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## Tourney in Europe blind date for Bruins

The Uxbridge Bruin dressing room is buzzing with talk about the upcoming European tour.

The Junior C hockey squad will leave Dec. 26 for a 12-day tour of Germany, Switzerland, Austria and

Liechtenstein. Seven games are scheduled with German and Swiss hockey clubs.

Bruin coach Randy Hall says he's not sure what to expect from the European teams. He calls the

games blind dates.

"We can't go over and scout the teams. Hopefully it's going to be fairly competitive. I presume there will be some mismatches," he noted.

Bus tours and the odd encounter with the Alps (on skis) should keep the Bruins well entertained, promised Hall, who played with a Toronto select team that went to England and Scotland in 1982.

The Uxbridge club, which includes Stouffville players Lee and Chris Brown, Kevin Smith, Ken Burrows and Joe Risk, has financed the trip partially through fundraising events. In total, 19 players and seven assistants will tour Europe.

The larger international ice surface will provide a challenge for the Bruins, the coach pointed out. He also wouldn't be surprised if a few of his players decide to spend a season or two in Europe playing hockey.

He used Mike Van Veghel as an example. The Uxbridge athlete plays with Holland's second division hockey team Trias, during the winter.

For Bruin Scott Harper, a resident of Goodwood, playing hockey for a European team isn't a bad idea. "Some of us have thought about it," he said.

As for not having a clue about the calibre of foreign hockey talent he will be facing this week, Harper's not concerned. "We're really curious. We're not sure who we're going to play and whether the guys are the same age or older," he remarked.

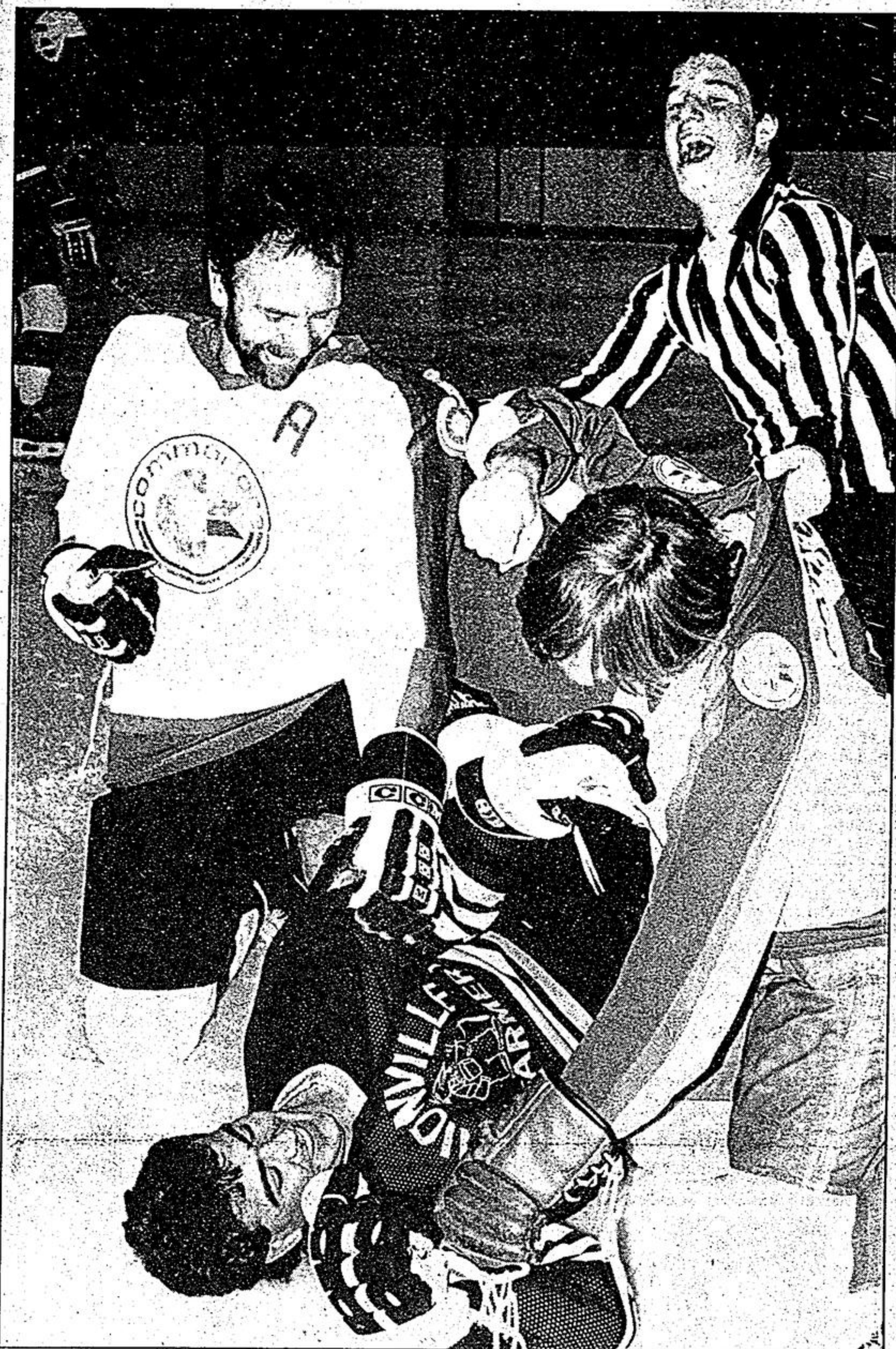
"It doesn't really matter. That's the exciting part about it. We don't know what to expect."

