Peggy Morley added eight, Renee Langstaff threw in seven, as did Kelly O'Grady.

**Stoners fall to Tupper**  
On Jan. 3, the Stoners lost a close 50-46 game to Tupper Lake, despite a fine performance from Fields, who scored 11 points and pulled down a dozen rebounds.

Once again, a slow start hindered the Potsdam five as they fell behind 13-10 after one and 23-21 at the half. Norman scored all six of her points in the first half.

Tupper began to pull away in the third quarter, grabbing a 39-32 lead after the third period. Angie Kentile sparked in the winning cause, scoring 20 points. Her teammate Jody Gale added 10.

Margaret Gibbs scored nine points, four of them in the closing minutes, bringing the Stoners to within three, 49-46, with a minute to go. The Lumberjacks held off the comeback bid.

Potsdam travels to Canton Jan. 10 and to Gouverneur Jan. 14 for their next two league games.

**OFA #9 Potsdam 17**  
Potsdam: Fields 0-3-3, Spencer 1-0-2, Chapple 1-0-2, Morley 1-0-2, Norman 4-0-8, Totals: 7-3-17.  
OFA: Martin 3-2-8, O'Grady 3-1-7, Beauchamp 7-0

**Minor League Hockey Night**  
The Clarkson University Golden Knights invite all area minor league hockey players to be their guests at Walker Arena for the Jan. 12 varsity hockey game against Dartmouth College. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

Sections 12, 13 and 14 will be reserved for minor league hockey players. Youngsters wearing minor league hockey jerseys will be granted free admission to the game.

With Clarkson students on semester break, section eight will be available to the general public for the Clarkson vs Harvard game on Jan. 11 and the Clarkson vs Dartmouth game on Jan. 12.

Tickets (\$4.50 for reserved seating and \$2.50 general admission) are available at Walker Arena; phone 268-7750 for further information.

**Young Players Invited**  
Potsdam College Men's Basketball Coach Jerry Welsh invites all area high school, junior high, and biddy basketball players to be the Bears' guests for the Jan. 12 game against Brockport.

The day will begin at 10:45 a.m. when the women's basketball team meets Russell Sage. At 1 p.m., the Bears' JV squad tangles with Brockport, and at 3 p.m., the varsity will battle a fine Brockport Eagle quintet.

Area boys and girls teams have been sent invitations via the coaches, and are welcome in Maxcy that day. No advance notice is required. Just show up and identify your school at the door and there will be no charge. Parents and other spectators will still be required to pay an admission fee.

The Bears are in Stony Brook tonight (Tuesday) and Lehman Wednesday. They take a perfect 10-0 record into the contests and are currently the number one ranked team in the state and in the east.

Come out to Maxcy Saturday and watch some exciting basketball.

## Potsdam Names New Assistant Lacrosse Coach

Mike Branski, a former lacrosse standout at Watertown High School, and an All-American at Cortland State, has been named Assistant Lacrosse Coach at Potsdam College.

Branski and Potsdam College Head Coach Jim Berkman played together at Watertown under Mike's father, Matt Branski, and both were All-League selections for WHS in 1978. Mike attended Canton ATC, where he was a Junior College All-American, before starring for Cortland.

Mike's younger brother, Tim, a senior attackman at WHS, has been accepted at Potsdam College and plans on attending next fall.

"Tim and Mike are positive additions to our program. They come from a sound and successful lacrosse family. We welcome them to Potsdam College," said Berkman, a former Lacrosse All-American at St. Lawrence University, who is beginning his first year as coach of the lacrosse team.

Mark Branski, another brother, is currently playing lacrosse at Cortland.

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## Squirts Drop Two

Brockville outskated the Norfolk Squirr Cougars 4-3 in the first round of the Potsdam tourney.

Ben Todd scored twice for the Cougars, while defenseman Jack Campbell scored a late goal. Derek Michaud picked up an assist.

Norfolk then lost to a powerful Malone team 2-1. Gabe Hinkley scored the lone goal for the Cougars, off assists by linemates Matt Berger and Michaud. Jon Cota registered 40 saves in the two games.

Prior to the new year break, the improving squirts split 7-1 decisions to Star Lake and Massena.

They defeated Star Lake thanks to Michaud's two goals and two assists. Berger also had a big day, scoring three times and registering one assist.

In their 7-1 drubbing to Massena, Berger was the lone bright spot, scoring the only goal for the Cougars. Cota and Brian Plonka combined for 34 saves in the two games.

## Malone Sweeps First Indoor Track Meet

**BOYS MEET**  
Team Totals: Malone 135, OFA 106, South Jefferson 63, Norwood-Norfolk 50, Gouverneur 47.5, Gouverneur 37.5, Canton 24.

Two Mile Relay (9:00.7): 52 H - McDonald (N-N) 6.3, 1400 - O'Donnell (S) 4:28.7, 55 - Harper (O) 4.6, 400 - Diorette (M) 1:34.8, 200 - Sharlow (P) 28.8, 1000 - Diorette (M) 2:40.9, L.J. - Barkley (O) 20:5.5, 2000 - Birk (O) 10:22.2, SP - Jandreau (N-N) 42' 10.3", PV - McGuire (M) 12' 3", Mile Relay: Malone 5:21.1, Sprint Relay: OFA 1:19.4, T.J. - Dunkleberg (O) 29' 5.5", H.J. - Russell (M) 5' 10".

