

# Stouffville sports

## Half-Pints slated to hold court on June 9

### SPORT NOTES



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They're billed as the world's smallest and funniest basketball team and they're coming to Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) on June 9.

They're called the Canadian Half-Pints Miniature Basketball Team and they've entertained thousands in Canada and the United States, while also promoting a Don't Tease program at the games.

The Half Pints will be up against the Scarborough Boys and Girls Club Celebrity Basketball Team in the inaugural Mini-hoops Basketball Benefit for the Boys and Girls Club.

Half Pints team manager Phil Watson says it's an opportunity to combine entertainment with good example, while raising money for a good cause.

"The fans respect the players' determination, athleticism and willingness to play the game, while at the same time we're able to get a message across and raise money

for needy organizations," said Watson.

Game time is 6 and 8 p.m. For ticket information call 1-800-268-7371.

Jessica Weatherill and Stephanie Hobbs of SDSS were fourth in the midget and junior girls' discus events respectively at the York Region Track and Field Meet at York University on Friday.

Joe Cherkas was fourth in the 1,500-metre boys race, while Luke Anderson was a strong second in the 2,000m boys steeplechase. Sarah Cliff came in at the five minute mark to pace the senior girls in the 1,500m event.

The SDSS Spartans boys' fastball team jumped out the gate with three straight road wins in York Region Secondary Schools Athletic Association play.

The Spartans blanked Aurora 2-0 in their May 4 opener behind the 11 strike-out shut out pitching of lefty Paul Koert. Ian Ellis and Graham Crowder plated the SDSS runs.

On Thursday Koert and rookie Jay Nesbitt combined on a 6-1 win over King City. Nesbitt struck out seven batters. Brad Hackert's hard

single in the sixth triggered the six run outburst as the SDSS team batted around.

The Spartans downed Markham 8-2 Friday as Ellis socked a two run, out of the park home run.

The Spartans were to play their home opener Tuesday afternoon at the Town Park, with an all day tournament today at the park involving six boys fastball teams and eight girls slo-pitch squads.

It seems the report in Saturday's Weekender saying that ice time had been guaranteed for Stouffville's Provincial Junior A League hockey team caused a flurry among some local town officials and others.

Jim Hamm, who has been working earnestly towards the acquisition of a second ice pad for the town, took a few shots from people accusing him of thinking he had the second pad in the bag.

Not so, insisted Hamm. He's hoping to iron the whole thing out over the next week or so when he talks with Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association officials. Hamm says the coming of the Junior squad is tied in closely with whether or not the second pad gets built.

Goodwood Public School student Danielle Brown took the gold medal in beam at the Durham Elementary School Championships held May 9 at the Gemini Gymnastics Club in Oshawa.

Brown, 10, also placed sixth on the floor at the competition. She qualified for the regional finals by winning the gold on the floor and finishing fourth on beam, in the Uxbridge area elementary schools meet.

## Brown is gym dandy

## Good start for novices

The Angie's Eatery/Weston Produce novice girls softball team started off the 1995 season by winning the Whitby Invitational Tournament over the weekend.

The Stouffville girls took four of their five games played, downing Whitby 8-6 in the final on Sunday.

Stouffville defeated Whitby 11-1, then blasted Ajax 19-2 in their first two games Saturday.

They rebounded from a tough 5-4 loss to Newmarket to outscore Ajax 13-1 to earn a berth in the championship final.

The Stouffville team got strong pitching from Amanda Crowder, Tegan Bennett, Lynn Harrison and Michell Dulude. Marlee Johnson led the offence with two home runs, two triples and two doubles. Bennett and Crowder also added to the offence.

Rachel McMillan and Cassie Gilroy anchored the defence, making several outstanding plays.

## ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



### AMY SLED

Amy won the gold medal in the Open girls 100 Metre Hurdles at the first ever Stouffville/

