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### Stouffville Spartans

## Volleyball squad secures second in Senior division

The Stouffville District Secondary School Senior Boys' volleyball team earned second place in their division and a trip to the quarter-finals at the Kitchener-Waterloo Classic tournament by winning seven out of 11 matches last week.

The Stouffville Spartans began their climb early, knocking out Mary Ward 15-13, 15-13.

They then lost to Stratford, the team that would go on to take first place in the division.

#### Team to beat

According to Stouffville coach Jim Fletcher, Stratford is considered the team to beat in the upcoming All Ontario Championships.

The Stouffville crew then went on to defeat Bluevale, a Waterloo team, by scores of 15-10 and 15-9. Shortly after, Stouffville

squashed Cameron Heights 15-10, 15-12.

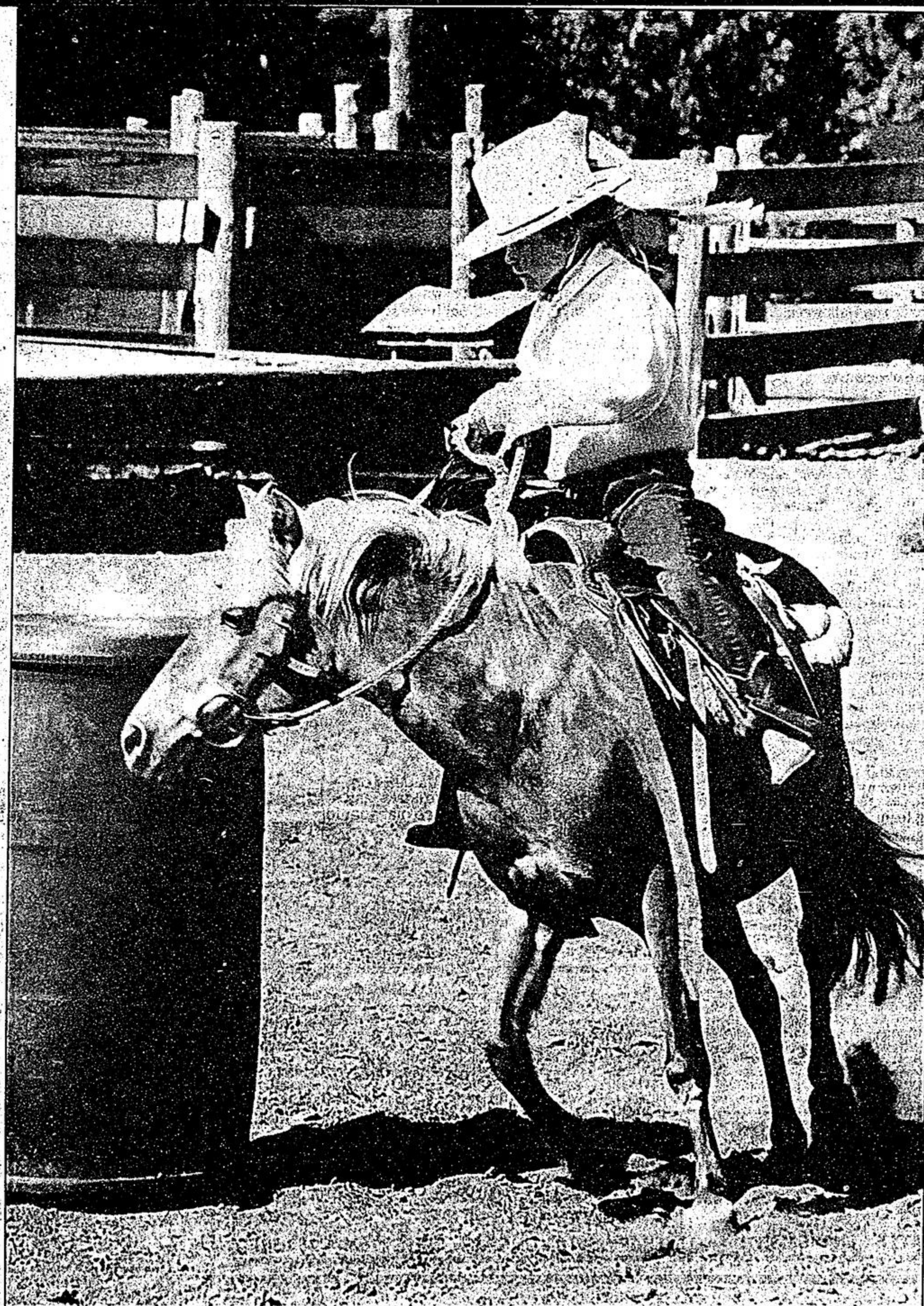
At the quarter-finals they met Chatham-Kent where they bowed in a toughly contested three game set. After losing the first game 15-2, the Stouffville boys bounced back to prevail 15-5. They led 9-4 in the rubber match, but were overcome by a determined finish by their opponents, losing 15-11.

