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## SDSS tracksters getting in gear for outdoor meet

By BLAINE KANEKO  
Continuing their preparation for the outdoor season, the Stouffville Dist. Secondary School track and field squad moved indoors, placing 5th in the 40 team tri-meet at the Metro Toronto Track and Field Centre.

The best from York, Durham, and Georgian region converged on the York University facility to take part in the final event of the indoor season.

Two weeks ago 17 local tracksters qualified for the York meet. Quite an accomplishment considering the lack of practice time. Nonetheless, SDSS forged to a third place finish, behind Unionville and King City.

"I really didn't no what to expect (from the competition)," admitted coach Cathy Croucher. "I figured the girls' team, (midget girls relay) would place fairly well, in the top six."

Not only did they meet coach Croucher's expectations, they surpassed it, completing the 4x200 Midget Girls Relay in a track record time of 1:56.9. The quartet of Sue Baston, Andrea Baston, Raquel Beecher and Kim Pagliaro bettered the old mark by under two seconds.

Other top finishers included: Leanna Hamilton, Wallace Barber and Anne Beecher.

Participating in one event is demanding enough for most, but Anne Beecher qualified for four events in the day-long competition.

The former Lester B. Pearson student from Scarborough confessed to being a bit fatigued after placing third in the triple jump,

but with the 50 meter sprints, long jump and relays to come she had little time to consider it.

"Last week (after four events) I wasn't tired so I didn't even think about it," said Anne. "Going into today's meet I thought I was going to come in last, honest. I was so nervous. But usually when I'm nervous I do well."

One athlete who didn't perform quite as well as he hoped was Steve Fronske. Before his event, the Grade 12 shot-putter said he didn't mind if he lost as long as he didn't finish last. A 'put' of 12 meters was his goal. Five throws of the 12 lbs. sphere later, a disappointed but optimistic Steve predicted a better outdoor season.

Steve's sentiment was echoed by the coach.

"The indoor meet is sort of a warmup for the outdoor season," offered coach Croucher. "We're looking forward to getting outside. Our girls team is definitely strong."

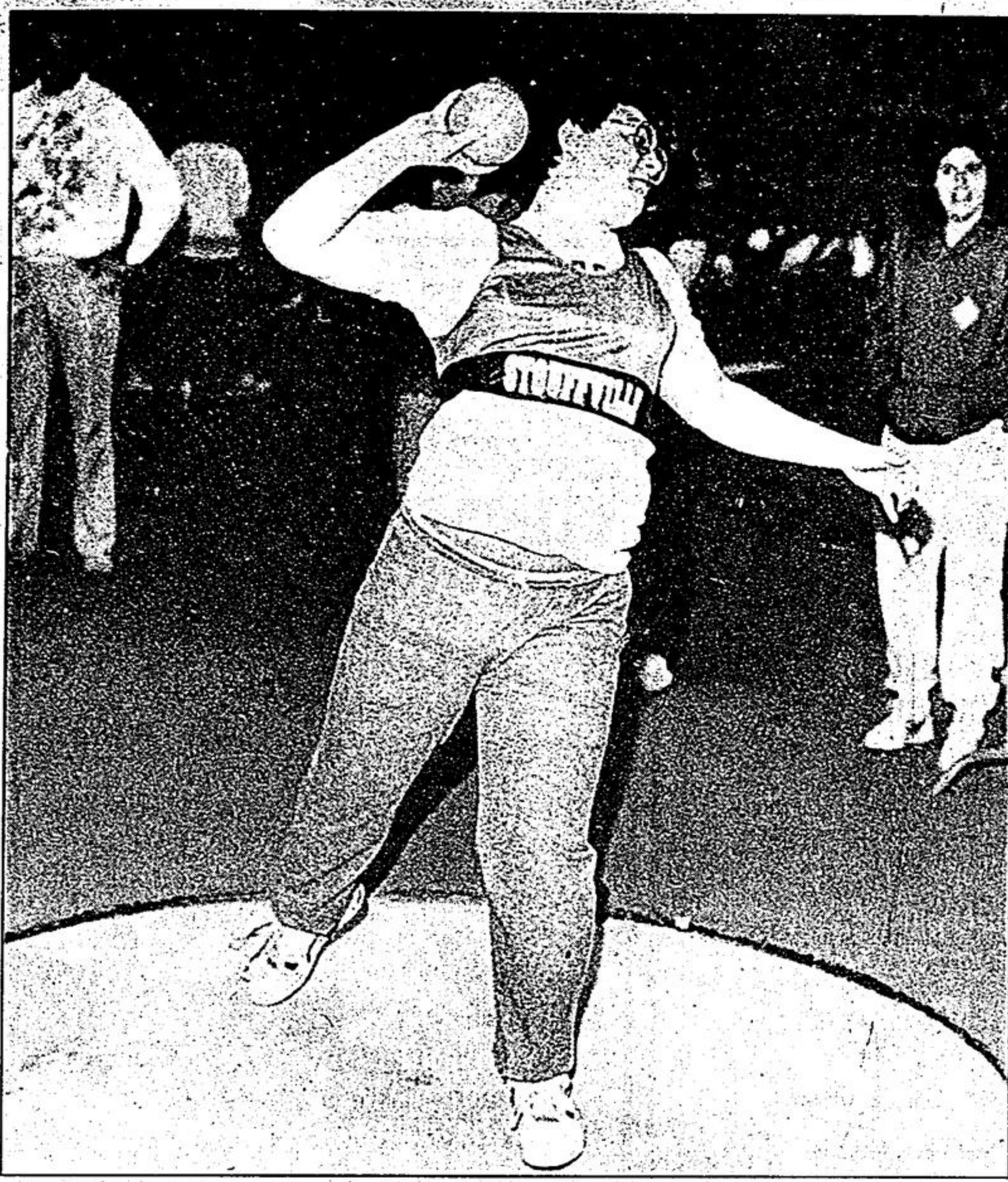
They'll get a chance to prove it next Wednesday on the Outdoor Track at York University when the open air session begins.