## Redshaw on board

Goodwood's Shane Redshaw scored his fourth and fifth goals of the season with Western Michigan Broncos in a series with Ohio State Nov. 28 and 29.

Redshaw, a freshman right winger with WMU, earned three points in the two-game confrontation which the Broncos handily swept 9-4 and 4-2.

As of Nov. 30: Redshaw has eight points for the season; WMU is in fourth place in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association with an 8-6 record, 9-7 overall. Redshaw is a former Pickering Panther on a four-year scholarship with WMU.



**Throwing a few punches**

Stouffville Secondary phys-ed head Dave Connell (right) is restrained by referee Dan Martin before he laces student Charlie Barrotta with a right hook. Getting ready to double Barrotta is teacher Scott Croucher

(left). Of course, these guys were only fooling around before the big game last Tuesday at the Rec Centre where the SDSS Teachers took on the Grade 13 Students...in more ways than one. —Kelly Connelly

## Sideline Comment

### Good-Bye!

BY KELLY CONNELLY

Before I get down to the nitty-gritty — my Christmas wish list for certain sports people in Whitchurch-Stouffville — I have some bad news. (For some of you, it's probably good news).

As of December 24, I will be vacating the Sports Editor post at the Tribune. That means I will be giving up my daily diet of sports jocks and jockettes, sweaty locker rooms, muddy soccer fields and foul balls for a new beat. I'll be moving on to the Brampton Guardian to assume the position of Education Reporter.

I've heard it said that writing sports is 'toy land' journalism. I recall Toronto Sun Sports Editor Wayne Parrish defending his job in a column a few months back. A man of many adjectives, Parrish wrestled with the 'toy land' accusation and came to the conclusion that writing about athletes — about people and why they do the things they do — is anything but trivial news.

Never under-estimate sports. There's a heck of a lot that goes on behind the scenes that you don't see or hear about. Thank God I only did a few controversial pieces during the last 18 months. I guess you may have noticed I liked to write feature stories — on referees, umpires, goalies, rambo hockey players, weight-lifters, equestrian riders...anything that breathes.

