

Sports

Briefs

Uxbridge

She'll be back next year

Tawn Elliot, the Uxbridge Secondary School badminton player who went as far as the regional (LOSSAA) finals recently, claims she'll be back with a vengeance next season.

Elliot, the only USS representative at the LOSSAA championship, was pitted up against the region's number one seeded player in her first match.

Though she was defeated, Elliot played a strong game, taking six straight points early in the contest.

She lost twice in a row in her second match, but vowed to be back next year with a stronger and more powerful backhand.

USS's Alice Kim also qualified for the double elimination round leading to the LOSSA finals. She won her first match, but lost her next two, and was eliminated from further competition.

Other members of the USS team were Dan Marchalletta, Jason Catherwood, Chris Diebel, Rob Ferguson, Blake Palmer, Brian Cordingly and Willy Bernier.

Stouffville

Diamond clean up postponed

The volunteer clean up of the main diamond at Stouffville's Memorial Park has been rescheduled for the next Saturday, (May 4), from 8:30 a.m. until noon.

Organizer Ken Wood told the Tribune Thursday that the field raking and bench painting work originally planned for last Saturday had to be called off on account of wet weather.

Wood said that although roughly 30 volunteers showed up, it was just too soggy to walk on the field.

"We want to wait a full two weeks to be sure the ground is dry," said Wood, who was asked by Whitchurch-Stouffville Community Ball Association president Cliff Dunkeld to arrange the joint clean up with the Town.

The Town will send an employee and will providing the materials for the project. Wood feels that asking the public to get involved with the job will help instill a sense of pride in those assisting.

"Once these people have helped clean up the field they'll be more inclined to do something if they see someone breaking a bottle on the field in the future. This is something we've been trying to do for years.

UPS wrestlers third at Durham meet

The Uxbridge Public School (UPS) wrestling team grappled its way to a third place finish at Durham Junior Wrestling Championships at Ajax High School Monday.

The 22-man UPS squad had 13 of its members qualify for the medal

rounds, with the school bringing home six golds, two silvers and a bronze.

Ian Hoggie, Jay Blain, Craig Harnett, Garnett Knibbs, Wes Bainbridge and Daniel Wigdon all placed first in their weight category for UPS.

Second place finishes were earned by Bradley Ballinger and Kurtis Johnson.

Matt Clarke had a third for the Uxbridge school.

UPS's Troy Stiner, Chris Bainbridge, Andrew Chapman, and Andy Beach all had fourth place

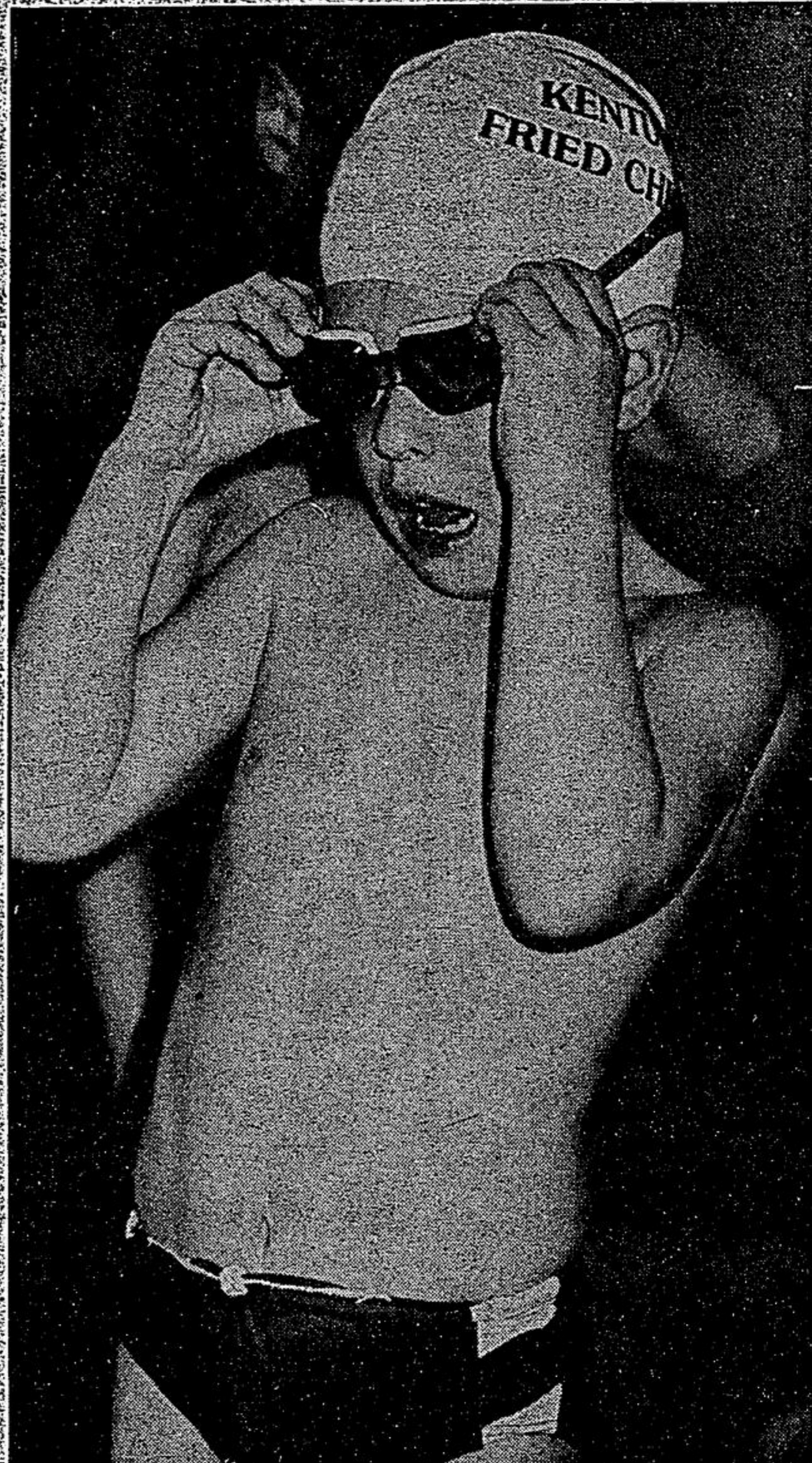
showings.