### Correction

Stouffville Dist. Secondary School did not finish second in last week's indoor track and field meet at York University as reported in the Tribune.

King City Secondary School took second place with 266 points while Stouffville caught third spot with 183 points.

We regret the error.



Steve Fronske, strains to toss the 12 lbs. shot-put past his personal goal of the 12 meters. The Grade 12 SDSS student didn't meet his mark, but will be aiming for the barrier when the track and field team moves outdoors next Wednesday.

## Ashley courts two lives

By BLAINE KANEKO  
Ashley Chan's enthusiasm for badminton is only be matched by his zeal for his new life at Stouffville Dist. Secondary School.

The 17 year-old Hong Kong native, emigrated to the area in November, bringing with him some very high shuttlecock credentials.

In only five years of smashing the feathered projectiles, Ashley amassed six first place trophies; two individual awards and four doubles honors.

But in a city of over five million people, badminton isn't too high on the priority scale.

In December Ashley's father told him he would be moving to Canada to continue his schooling. With two universities in Hong Kong only the top 10-15 per cent earn the opportunity to continue their studies. Unfortunately for Ashley, marks in the mid-70 per cent range were not making the grade.

"I was sad and a surprised (when told he was to live in Canada)," he admits. "I had a lot of friends in Hong Kong. We used to go out and play a lot. I thought when I came here I'd be alone. But I've made new friends. The people in Stouffville are very nice. They've helped me a lot."

There have been other key aspects in adapting to life on and off the badminton courts.

Improving his English is a must according to the Grade 12 student. Developing a spectacular forehead in badminton is one thing, but mastering the English language is a totally different game.

"I live in Unionville with my aunt," he says. "She picked the school (SDSS) because she heard it was a good school. I'd be given a chance to practice my English. This is a good chance for me. I'm glad I came to Stouffville."

And so is Ashley's doubles partner Scott Evans. The skilled tandem placed second against very experienced competition in the York North Badminton Championships. Their strong finish qualified them for the York tournament. They were the only SDSS Senior team to advance.

The one factor Ashley wasn't prepared for was the lack of practice facilities. Even at his "small school" of 1,500 at Clamte Middle School he was afforded the opportunity to practice every Friday for three hours. This year Ashley was lucky to get three practices before the tournaments.

Nevertheless, he maintains badminton is his favorite sport, but he intends to enroll in university and if time allows and doesn't interfere with his studies, he will continue to participate in the sport he loves.



ASHLEY CHAN  
'new friends'

## Racket letdown

By BLAINE KANEKO

The birds were flying everywhere last Wednesday at Langstaff Secondary School in Richmond Hill, but unfortunately for the team of Scott Evans and Ashley Chan they weren't landing in the court.

Finishing runners-up in the York North Badminton Championships, the Stouffville Dist. Secondary School pair were the only senior team to survive the shuttlecock wars and qualify for the York Region double elimination tournament.

With only six teams entered in their division and the top four qualifying for the DYSSAA Championship, the pre-game prognosis was favorable, but after their first match against St. Roberts losing 2-0 conditions turned critical. Against Aurora things turned fatal falling in two straight games.

"It was terrible, I should have stayed at home," said Scott Evans after the match. "We shouldn't have lost a game today; maybe against St. Roberts. It's the worst I played all year. We should have went on. We should be second today behind St. Roberts."

And it was one of "those days." After losing the first match to St. Roberts in two tie-breakers, the local boys were under the gun. One more loss would mean an early exit.

In a see-saw match against Aurora, the Evans/Chan duo moved in front by a 14-9 score. Four unforced errors in a row closed the gap and strong play by the opposition overcame the deficit.

"Never for a minute did I think they wouldn't make it (to DYSSAA)," said coach Rehill. "Emotionally they may not have been ready for the second game. But they'll be back next year, there's always next year."