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**DRIVING FOR TWO —** Mark Nunge (35) attempts to drive past Canton's Pete Gibson (20) in the key battle Jan. 4. Nunge was held to nine points by a collapsing Bear defense. Potsdam will need one of Nunge's stellar performances tonight (Tuesday) when they travel to undefeated Norwood-Norfolk. (Dan Williams photo)

## sports

### The Winning Edge

**BY DAN WILLIAMS**  
Editor's Note: This is the second in a three-part series of articles reviewing the important sports happenings of 1984.

**NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE**  
The 1984 season was once again the Year of the Great Gretzky, as Edmonton's Wayne Gretzky continued his record-breaking scoring onslaught, winning the scoring title for the fifth straight year, and the league MVP award for the fifth year.

But, finally, Gretzky and his high-scoring mates upended the four-year reign of the invincible New York Islanders, by taking the Stanley Cup in impressive 4-1 fashion. Mark Messier was the Cup's MVP.

Tom Barraso, fresh out of high school and into the nets for the Buffalo Sabres, was named Rookie of the Year and the Goaltender of the Year in the NHL, a phenomenal accomplishment for an 18-year-old kid.

Washington's Rob Langway was honored as the best defenseman in the league.

In this 1984-85 season, Gretzky continues his unthinkable attack on the all-time scoring record, becoming the earliest player to reach 1,000 points in a career. If he stays healthy, he should become the all-time leading scorer before this decade is over.

**PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL**  
The Detroit Tigers became the first team to lead their division from wire-to-wire since the 1927 Yankees. The Motor City Cats spurred to a 35-5 start, effectively wrapping up the AL East race by mid-June.

Willie Hernandez, their perfect reliever, picked up two post-season honors. He was named the league's MVP and his Cy Young winner.

The Tigers, of course, won the World Series, outclassing the upstart San Diego Padres in five games. The Padres, with their lineup spiced with former Yankees' Goose Gosage and Graig Nettles, plus ex-Dodger Steve Garvey, come from two games down to beat the exciting Chicago Cubs three games to two.

Tony Gwynn, the Padres' right fielder, led the majors in hitting. Don Mattingly of the New York Yankees edged out teammate Dave Winfield for the AL title by going 4-5 in the final game of the year. The two Yankees battled back and forth for the lead throughout August and September, providing some excitement for the discouraged Yankee faithful.

Dwight Gooden, a brash 19-year-old fireballer for the New York Mets stole the headlines in the New York tabloids with his record-breaking strikeout summer. He fanned 275 batters, a rookie record. He was edged out for the NL Cy Young by Chicago's Rick Sutcliffe, who won 16 of 17 games for the Cubs after joining the team in mid-June from Cleveland.

Bruce Sutter, the phenomenal reliever for the St. Louis Cards, who is now an Atlanta Brave, tied Dan Quisenberry's record for saves in a season with 45.

But, the summer belonged to the diehard Cub fans, a devoted bunch who hadn't seen a division championship since 1945. The Cubs, led by NL MVP Ryne Sandberg, a clutch-hitting, slick-fielding second bagger, and an assortment of ex-Phillies, delighted their following with a NL East flag.

After taking a seemingly safe 2-0 lead in the NL playoffs against the Padres, the old Cub Magic returned, as San Diego rallied for three straight wins, felling a pennant in Chicago.

Next week, I'll take a look at the Winter and Summer Olympic Games, which brought so much joy to America.

**MY ATHLETES OF THE YEAR**  
In basketball, my choice for the athlete who made the single most biggest impact on the game was Michael Jordan, NCAA's Player of the Year for North Carolina, and the second pick by the Chicago Bulls in the NBA draft. No one has the moves that Jordan displays, and no one has made as big an impact in the NBA as he has done this year, scoring 25 points a game in his rookie year, 50 far.

Dwight Gooden of the New York Mets gets the nod in baseball. An incredible strikeout artist, this 19-year-old displayed as much poise as any pitcher in the game. His future is limitless.

Dan Marino and Doug Flutie are the co-winners for the football player of the year. Marino threw for over 5,000 yards and 48 touchdowns this year for the Super Bowl-bound Miami Dolphins. Both of those figures shattered the old season marks. And Flutie, Well, he was Mr. Football this year. The 5'10" quarterback for the Boston College Eagles electrified crowds all year with his dynamic playing style. He won the Heisman Trophy, and shattered all the career passing records, becoming the first signal-caller to throw for over 10,000 yards in a career.

No one should be surprised with my choice for Hockey Player of the Year. Wayne Gretzky, at age 24, is the greatest offensive player in NHL history. He has over 100 points already this year, and reached the 1,000 point landmark in 427 games, lightyears ahead of any other player in the game.

## Figure Skating Awards Announced

**CANTON** — The St. Lawrence Figure Skating Club held its third annual Holiday Invitational Competition in Appleton Arena on Dec. 27 and 28. Skaters from eight Northern New York and Canadian figure skating clubs participated.

with tickets sold by the SLFSC Precision team, was won by Barb Weiss, Chapel Street, Canton.

Other award winners, with the top three placers, are as follows:

**Freestyle Competition**  
Special: Beth Ellen Avery, Massena; Andrea Woogh, Kingston; Allison Gales, Salt City.  
Preliminary Ladies: Tracy Nettles, Fulton; Cindy Burton, Fulton; Patti Oulgaard, Kingston.  
Pre-Juvenile: Karina McGee, Kimberly Magee, Kingston; Melody Green, Kingston.  
Juvenile Freestyle: Kelly White, Kingston.

The club trophy, awarded to the skating club receiving the most points for wins and placings, went to the St. Lawrence Figure Skating Club. The Cabbage Patch Doll,

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