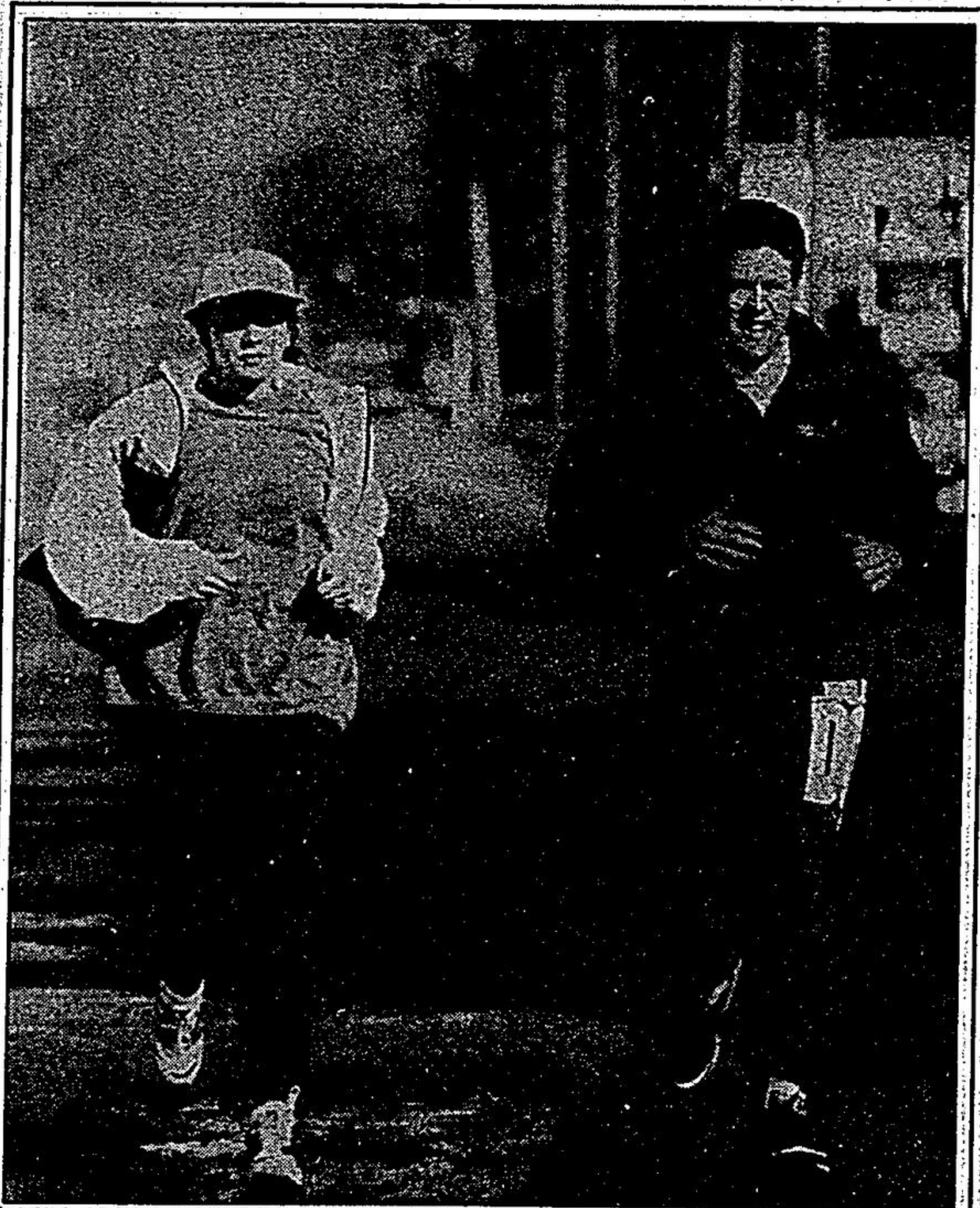


Sports

Second ice pad is a must for arrival of local Junior A entry



A runner's delight

Runners Irmgard van der Krift (far left) and Peter McGaugh, took advantage of the spring-like weather conditions earlier this past week to take a jog along Edward Street.