I wish the new Sports Editor — Al Shackleton — all the best at the Tribune. He'll be relieved to know he won't have to drink the omnipotent carrot wine for initiation because I tossed it out months ago. The firewater belonged to former Sports Editor Jim Holt. I guess Jim Thomas and Chris Shanahan will have to think up a less throat-burning sorority pledge.

Before I depart the pages of this newspaper, I want to extend my kindest regards and thanks to the following people who made my job easier. Without them, you don't have a sports section:

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#### CHRISTMAS WISH LIST

GLENN WHITEBREAD: Another Quebec International championship for his Peevee Clippers.

CLIFF DUNKELD: Dry and level softball diamonds — with adequate benches.

ALFONS RUBBENS: Soccer field lights.

DAVE CONNELL: A bigger school gymnasium.

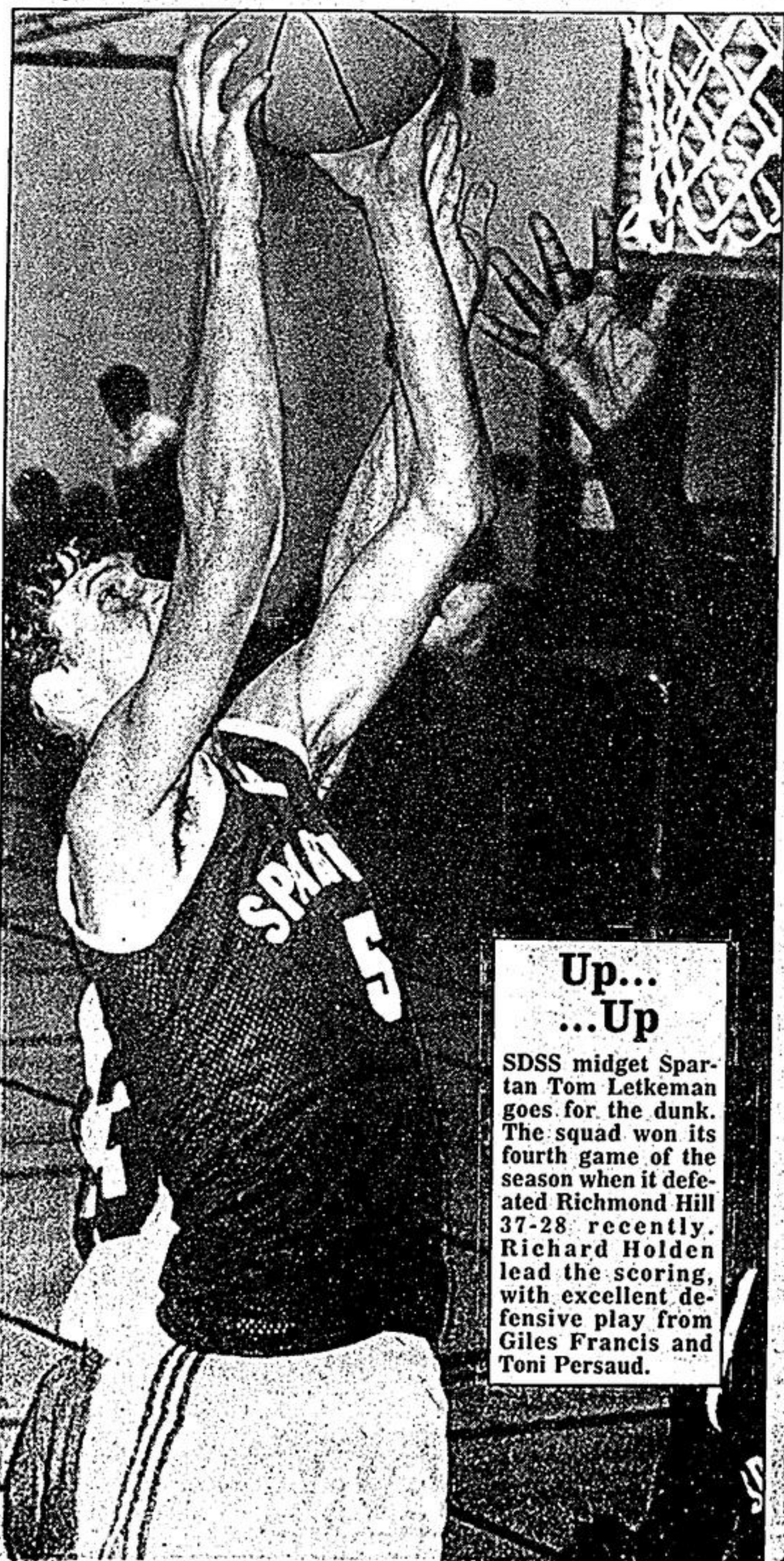
JOE LEWIS: Heaters for the arena stands.