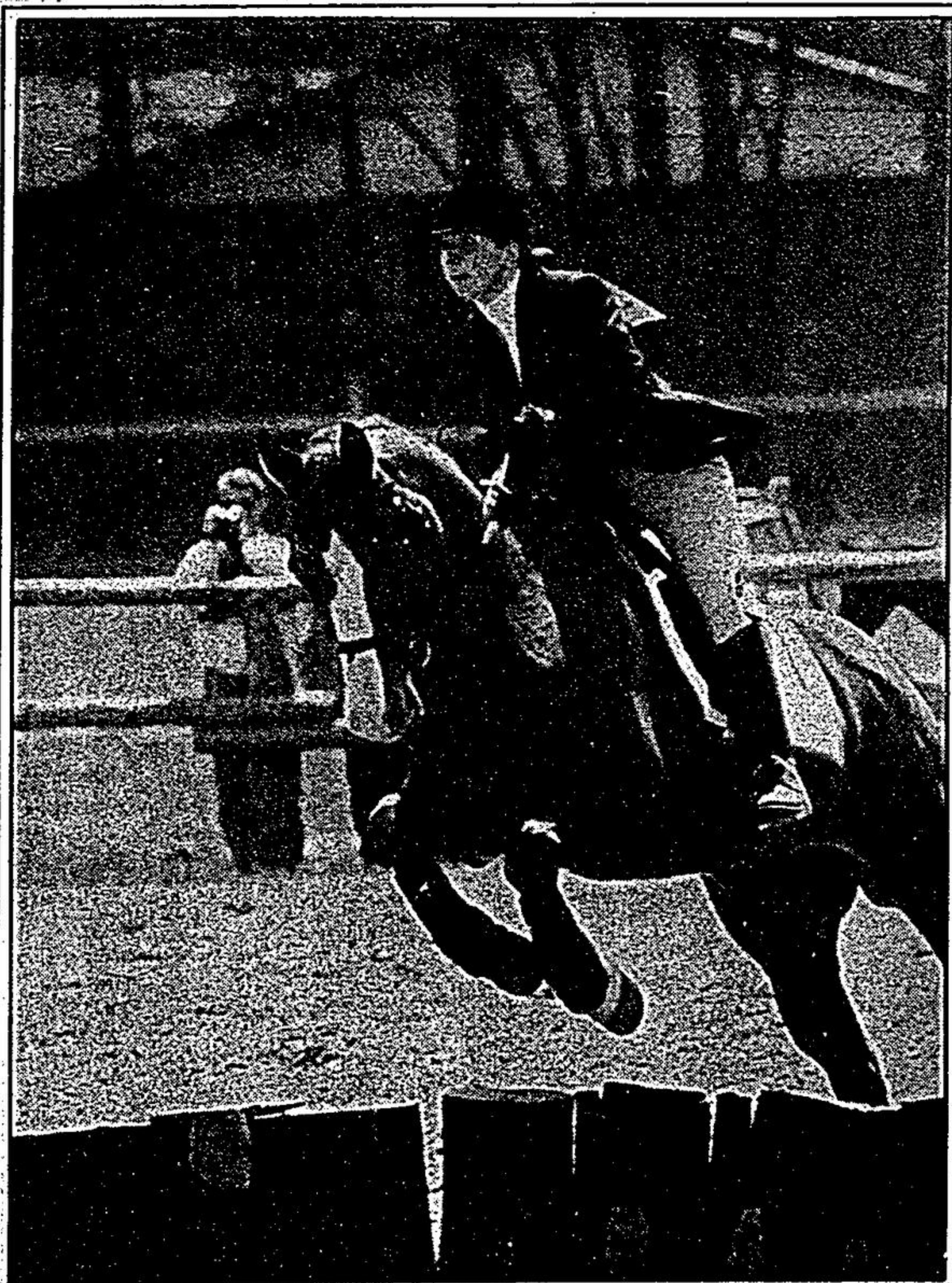
Unionville Invitational Track and Field Meet held at the Stouffville Track May 2nd.

Congratulations Amy!

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## Jumping for joy

Chrissie Millar and her horse, Trojan Warrior, make a successful attempt at clearing this barrier on route to finishing second in the Open Low Jumper Class at a recent equestrian meet at the Shannon Lane Farm.

Photo/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

## SAHL honors top performers for 94-95

They handed out the hardware at the annual Stouffville Amateur Hockey League (SAHL) banquet Saturday night at the Cedar Beach Pavilion.

The Smurthwaite Heating Bruins were honored for winning both the league and playoff championships in the 40 and over division. The Hunters Nest Stars took the 30-plus league title, while the playoff crown was captured by the Boyd's Sports Sharks.

The Gallo Real Estate Red Wings won the 40-plus B playoff title.

Three special awards for special SAHL service were given out at the banquet. Larry Penny was noted for his help in ranking players for the annual league draft. Past president Wayne Jackson was acknowledged for his work as a liaison between the league and the town. Norm Dunn was recognized for helping set the schedule each season.

Don Lloyd, 51, was honored for being the oldest player ever to win the 40-plus division scoring title. The 30-plus title was won by Bob Osborne.

The Al Parker Memorial Award for talent plus sportsmanship in the 30-plus division went to Gary Carr, while the corresponding 40-plus award, the Roy Ireland Memorial Award, was given to George Sled.

The Jim Wagg unsung hero award went to Ron Little in the 30-plus division, while the corresponding 40-plus honor, the Ambrose Pullen award, was given to Barry Gyton.

Top goalkeepers awards were earned by John Carrick and Kevin Keogh in the 30-plus and 40-plus divisions respectively.