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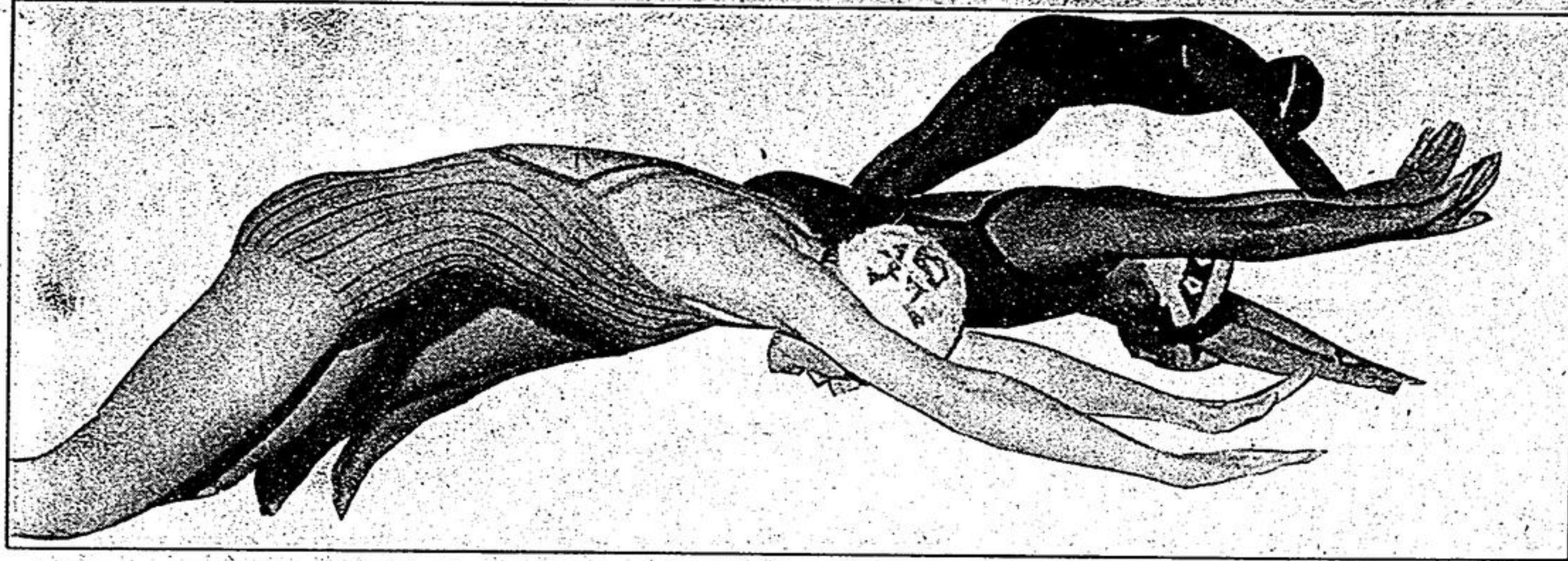
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The contours of a dive

Uxbridge Swim Club members display their different 'off the block' styles during a recent training session at Ux Pool. In this photo, Julie Henderson (front), Jennifer Harding, Beth Sheridan and Kristen Beazley create an interesting contour of frozen motion. They are part of the new 'novice' competitive club that takes part in its first meet in Ajax, Dec. 7. —Chris Shanahan

Trampoline father captures gold "I just about died," says wife

BY KELLY CONNELLY
Sports Editor
A Stouffville father of two competitive gymnasts decided to get into the act himself and bounced his way to a gold medal in a provincial qualifier trampoline meet last weekend.

Bryan Emery, whose daughters Tracy, 15, and Dina, 14, compete in gymnastics and trampoline respectively, won the senior novice men's class at Seneca College, Nov. 22.

Both Tracy and her father coach at the Markham Gymnastics Club. Wanting to spend more time with his younger daughter, Dina, Mr. Emery decided three months ago that he would train competitively on trampoline alongside her.

A teacher at George Brown College, Mr. Emery last won a gymnastics championship in his high school 30 years ago. He admits he was a little embarrassed about making a comeback, but his fami-

ly thought it was "no big deal." "I never thought I'd win," he confessed. "I wanted to try and be competitive and not be embarrassed. I was just happy to do so well."

The novice level routine Mr. Emery executed on Saturday included back and front summersaults. "When I heard he won, I nearly died," said his wife. "Either he was going to make a fool of himself or do well."

