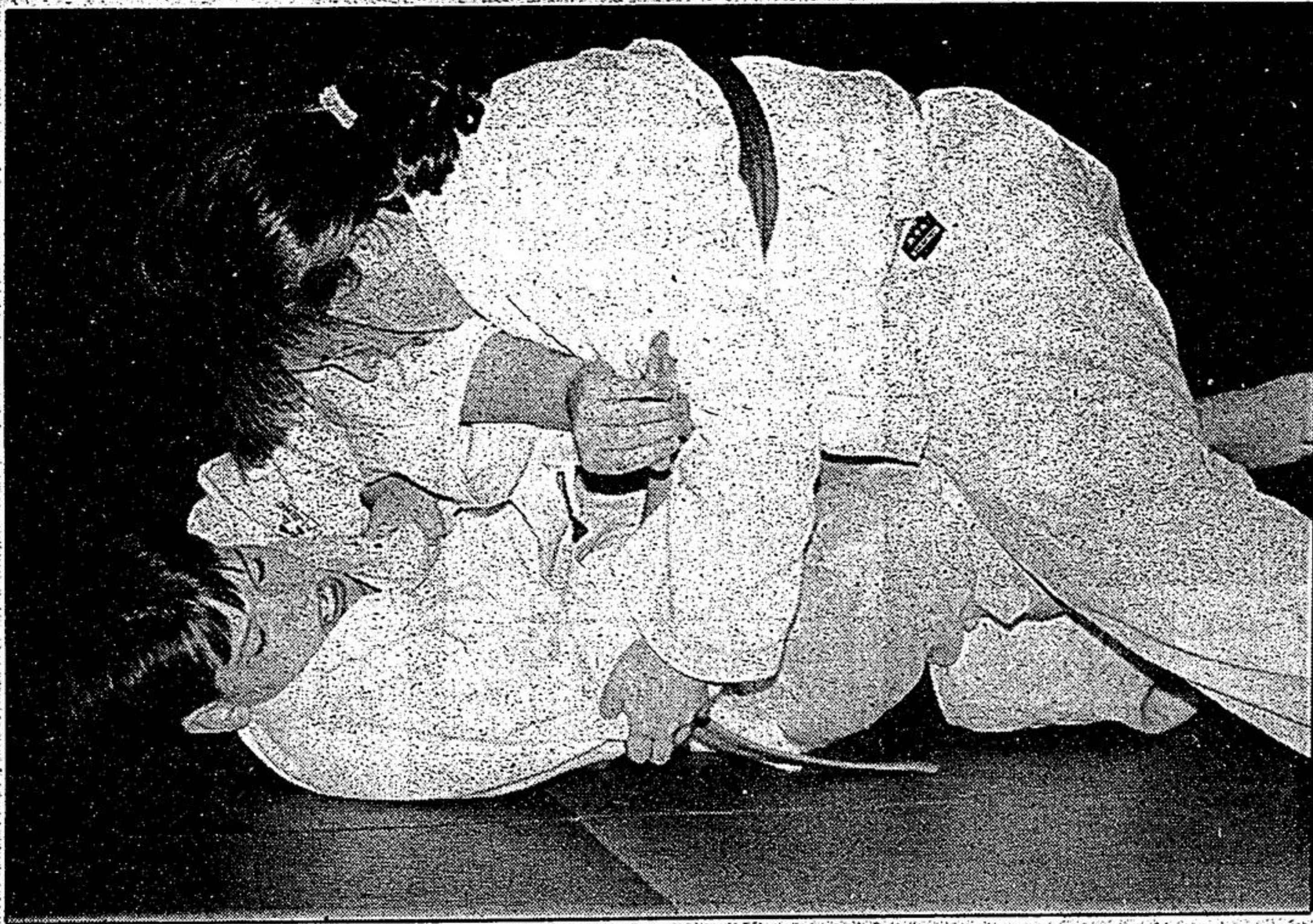


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In total command

Brenda Neilson, representing the Bowmanville Maple Leaf Judo Club (top), appears to be in a favorable position in her match with Sheffield Club representative Jay Rosenberger during

action in the Sheffield Judo Club Tournament on Saturday. Neilson captured this match and proceeded to the final where she eventually lost.

Major peewees earn split

The Markham Stouffville Credit Union major peewee Clippers earned a split in weekend games with Tottenham and Port Perry.

The Clippers downed visiting Tottenham 4-2 in an exhibition contest on Friday. Brett Boyd, Chris Johnstone, Jason Fontanna and Harrison each had a goal for the Clippers.

Against Port Perry on Sunday, Andrew Korb scored three goals for the Clippers in a 5-3 loss.

Clippers down Peterborough

Andy Gibson scored just 52 seconds into the game, then added another pair to help power the Ken and Neil Patrick major novice Clippers to an 8-3 win over Peterborough in a game played at the Rec Centre Friday night.

Josh Brillinger had two goals for

the Clippers.

Singles were credited to Shawn Burns, Brian Montgomery, and Blair Loughead. Assists went to Jordan Mabley (3), Brad Paterson (2), Rod Assinck, Michael Sullivan, Montgomery, and Loughead.

