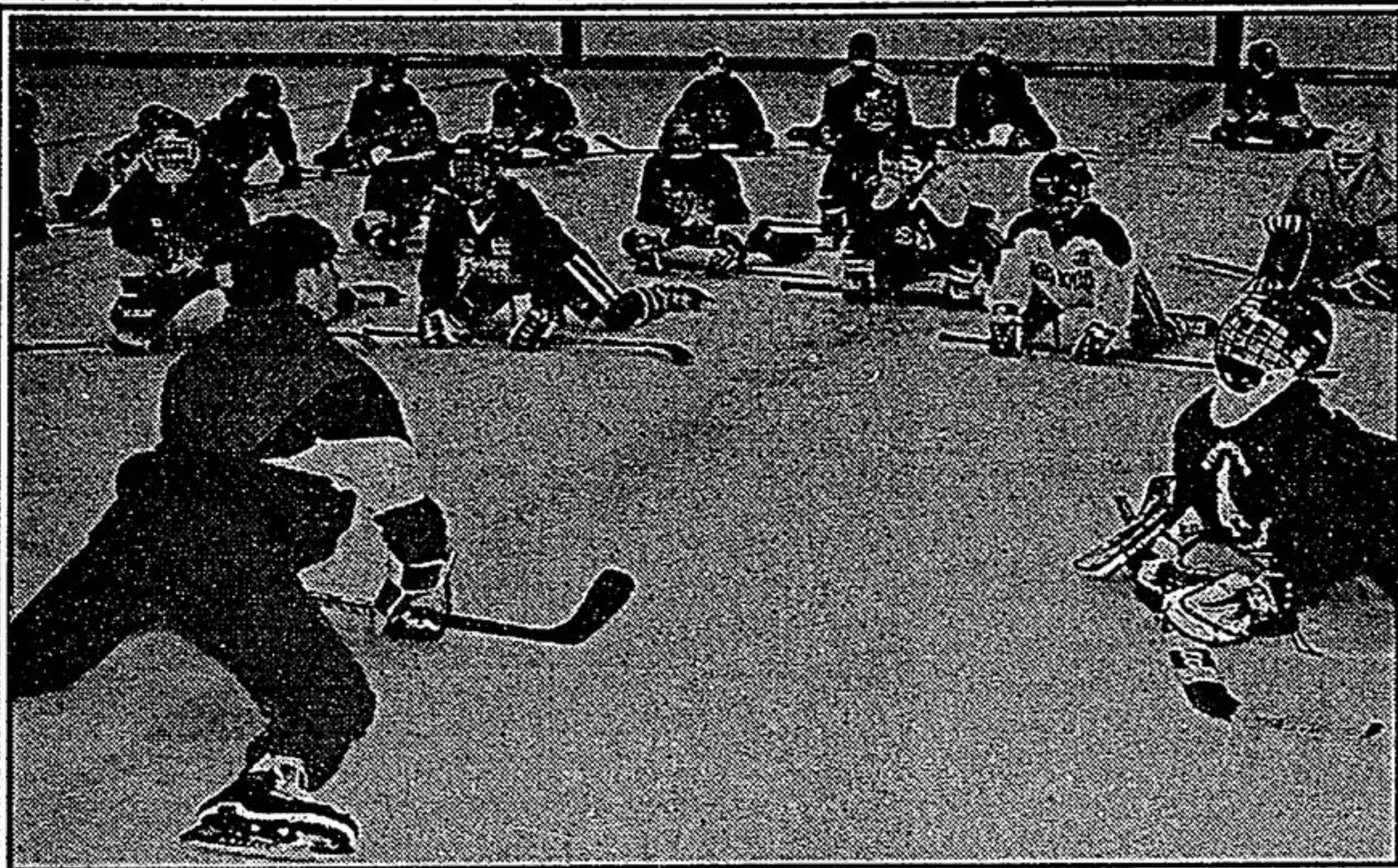


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ALL TOGETHER NOW: Professional hockey trainer Terry Owen (left), puts the Stouffville girls' atom hockey team through some stretching exercises before team began auditions at the Rec Centre on Monday. Photo by SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Robbins masters steeple chase

Stouffville runner Fred Robbins came within 10 seconds of breaking the meet record as he took the steeple chase title at a masters track and field meet in Raleigh, North Carolina over the weekend.