Mr. Emery doesn't plan to go

beyond this season and says his ultimate dream is to qualify for the provincials with his two daughters.

"This is just a one shot thing. I'm not as agile as I used to be," he assured.

Gymnast Tracy competes in her first provincial qualifier of the season, Dec. 13 and 14, at Oshawa. Dina didn't do as well as her father last weekend. The youngster placed 11th out of 17 junior trampolinists.

Atoms demolish Sutton 6-0 edge Beaverton in tourney

The Fame International Atom Clippers earned themselves a ticket to next Sunday's final in a Sutton hockey tournament.

The Stouffville crew had a difficult time with Beaverton in the opener, but still managed to collect a 5-4 win. The next game against host team Sutton proved much easier with the Clipper boys skating away with a 6-0 victory.

Although Stouffville dominated the play in the opening preliminary

game, Beaverton scored first and the Clippers found themselves playing catch-up. Early in the second period, Geoff Smith tied the game with a high shot which deflected off the goalie's stick.

Beaverton again took the lead. David Sporenberg and Trevor Bardell set up Darren Zellers for the tying goal once more. Still, Beaverton stubbornly battled back for a 3-2 edge.

Stouffville finally took the lead

midway through the final frame when Smith notched his second goal and set up Bardell for another. Sporenberg assisted on the go-ahead marker.

With under two minutes remaining, Beaverton spoiled the Clipper lead to force a climactic finish. Sporenberg broke loose to notch Stouffville's winning goal and allow the squad to squeeze into the championship round.

Sunday's game against host Sutton proved a less exhaustive contest. Stouffville demonstrated it could play as a team in both ends, with smart set-ups, passing and shooting.

Goals and assists in the 6-0 Clipper win went to: Sporenberg (1,0), Jay Hause (1,0), Geoff Smith (2,1), Ryan Burkholder (0,1), Jason Reesor (1,2), Trevor Bardell (0,1), Dan McNaught (1,0) and Ryan Jefferson (0,2).

Greg Sanford earned the shut out for Stouffville. MVP awards went to Bardell and Reesor. The local squad will face either Keswick or Oshawa in the championship this weekend.

Golf Doctor fixes hit and run clubs

Stouffville has a Golf Doctor. His name is Paul Gardiner and he has a story or two to tell about his patients. Well, golf clubs aren't exactly your average patients, but Gardiner fixes them just the same.

The proprietor of Gardiner Golf Services, on Main St., west of the Fire Hall, has been restoring and repairing golf clubs for the past five years. He opened his own shop in Stouffville seven weeks ago.

Although most clubs he bandages have gone through the normal wear and tear of use, others have suffered rather humorous injuries.

Some of Gardiner's customers walk through his door with clubs that have collided with trees. "They got too close to a tree and when they swung, they hit the tree and the shaft snapped," he explains. Other customers have accidentally backed over clubs they left behind their car.

Gardiner re-grips, re-shafts, shortens and lengthens irons and woods. He also refinishes clubs with paint and lacquer and pours lead powder down some shafts if a client wants to add weight to his club.

With Whitchurch-Stouffville being home to many golf and country clubs, the Whitevale resident saw a need for his type of service in the area.

People find it a lot cheaper to repair their clubs than purchase

an entire new set, he says. Gardiner charges \$15 to refinish a club, \$18 to re-shaft an iron and \$20 to re-shaft a wood. His shop number is 640-6590.

Hockey adopted by SDSS

The Physical Education department at Stouffville Secondary has included ice hockey as part of this year's curriculum.

Girls and boys in Grades 9 and 10 have been suiting up at the new arena for ice hockey instruction during morning phys-ed classes. They are being marked for skills and effort, said Phys Ed Department head Dave Connell.

Three years ago SDSS taught skating and stickhandling skills to students at the old arena. However, this time around students must wear full hockey equipment.

The ice time was booked last June and the hockey program implemented in an effort to reduce the size of classes in the gym, explained Connell.

"We've reduced the number of kids in the gym to 15 from 35," he noted. "Now we're using our (school) facility better, as well as the town's (ice rink)."

Bantams shine!

The Edwards-Murphy Bantam Clippers displayed their best hockey of the season last weekend in a Cobourg tournament.

The squad edged Niagara-on-the-Lake 4-3 and Huntsville 4-1 before losing to Cornwall and Midland by close scores — 1-0 and 4-3 respectively.

The line of Danny Larmer, Guy Biadi and Tony Trentadue kept Huntsville tied up with constant hustle and forechecking. Although Stouffville went on to lose the next

game, it advanced to the next round anyways because Cornwall failed to beat the team by five goals.