#### Great contest

"The final game was a great contest," said coach Fletcher. "We didn't blow (the game). They won it from us."

The Spartans are heading to Cumbarton this coming weekend for another match up against solid competition, the likes of which they will be facing in the All Ontario Championships, should they progress that far, the coach said.

## Ride 'em cowgirl



### Barrel riding champion

**RIDING HIGH:** Five-year-old equestrian sensation Courtney Morehouse wowed the crowd recently with her horsemanship. The Stouffville child won the barrel riding competition aboard her pony as part of the Boots and Saddle Riding Club's annual championship

competition. Riders from the club tried to best each other's time and skill at a varied number of events in the annual meet, which attracted spectators, parents and friends to the riding farm.

## Atoms blast into new season with 3-2 victory over Toros

Stouffville's Fame International Atom Clippers roared into the new hockey season in recent action, defeating a traditionally bullish Bowmanville Toros squad 3-2.

The Toros faltered in the opening shift of the first period and held onto the lead until early in the second when John McKinnon connected to tie it up on a pass from Peter Smith.

The Clippers went ahead later in the period on a Smith goal set up by McKinnon and Michael Underwood.

Bowmanville's tying goal, notched with 20 seconds left in second period play, was shortlived when Kyle Norton found the mark with just four seconds left. Steve Wilcox pick-

ed up the assist on the Norton tally.

The Clippers doggedly hung on to their lead in the third period, despite playing two men short in the dying minutes.

Tough penalty killing by Roger McMann, McKinnon and the defensive team of Chad Dickinson, Ian Ellis, Scott Assinck, Danny Armour, and Michael Boyd, aided Stouffville in the win.

Goalies Evan Boyd and Brad Hackerl shared duties in the cage, both making fine stops.

Rounding out the squad are forwards Brent Avery, Graham Crowder and Dave Hutchison.

The Clippers' home opener is scheduled for Friday night, 8 p.m. against Port Hope.

## Courtney Morehouse tops at annual meet

Five-year-old Courtney Morehouse of Stouffville showed her form in recent barrel racing action, taking top honors at the annual Boots and Saddle Horse Club championship competition.

Morehouse will be awarded, along with several other championship members of the Whitechurch-Stouffville club, at an awards ceremony being held at the Maples of Ballantrae on Nov. 5.

The Boots and Saddle Horse Club holds its shows at High Quest Farm near Ballantrae throughout each summer.

Class Champions for the 1988 season are as follows:

SHOWMANSHIP — Bev Ferguson; SHOWMANSHIP YOUTH 'A' — Tiffany Pelt; SHOWMANSHIP YOUTH 'B' — Kevin Dent.

ENGLISH PLEASURE — Judy Service; ENGLISH PLEASURE YOUTH 'A' — Tiffany Bell; ENGLISH PLEASURE YOUTH 'B' — Kevin Dent.