The competition, which included grades four and five, saw over 225 wrestlers take part.

The Uxbridge school ended up with a total of 42 points, two points out of second place and four points short of first.



Gillian Bryon, 5 (left), gets some advice from her mother and coach, Mary, following her run in the 25-metre backstroke. Chris Lee, 7, adjusts his goggles before he takes a plunge. The



two young members of the Uxbridge Swim Club were competing at an invitational meet at Uxpool Sunday. The USC won five gold medals among other hardware at the competition.

Uxbridge swimmers win gold at meet

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Uxbridge Swim Club members captured five gold medals at Sunday's Kentucky Fried Chicken Invitational at Uxpool.

Twenty USC contestants bragged top six finishes in the 200-swimmer meet, which included 58 events in total.

USC's Sandra Clark had a gold, a silver and two bronze medals to lead the Uxbridge winners.

She was first in the 50-metre freestyle, second in the 100-m individual medley, and third in both the 50-m fly and the 100-m freestyle events.

Crystal Clark placed first in the 100-m freestyle, second in the 50-m freestyle and third in the 100-m fly.

Colin Briggs, also of the Uxbridge club, took the gold in

the 100-m backstroke.

The USC girls 11-and-12 relay team finished first in their event, while the 8-and-under team took the gold as well.

The girls 9-and-10 had a sec-

ond place finish.

The 9-and-under girls were second, and the boys 9-and-10 team placed third.

Kelly Koonstra had a pair of

seconds (25-m, 50-m freestyle) and a third, Jenny Cramm had three silvers (100-m freestyle, 100-m fly, 100-m individual medley). Laura Holder was good for two silvers (100-m fly, 200-m individual medley). Carla Leskovicz had a silver (50-m backstroke). Erin Bird earned a third (50-m breaststroke).

Other top six finishers from the Uxbridge club included Scott Briggs, Jonathan Harper, Marcia Bryon, Basja Demmers, Pam Holder, Lauren Jukes, Heather Robertson, Jennifer Robertson, Nickolas Harper, Shawn Robertson, Mary Fowler, and Thea Demmers.

The USC boys 8-and-under team had a fourth place showing.

The Uxbridge club has announced it will be hosting the Central C Swim Championships at Uxpool June 22 and 23.

Swimmers go West

Twenty members of the Uxbridge Swim Club are in Edmonton this weekend competing in the Keyano International Swim Meet.

The USC swimmers are among almost 1,000 competitors representing 50 teams from across Canada and the U.S.

The Uxbridge contingent includes Heather Lee, Susan Evans, Kristin Thomas, Beth Frisk, Colin Mark, Melissa Thomas, Kelly Bryon, Tara Hannah, Laura Lee, Julie Evans, Matt Slater, Maggie Evans, Melanie Bryon, Cindy Leask,

Krista Wasylenky, Sandy Mark, Tyler Hannah, Jim Kelly, Erin Hannah and Mike Wasylenky.

The USC swimmers qualified for the prestigious meet by achieving at least two provincial qualifying time standards.

The competition is being held at the site of last year's Commonwealth Games swimming events, which includes two 50-metre pools.

The heats began yesterday with the finals taking place Sunday afternoon.

The USC swimmers return home Tuesday afternoon.

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