Spartan seniors get caged

The Stouffville District S.S. Spartans junior boys' basketball team was overpowered 66-28 by Bayview S.S. in the season opener for the Stouffville squad.

The Spartans came up with a strong defensive effort against the more talented Bayview outfit, while James Bowen and Paul Koert led the SDSS offense with nine and eight points respectively.

Tim Smart picked up four points, with Scott Murray chipping in with three. Jona Cho and Phil Stewart had two points apiece.

Clippers turned back by Trenton in final...again

In a repeat of the previous week's championship final at the midget tournament in Stouffville, Trenton prevailed over the Cable Tech midget Clippers 2-1 in overtime in the title match of the Cobourg Tournament played over the weekend.

John McKinnon's goal from Lindsay Haylow and David Hutchison just two minutes into the deciding game gave the Clippers a lead they held until Trenton tied it on a power play marker with two minutes left to play.

With each team required to drop one skater at one minute intervals of overtime, Trenton finally struck for the winning goal.

Stouffville goal keeper Brad Hackert was outstanding in net, helping keep the Clippers in the game.

On the road to the final, the short handed Clippers started out with a 4-0 win over Newmarket.

Josh McKellar earned the shutout while Brad Crozier was named MVP. Hutchison scored twice, with Ian Ellis and Peter Smith adding singles. Ellis and McKinnon each had two assists.

Crozier netted both Stouffville goals in a 2-1 win over a strong Lindsay team in game two. Graham Crowder and Ellis logged assists. Hutchison earned the MVP award, while Hackert shone in goal.

The Clippers were shaded 4-3 by Port Perry in their next outing, but picked up enough points to advance to the championship contest with Trenton. Smith, Jason Davis, and Hutchison scored for Stouffville. Roger McMann was named MVP.

The midgets host Oshawa this Friday at 9:10 p.m. at the Rec Centre.

Peewee Clippers sail past Lindsay

Chris Johnstone and Andrew Korb each fired a pair of goals to power the Markham Stouffville Credit Union peewee Clippers to a 7-2 triumph over Lindsay in a road game on Dec. 5.

Mark Meyer, Brett Boyd, and Jason Fontanna also scored for the Clippers.

Sam Leccese and Andrew Harper shared netminding duties.

Dan Rumeo picked up three assists, with J.P. Belanger setting up two scores.

Other assists went to Boyd, Chris McDonald, Korb, Dan Thompson, and Mike Wood.

Ski resorts have come a long way

Things have come a long way since the days when a special rail car used to come up from Toronto loaded with skiers who would traverse the slopes just next to what is now Ski Dagmar, the Claremont area ski resort.

Dagmar's marketing manager Steve Dunn said they'd make the journey in what was called "The Dagmar Car" back in the late 1940's and early '50's, back before there was a road leading to the ski facility.

The eager skiing enthusiasts would spend the day chussing back and forth on their wooden skis, using a rope tow powered by the engine of an old pick up truck to get them to the top of the hill. The same truck would be utilized for field duty in summertime.

Dunn said that only recently, someone at the resort came across

a box of old photographs, capturing forever the pre-jet lift days.

Those who have been around the resort awhile, like owner Gabor Marton, were bathing themselves in nostalgia as they relived the old memories.

Today, some 40 years later, things have changed drastically in the world of skiing. And while they're still not likely to start making comparisons between Whistler and the natural terrain in these parts, Dagmar and the relatively new kid on the block, Lakeridge Resort, are making the most of the modest physical attributes with which they have been endowed.

Dagmar and Lakeridge continue to work a little harder at attracting skiers from the local environs as well as from the entire Greater

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Toronto Area.

Both have ample runs and lifts that are up to standards, along with snow making equipment and lighting that allow them to take full advantage of what can be short season.

And these facilities aren't just for beginners.

Lakeridge area manager Rick Werner said his resort boasts a 300-foot vertical drop, just 15 feet shy of that offered by some of the more popular Barrie area resorts.

Werner told me the other day

that the demand is there because people are looking at gas prices and the amount of time required to get to the better known ski havens of Southern Ontario.

Both Dagmar and Lakeridge offer half day or hourly passes to make it even more attractive to locals.

And both resorts are future oriented, not content to sit back and coast.

Dagmar will undergo a massive expansion next summer in an attempt to become a year round operation.

Officials plan to introduce mountain biking and hiking, along with trail rides on horses, beach volleyball, and a wading pond with a little waterfall. Dunn said the idea is to reach out to both the public and the corporate market. The resort already offers

wedding packages in summertime, and the next step will carry things several steps further.

Dunn said its a matter of giving the people what they want in tough economic times.

"It's a sign of the times," he said.

"We're more than just a ski resort. We'll do whatever it takes to get the people out here."

As for the people at Lakeridge, the future also includes an aggressive approach. Werner said there are plans in place to double the size of the resort's chalet in two years, adding a whole new second level. Two new lifts are also on the drawing board. "We plan to expand as the need increases," said Werner.

It's a long way from the days of rail cars and rope tows.