Spectator tickets are \$8. for Thursday and Friday, and \$10 for the weekend. There is a \$25. four day pass and an executive package.

Although Emerald Hills may not be in everyone's budget at \$2,350 for membership, there is gold in them hills, at least figuratively speaking, and the course will continue to develop new riches over the next few years.

"It was my intention (since 1982 when the course opened) to make it a high quality, private golf club," Allard said. "What we are looking for is promotion and recognition; establishing the quality of the golf course. We'll get the opinions of the players and see how they felt. The long range plan is to change several holes and continue to improve the course."



Scott Evans lunges for the 'birdy' as partner Ashley Chan looks on. The duo's efforts were all for not as they lost two consecutive matches eliminating them from the York Region tourney.

## Girls all winners at hockey banquet

About 130 players and guests gathered at the Recreation Centre Sunday night for a banquet/ceremony honoring the Whitechurch-Stouffville Girls Hockey Association's best.

The 14th annual gala, third at the Recreation Centre, was conceived to thank the sponsors, coaches and players for an exemplary season.

Among other influential members of the association on hand (to partake in the ceremony) were girls hockey cornerstones, Cliff Dunkeld, Ted



Ted Lowery displays the award presented to him by his SR'DV Girls' team.

Lowery and Al Piette, who expertly ran the programme.

And although the presentations were altered slightly due to the unavailability of the ESSO Awards, it didn't mar the evenings' enthusiasm.

The following are ESSO award winners:

MITE DIVISION

Most Valuable Player — Laura Winterstein, Cynthia McCall.

Most Improved Player — Bunnies Flowers and George Ross girls.

JUNIOR HOUSE LEAGUE

Most Valuable Player — Tawn Elliot, Jodi Denney.

Most Improved Player — Jenny Teeter, Amy Ormson.

Most Sportsmanlike Player — Janine Bell, Amanda Davenport.

SENIOR 'D' NON-CONTACT TEAM

Most Valuable Player — Laurie Taylor.

Most Improved Player — Tracy Cumming.

Most Sportsmanlike Player — Heather Tyne and Sheila Fockler.

SENIOR 'C' CHECKING TEAM

Most Valuable Player — Teresa McKenzie.

Most Improved Player — Cathy Hannah.

Most Sportsmanlike Player — Barb Goudie.



Colleen Stewart accepts the second place Jr. Girls scoring trophy from coach Jim Kidd. Tracey Stewart was top scorer.

## Hills alive for CPGA Championship

By BLAINE KANEKO  
Walking past the grand oak doors, polished brass fixtures and plush carpet to the clubhouse, one thing is quite evident — Emerald Hills, on Warden Avenue south of Bloomington Road, is no ordinary golf and country club.

The course has class. And that's the distinction owner Harry Allard intended when he started constructing the course in 1980.

It is also one of the reasons Emerald Hills has been selected to host the 1988 Canadian Professional Golfers Association \$125,000 Championship from July 28-31.

The 'target oriented' layout will put shot-making ahead of putting according to Allard. With narrow fairways and heavily bunker-protected greens, proper placement of approach shots will be paramount for all competitors.

The 50-year-old president is confident his par 72, 7068 yard facility can challenge the most skilled golfer. Of the 144 participants vying for among other prizes, \$25,000 in first place money, Allard anticipates the 'cut' after two rounds at about six

"The thing I try to do is put the emphasis on shot-making rather than putting," offered Allard. "The greens are fairly simple; fast but they're used to fast greens. 'Even' par could win the tournament."

And it could: With five different cuts of grass (green apron, green, fairway, secondary rough and rough), greens trimmed twice daily instead of the usual once-a-day and changing pin placements, the golfer will have to be on his game to survive the cut.

Of the more familiar faces competing at Emerald Hills will be

Dave Barr, Dan Halldorson, Richard Zokol and defending champion Jerry Anderson.

The actual preparation for the tournament has been over a year in the planning. Even before last year's competition at Scarborough Golf and Country Club, Allard was asked by the CPGA executive committee if he would like to host the annual event.

Currently, Allard along with his 50-60 full/part-time employees including greens-keeper Bruce Doddson are following a 50 page check list and in the process of

grooming the greens, trimming the fairways, making the rough that much rougher and preparing the tickets and promotional literature for the weekend event. He is hoping for 100 volunteers to help make the competition, to be seen on CTV's Wide World of Sports, run as smoothly as possible.

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### Figure skating club news

The Annual General Meeting of the Stouffville Figure Skating Club will be held on May 17, 7:30 pm in the Stouffville Community Centre. Parents of skaters are urged to attend this important meeting. On the agenda is the election of officers for the 1988-89 season. The club has 100 members and is looking for new members. The club is currently accepting applications for the 1988-89 season. The club is currently accepting applications for the 1988-89 season. The club is currently accepting applications for the 1988-89 season.