

Stouffville girl does well at meet

Stouffville's Tracy Emery, a member of the Markham Gymnastic Club, finished 14th overall in the Junior B division of the Ontario Gymnastics Championships last weekend.

Competing at York University



TRACY EMERY
14th at provincials

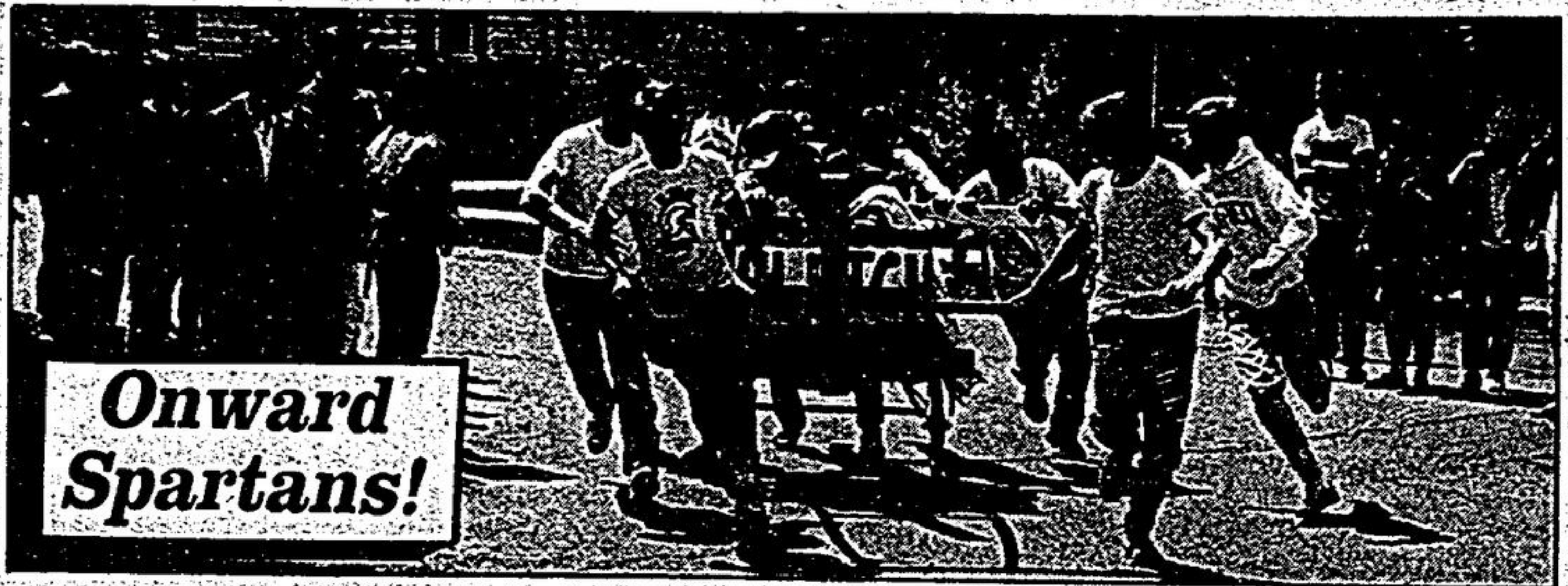
against more than 50 of the province's best gymnasts. Emery put in a strong performance.

"There was a heck of a lot of good competition at the meet," said club administrator Jan Carmichael. "Tracy more than held her own."

She recorded scores of 8.65 on the vault, 7.45 on the beam, 9.20 on the bars and 9.05 in the floor routine.

Being good at gymnastics runs in the Emery family. Tracy's sister Dina, and father Bryan, will be competing at the provincial trampoline championships next weekend in Ottawa. Dina and Bryan are also members of the Markham Gymnastic Club.

This Sunday the club hosts a Metro East-Metro West Challenge Meet beginning at 8:30 a.m. at its Markham home on 60 Riviera Drive — just off 14th Avenue east of Woodbine Avenue.



Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) teacher Jim Fletcher, with crash helmet and toga, daringly drives the Fletch Flyer through a sharp turn during the Great Race held Wednesday afternoon at the school. The two-wheeled Chariot of Fire was one of six entries in the third annual kart race sponsored by SDSS's Inter-School Christian Fel-

lowship (ISCF) association. Despite Fletcher's best efforts, and the hard running of his horses (members of the boys basketball & volleyball teams), the Flyer didn't win the race. The winner was the Green Machine, piloted by Technical Director Wally Currie.

— Alan Shackleton

Hockey merger unlikely, but Juvenile team back

By FRANK KING
Sports Editor

A Markham-Unionville rep hockey merger seems unlikely now, but Juvenile hockey is back — and it involves one Markham team for Unionville and Stouffville, as well.

Markham and Unionville minor hockey association officials had several meetings to discuss a merger of their OMHA sections, and create a three-tiered system.

But Unionville Minor Hockey Association (UMHA) executives spoke against the proposal at their annual meeting last week.

And now Markham's Ontario Minor Hockey Association (OMHA) director has all but conceded defeat.

"I'm going to keep trying" for a full merger, said Phil O'Brien, who was re-elected to the post by a slim margin at Wednesday's Markham Minor Hockey Association

annual meeting.

Markham is already guaranteed an amalgamated Juvenile OMHA team, not only with Unionville, but with Stouffville as well.

This comes as a result of an agreement just hammered out between the OMHA and the Metro Toronto Hockey League (MTHL).

The deal creates a 10-team Juvenile triple-A league involving six MTHL clubs and four from the OMHA. Markham is one of those squads, with a draw area including Unionville and Stouffville.

None of the three local organizations had Juvenile rep teams, last season, due mostly to a shortage of interested players.

"We excited at the prospect of building a strong Juvenile club," O'Brien told the 100 people at the meeting.

However, the agreement was news to Earle Baker, who was Unionville's assistant OMHA Director until resigning last week.

"Who established that boundary?" he asked. "No one has contacted Unionville, as far as I know. I'm not saying it's such a bad thing, but it was done unilaterally."

Neither UMHA President Jim Turner nor OMHA Director May Davies were available for comment.

Also caught unaware was Whitechurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association President Joanne Steel.

"You've really floored me on this," she said when told of the agreement and Markham's Juvenile boundary area. "We just had our annual meeting and there was no mention of it."

However, after considering the news she said "my feeling is if we can have a place for the (Juvenile-aged) kids to play, then I'm all for it."

Meanwhile, Markham's O'Brien noted this is the first time the OMHA and MTHL, often at loggerheads over boundary and player rights, have joined forces.

"I can see it happening with other divisions down the road," he said. "If you do it for Juvenile, why wouldn't you do it for Midget and Bantam? That's where the (U.S. college and Junior A&B) scouts are."

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