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Minor peewees gain split in contests against Ajax

The Aikens IDA minor peewees ended up on opposite ends of 4-1 scores in a pair of exhibition hockey games against the Ajax AA team in recent action.

Lukas Williams, Brent Meyer, Blair Cain and Casey Maude scored for Stouffville in a 4-1 win in the first match.

Assists went to Eric Harper, Matt Sullivan, Blair Cain, Ryan Jones and Ryan Fontanna. Graham Smith was solid in the Clippers net.

Justin Heyworth was the lone Clippers marksman in the second contest. Jones and Peter Smith assisted.

The Clippers were in Hamilton to take part in a tournament over the March break.

SPORT NOTES

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From all indications, Toronto area hockey promoter George Stavros would still like to bring a Junior A hockey team to Stouffville.

Stavros was at the recent council meeting which endorsed the idea of a second ice pad, offering the support of a guarantee of 10 hours of pre-booked ice time by a junior team if the second arena comes to fruition.

While neither past Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association (WSMHA) president Wally Crowder or current president Maureen Markle were able to confirm or deny it, rumor has it Stavros may be looking to transfer the Ajax Axemen of the Ontario Hockey Association Provincial Junior A League to Stouffville.

Crowder was approached by Stavros about the possibility of bringing a Junior squad here last year and set him on to Markle. Markle's husband John, who is WSMHA rep convener, has spoken with Stavros, confirmed Maureen, about different possibilities.

But everyone agrees that without the second pad, it's all academic. Maureen, who will assist the recently confirmed second ice pad steering

committee, said she's just hopeful council will make a final decision one way or another as to whether to go from approving of the concept of the new arena to actually setting the wheels in motion. She told me she realizes there is a certain amount of opposition to the idea from indoor swimming pool advocates. But she said that on the other hand, there is a significant size group of people who have devoted endless hours of their time to researching the second pad concept.

"The man hours are adding up. Let's go one way or the other," she suggested.

Markle said the WSMHA would get involved with any fundraising plans that are made to help the pad become a reality.

Let's hope the "second pad versus pool" debate doesn't trigger the kind of divisiveness among townspeople that we were all so anxious to see council put behind it after the last municipal election.

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Turning to softball, Whitchurch-Stouffville Softball Association (WSSA) president Cathy Bennett and her executive have been busy during the winter months preparing for the 1995 season. Bennett told me recently that while no one has offered to take over from Howard Burkholder as Stouffville Merchants junior men's fast ball team coach and organiz-

er, there will still be a total of 10 boys and girls rep teams this summer. There will be rep teams of both genders from mites all the way through midgets. It will be the first season in a while that the organization will field a mite girls crew.

Bennett said most of the teams have already begun indoor workouts.

The WSSA conducted a Level One coaches clinic in the Stouffville District Secondary School gym over the past weekend. There will be a junior umpires clinic for males and females between the ages of 12 and 18 at Latcham Hall the morning of April 22.

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It keeps getting better for the Devil's Elbow alpine racing team. The upstart squad, which includes Stouffville's Andrea Newmarch, followed up its surprising victory over the three year reigning MacKenzie League champions from Osler Bluff in the semi-finals by winning the finals at Craigeith Feb. 25. Stouffville's Stan Newmarch, Andrea's grandfather, said the Collingwood ski area was "in shock" after the back to back defeat of their highly rated clubs by the underdog Devil's Elbow outfit.

He said the winning club is still looking for 11- and 12-year-old racers for next year's team. Training begins in December, with ex-Canadian ski team racers serving as coaches.

Oldtimers finish second

John Boyd was named top goalkeeper as the Betz Pools Oldtimers hockey team had a win and two ties to finish second at a recent one-day tournament in Peterborough.

Don Lloyd and Bob McKinnon scored for Betz in an opening game 2-2 tie against Scott's. It was Bob Leger, Garth Krisman, George Cowley and Lloyd finding the range in a 4-4 draw with

the Schomberg Sooters in game two.

Krisman collected a pair of goals, including the winner, in a 3-2 win over Erin Second Wind in the Betz squad's final outing.

Ralph Cain notched the third Stouffville marker.

Assists for the tournament went to Jack Holder (2), Joe Infurnari (2), Leger, Bill Corner, Wayne McMann, Ron Cain and McKinnon.

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