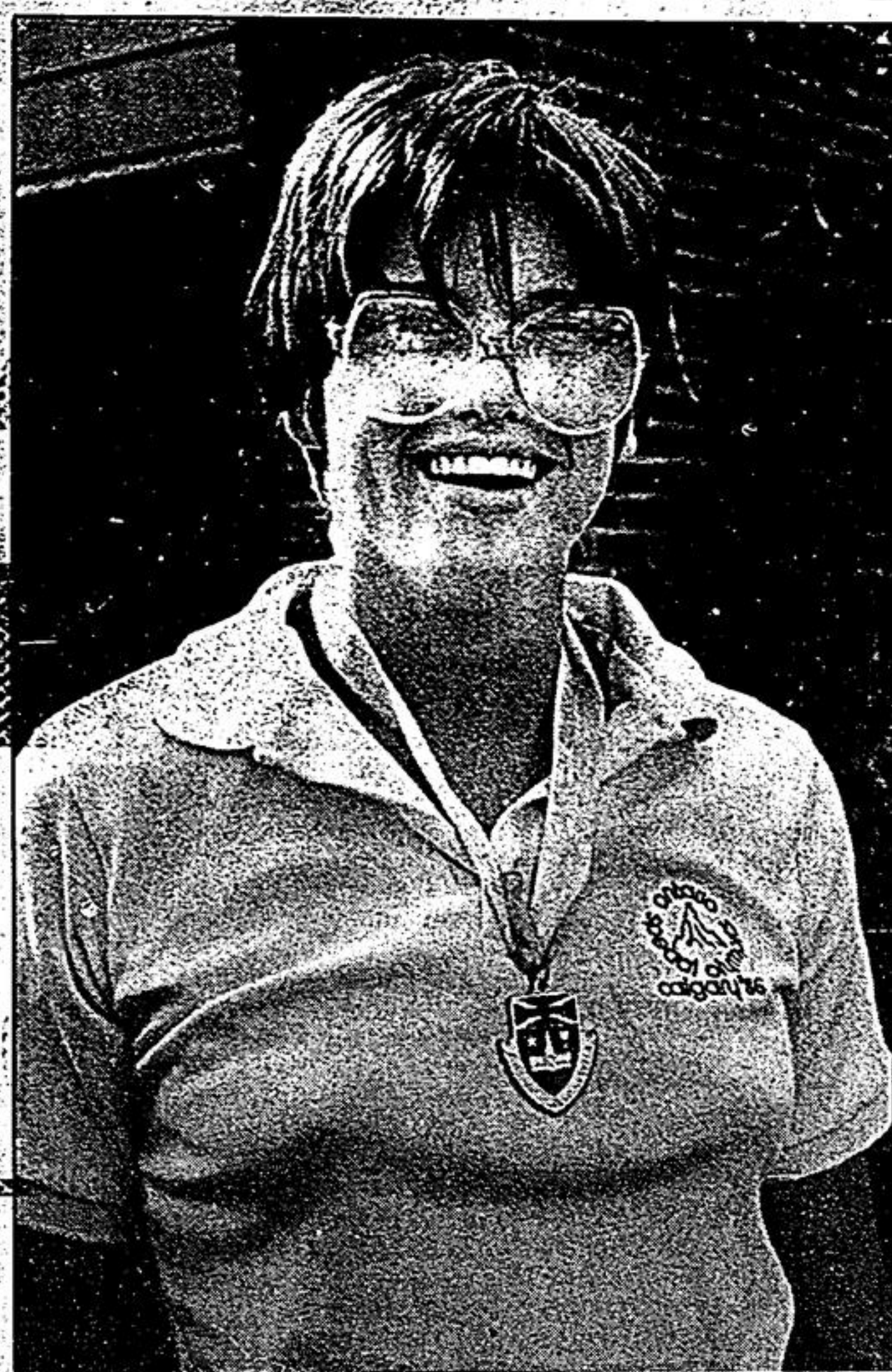


# Medalist off to Special Olympics



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Local residents may remember Tracey Garbutt, the perky 17-year-old who brought home a Gold and a Bronze for her excellence in track and field at the National Special Olympics held in Calgary in 1986. Now 20, Tracey has qualified for the 1989 Ontario Special Olympics Summer Games.

In the past month Tracey did not run but swam her way through a system based on age, points and ability levels to qualify provincially.

A further competition to determine whether Tracey will also qualify in the track and field division is to be held on May 28th. If she is successful Tracey and her family will be forced to make a difficult decision.

In the past competitors have been able to enter more than one event. But due to the scheduling of the Summer Games, to be held at York University Aug. 10-13, Tracey may have to choose between swimming or track and field.

Tracey, who trains in both sports regularly, has difficulty deciding which sport she enjoys the most. Not to be restricted to either a track or a pool, she takes great delight in riding "Misty" the family horse. She also likes to camp, fish and X-country ski.

Tracey's interest in sports was 'whetted' at the age of two when she began her first series of swimming lessons. By 15 Tracey

was competing in track and field and by 17 was matching skills with other swimmers.

Tracey's parents, Michelle and John, provide the 'chauffering' necessary for Tracey to participate in a hectic training schedule. With three other busy children this has not always been an easy task. "I feel like I spend my life in the car," laughs Tracey's mother.

"We always have to go out of town. Not having an indoor pool or a track in Stouffville is a real problem. We have a Canadian Champion but no track." Mr. and Mrs. Garbutt drive Tracey to Markham District High School for track and field and to Richmond Hill for swimming.

The Garbuts' dedication has paid off with their daughter's athletic achievements and has provided them with a way to meet the parents of other 'Special Olympians'. The other parents make up a welcome support group.

Tracey claims she would be "bored to death" without her sports activities where she has made many friends. Her advice to other potential champions, with or without a handicap, is to "work hard, keep going and have good coaches like Laurie Abernethy and Mike Smith." Laurie coaches Tracey's swimming and Mike both swimming and track.

When asked what goals Tracey has set for the future, she answers, "the Nationals in Vancouver and to be happy."

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Tracey Garbutt has qualified for the Special Olympic Summer Games in swimming, but her excellence in track and field may cause her to choose between the two events should she also qualify May 28. The Games will be held at York University August 10 to 13. Tracey says her aim is for the Nationals in Vancouver. She already took home a Gold and a Bronze in track and field at the Nationals in 1986.

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