WAYNE EMMERSON: A slow-pitch league to play in next summer.

KERRY KELLER: A penalty-free hockey game.

HACHEY SISTERS: Athletic scholarships to the school of their choice.

SPORTS VOLUNTEERS: More recognition for the time they give to help the kids.



### Up... ...Up

SDSS midget Spartan Tom Letkeman goes for the dunk. The squad won its fourth game of the season when it defeated Richmond Hill 37-28 recently. Richard Holden lead the scoring, with excellent defensive play from Giles Francis and Toni Persaud.

## Shopping for mares in Cairo

BY KELLY CONNELLY  
Sports Editor

What Eric and Arlene Lehmann of Stouffville went through to import two straight Egyptian Arabian mares from Cairo, Egypt is not unlike a James Bond movie.

Political intrigue, an exotic setting, powerful men, international jet-setting, a former Egyptian army general, lots of red tape, money, anonymous contacts, expensive hotels, and most important, beautiful horses, provided for a colorful horse-shopping escapade.

It all began two years ago. The Lehmanns, who own a 20-acre Arabian horse-breeding farm north of Ballantrae, off Hwy. 48, decided to fulfill a long-time dream and import two very rare and expensive mares from the desert in Egypt.

In the history of Canadian Arabian horse breeding, there had only been one successful importation of bloodstock from the source.

Thus, the odds were stacked against the Lehmanns from the very beginning. The Canadian government banned importation from African countries and the couple was lead to believe that the survival rate of horses shipped half way across the world and then quarantined for sixty days in a concrete stall was not high.

It was a big gamble. Arlene Lehmann told the Tribune last Thursday. "It took a while for us to take the whole thing seriously," she admitted.

However, her husband's erudite knowledge of straight Egyptian bloodlines, coupled with a friend's offer to link him up with a vital business contact in Egypt was too appealing to pass up. The adventure began.

Doug Lunau, a relative newcomer to Arabian horse breeding, introduced Eric Lehmann to a business friend, General Sonny Eguindy (formally of the Egyptian army). Mr. Eguindy said he

had government contacts in Egypt and could use his connections to expedite the purchase of some breeding animals.

Lehmann and Lunau wrestled with the proposition. Were there any worthwhile horses left in Egypt? Was it a smart business move given the current economy? Could they afford the