ENGLISH EQUITATION — Judy Service; ENGLISH EQUITATION YOUTH 'A' — Tiffany Pelt; ENGLISH EQUITATION YOUTH 'B' — Kevin Dent.

HUNTER HACK — Kevin Dent; WORKING HUNTER — Laura Scott.

WESTERN RIDING — Ronya Brooks; COMMAND — Kevin Dent; REINING — Ronya Brooks; POLE BENDING — John Alden; POLE BENDING YOUTH — Andrea Tedder;

BARREL RACE — Annette Weatherston; BARREL RACE YOUTH — Scott Molr; BARREL RACE PEWEE — Courtney Morehouse.

FLAG RACE — Ralph Wallin; DOWN AND BACK — Lea Spence; DOWN AND BACK YOUTH — Scott Molr.

# New efforts to get Stouffville 'on track'

By BRUCE STAPLEY  
Nick Tatone, the IBM manager and horse hobbyist known to some as the Mayor of the Vandorf Sideroad, used to run the odd long distance marathon to keep his body in sync with his ever-racing mind. The race he is running these days, however, involves the chasing of votes, as he attempts to succeed Jim Rae as the Ward 3 councillor.

And one of the areas he finds himself addressing more, and more, is that of activities for youth in Ward 3 and the town of Whitechurch-Stouffville, as a whole. Being a realist, he accepts the fact that funding just isn't there for a pool at the present time. And he tries to get the kids to understand that corporate interests can justify a McDonald's restaurant, or any of the other facilities that teens

like to frequent. Track possible.

However, mention the words "running track" to Nick and his eyes twinkle, his hands begin to gesture and the ideas begin to flow.

Yes, of course we need one, he claims. Our high school athletes are at a distinct disadvantage, as it now stands, and Stouffville District Secondary School will never be able to host a track meet without the facility.

And what about all those adult recreational runners who must risk shin splints and crazed motorists as they run the streets of Stouffville? A proper running track would be just the thing to rekindle their interest in fitness. But of course the truth is, it just won't happen, not if it's left up to the school board and town. And for understandable



### Sport notes

Bruce Stapley

With cutbacks and restrictions that are being placed on school spending, we'll be lucky to see a few new basketball hoops added to SDSS's list of new facilities in the near future. And when mayoral hopeful Will Morley listed the town's priorities, in an interview the other day, a track wasn't even mentioned. It's hard to see how such a toy could possibly compete with hard needs like a pool, sewage and water facilities, a new town office and the expansion of our

library. The recreation office suggests interest in a track was not foremost in their survey asking residents what playthings they want to see added to the current roster. Beauty of it. So the answer to the running track question is to embark on one of the greatest co-operative programs Stouffville has ever seen. Through a combination of fundraising, grant chasing, and good old-fashioned sweat, we can have our track. And the

beauty of it is, only those who are interested need get involved.

There will be none of this, "Aw, I don't want it because I'll never use it" stuff.

When Nick and I threw the idea around last week, we were both jumping around with excitement within minutes.

Just the thought of harnessing all that youthful energy of those high school athletes, along with the willingness of adults and area business to get involved, had us waxing optimistic.

All we need now is a gung-ho organizer, a super-organized person with a knack for capturing people's imaginations. Local landscaping, trucking and construction outfits would probably be more than happy to come on board, as they have so many times in the past.

Work to be done

We'd need Bobcat operators to take up the sod, loaders to put it into trucks, and laborers to prepare the ground.

I supposed we could find an area dealer in building materials to get us a good price on sand, crushed brick, or whatever it takes to build an adequate track.

Come on Stouffville, it's time to take on a project that will show the rest of the world just what we're made of once again. A running track is just another sign of a town's coming of age, and we've arrived in almost every other category.

Let's put our minds to the test, our hands to the shovel, and go for it. With a few more Nick Tatones on our team, we just can't miss.