Robbins, 42, prevailed in the 40-44 age group at the 27th Annual South-eastern Masters Track and Field Meet held May 2-4 at North Carolina State University. He completed the course in an impressive 10 min-

utes, 17.3 seconds despite stormy and rainy conditions. His time fell 10 seconds short of the meet record established in 1975.

CLIFF RANKED EIGHTH

In other track and field news, former Stouffville District Secondary School track athlete Sarah Cliff was ranked eighth in Canada in the 10,000 metre event by Athletes Canada magazine, an Ontario Track and Field Association publication.

High school tracksters on time at local meet

The competition was thick as Stouffville District Secondary School athletes managed to finish in the running at the second annual Markham-Stouffville Track and Field Meet May 1 at the Stouffville Track.



Angie Pugh picked up a silver in the open girls' shot put event with a throw of 9.55 metres. Pugh

also had a fifth-place finish in the open girls' javelin event with a toss of 24.80m.

Jessica Weatherill took the bronze in the open girls' javelin with a throw of 28.10m. Brenda Robbins was sixth in the open girls' shot put. Michelle Dulude was fourth in the midget girls' javelin, and fifth in the javelin. Rachel Shanahan won the bronze in the midget girls' 100m with a time of 14.40 m. Wendy Wright

was fifth in the open girls' 1500m. Jabir Samji was fourth in the midget boys' high jump.

Ian Hazelwood was fourth in the open boys' 400m; Jason Williams, fourth, open boys' high jump; Jackie Derasmo, fifth, midget girls' long jump; the school's midget boys' and girls teams each placed fifth in the 4x100 relay.

King City S.S. were school champions at the meet.

Women's golfing network is a hit on the fairways

BRUCE STAPLEY
Correspondent

A women's golf association claiming to be the only one of its kind in Canada expects 1997 to be a season of continued rapid growth.

The National Women's Golf Network saw its membership catapult from 400 to 900 in its first two seasons, with an anticipated 1,000 female golfers in the Greater Toronto Area expected to take part this year.

Founded by Markham resident Mary Kraus, who is president of the organization, the network offers a golf program for females which includes instruction, weekly play and social activities. At present there are 40 courses in the GTA acting as host clubs, with 10 in the Stouffville-Markham area.

"I believe this is a valuable program," said Kraus,

a teacher at Markham District High School who took a one-year leave of absence to involve herself on a full-time basis with the women's golf outfit. "We as women need a program that represents us."

Members meet at 5 p.m. on a specified afternoon at the host club of their choice to play nine holes of golf. A pro is on hand to give tips to individual golfers before they tee off.

Events bringing together members from all participating clubs are also planned. A champagne and orange juice brunch at the Sporting Life at Sherway Gardens in Mississauga is slated for May 25, with members gathering for shopping followed by a two-hour golf clinic at the nearby Lion Head golf course.

Markham's Angus Glen golf course will also offer clinics for members at discounted prices. The association will also host three charity tournaments throughout the 1997 season. Two area courses are

among the host clubs - the Maples of Ballantrae Golf Club and 4 Seasons Golf and Country Club in Clarendon.

While the membership list currently includes mostly GTA residents, Kraus is out to make the network a Canada-wide organization. To that end, she is inviting women's golf leagues from across Canada to participate in the National League Challenge. The event will see each league send its top three golfers to a championship playoff at the Angus Glen facility. Leagues must only have 10 members to take part, although the Spalding company has offered to donate a set of golf clubs to any league of 50 or more female members taking part.

Kraus said the network is an organization whose time has come in light of the fact that women are becoming mainstream players on the fairways of Canada. Annual membership fees are \$135. For further information contact the National Womens Golf Network at 415-1270.



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