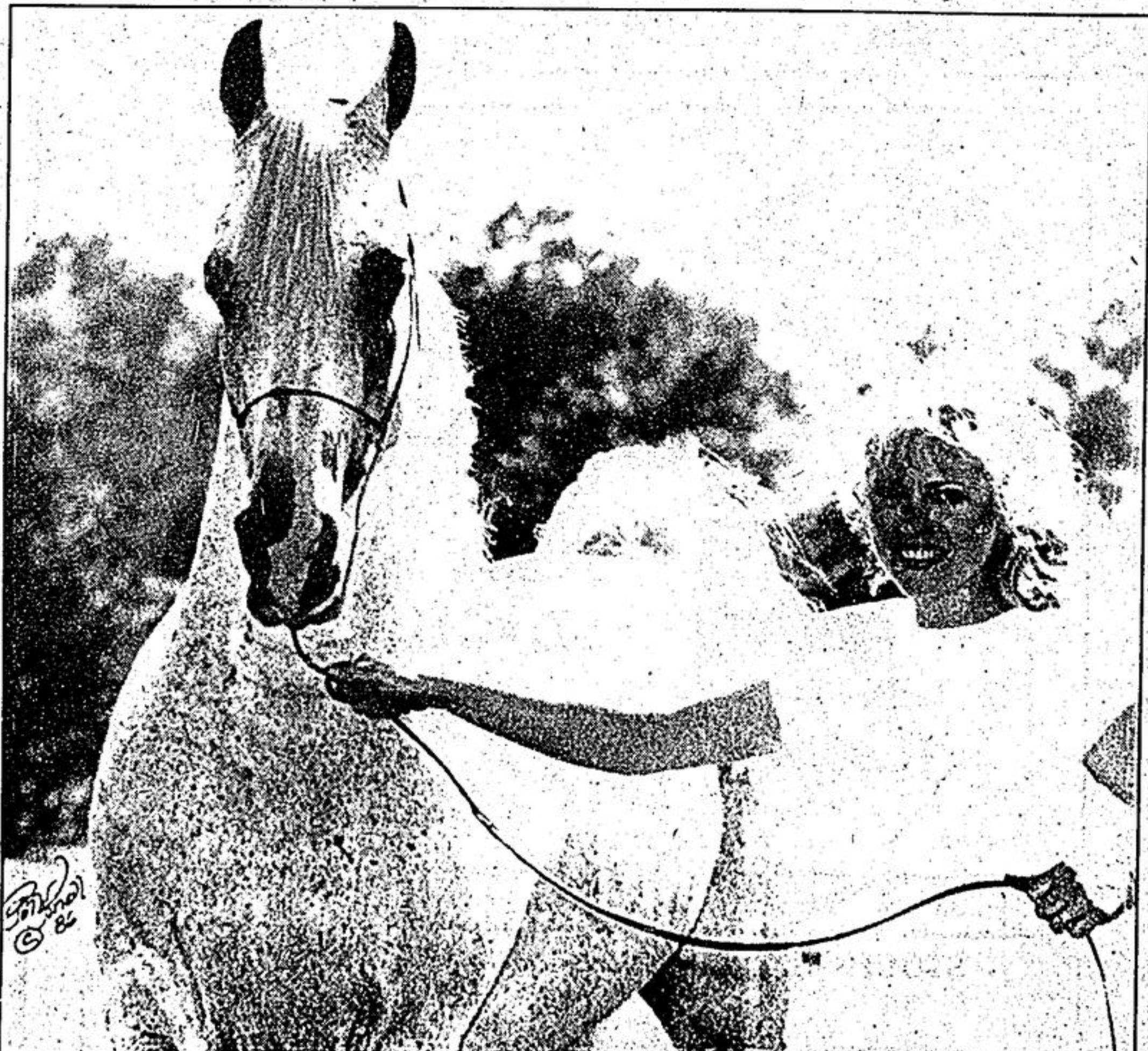
horses and transport them into Canada? How real was the Egyptian contact?

The Lehmann's farm — Cherry Hill Arabians — has 30 purebred Arabians at present. All have predominantly Egyptian bloodlines. The attraction of the straight Egyptian Arabian mare is her rarity (there are only 2,000

in existence), her beauty, intelligence, history and strong bloodlines.

For this type of horse, the average sales price in 1970 was \$25,000; this climbed to \$63,000 in 1976; \$147,000 by 1981. Arlene Lehmann pointed out that an

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Arlene Lehmann with straight Egyptian stallion 'Mameluck', imported from Germany. The Lehmanns imported their first straight Egyptian

Arabian mares from Egypt last summer — the second such importation in the history of Canada.