After blowing a 2-0 lead against Midland, Stouffville ended up tying the game 3-3 on a powerplay with less than five minutes remaining. However, a failed clearing attempt in the goalmouth allowed Midland to pot the winner.

The Clippers beat Lindsay 7-3 in league action Monday night. Trentadue collected a hat trick.



Sideline Comment NHL stars tape up

BY KELLY CONNELLY

It had to happen sooner or later. The National Hockey League's most talented players would get together with an enterprising video company and produce a series of tapes which would show the world how they got to be Numero Uno.

Actually, last Wednesday's press conference at the Hot Stove Lounge, Maple Leaf Gardens, was less a pat on the back for NHL stars and more a long-awaited break-through (hopefully) for minor hockey.

It's certainly no secret that the 1980s' version of an old game born on a frozen pond has become a high-tech, expensive, glamor sport — I call it Rugby Puck — where Wendel Clarks are often the heroes kids model themselves after. The tough-guy players coupled with a sprinkling of high-scoring mega stars like Gretzky and Lemieux get all the hype.

The fundamentals of the game — the proper way to shoot a puck, turn, pass, sweep check, coach and skate — have somehow been overlooked.

Former Philadelphia Flyer scout Eric Coville, now president of Sports Video, saw too many pathetic players in the junior ranks during his 18 years in the pro business. He decided something should be done, starting at the grass roots — minor hockey.

Joined by 35 current and former NHL greats, Coville and a production crew worked tirelessly over the past three years, finally assembling a library of five video tapes aptly titled "One on One with the Stars".

Available on VHS and Beta, they feature NHL stars like Paul Coffey, Bobby Hull, Mario Lemieux, Larry Robinson, Bernie Parent and even coaches Scotty Bowman and Al Arbour showing young players of various ages and skill levels how to play the game. Each tape is geared to a specific area: beginner-atom, pee-wee-bantam, hockey positions (midget-junior), goaltending and coaching.

Parents, coaches and players can purchase the tapes through their minor hockey associations for \$49.95 each — \$15 from each sale will go back into minor hockey.

Chicago's "Golden Jet" Bobby Hull, former Flyer Bill Barber, goalie guru Johnny Bower and a mix of Toronto journalists attended the official launching of the tapes at the Hot Stove Lounge (Ballard's VIP bar) last week.

"I'm pleased to be here," offered Hull. "After seven years in Winnipeg, I'm pleased to be anywhere." (For those of you who may not remember the WHA, Hull and a slew of NHL big names jumped ship and joined the ill-fated league for big bucks in 1972.)

"For years I've wanted to get together with four or five of the best players — guys like Howe, Orr, Mikita and Esposito — and put together a group of tapes like these, but I never got around to it," said Hull.

No one expects the instructional tapes to be a hot seller like Raiders of the Lost Ark or Rambo. The market they're shooting for is young hockey players, but don't kid yourself, there are thousands of minor hockey organizations across North America and abroad.

Even China and Japan have placed orders. Europe will likely import the tapes as well.

With more and more European recruits beating out American and Canadian juniors for spots on NHL clubs, Hull admits the North American brand of hockey is getting rusty and in need of a refresher course in the fundamentals of the game.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"I think (minor) ball is far more self-sufficient than hockey will ever be."

Past president of Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Softball, Marg Cosgrove, says the large minor hockey debt the town wrote off this year justifies her contention.

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Auction...Come bid on a Clipper and coaching staff...Prizes, refreshments, added surprises.. Saturday, Dec. 6...Watch this paper for further details...All proceeds to support the Pee wee Clippers' trip to Quebec to defend their title.. Stay tuned..

Check Mate!



Close, but no penalties.—An Oshawa player, tries to haul Stouffville Bantam Clipper Oncin Date to the ice with a two-handed hook. Below, Date again is the target of another check as he's held against the boards by an Oshawa foe during recent league action. —Kelly Connelly



Fletcher's boys come second

Stouffville Secondary's junior volleyball team placed second in the Durham-York finals last week (see story/B2). The Spartan crew includes: back row (left) — coach Jim Fletcher, Scott Evans, Steve Head, Joel

Fletcher, Jonathan Hall, Guy Cowan, manager Walid Amer; front row (left) — Karsten Hennze, Craig Stronach, Kirk Smythe, Greg Kenney, Peter Byer, Wally Barbour. —Kelly Connelly