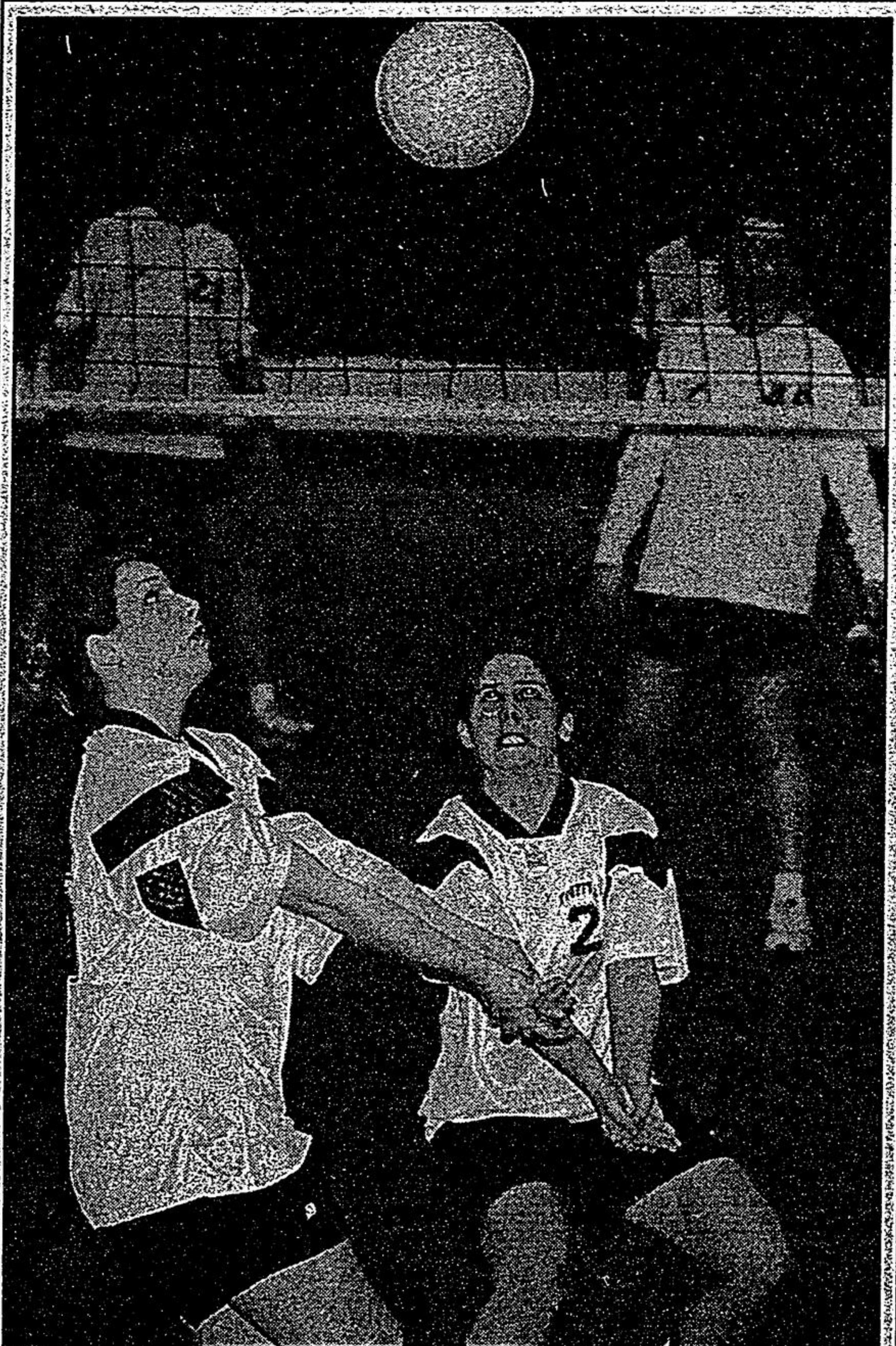


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**A JOINT EFFORT:** Stouffville District Secondary School's Amanda Crowder (left) and Danielle Timms get together to return this ball towards their Markham District High School opponents during Monday's YRAA senior girls' zone playoff game at Stouffville District Secondary School. The host Spartans, who were the top seed, won the match 15-2, 11-15, 15-13 and advance to Friday's region cross over tournament at Middlefield Collegiate.

Photo by *STOERD WITTEVEN*

## Birkett Stings King for scoring title



### Sports Notes

*Bruce Stapley*

It turns out that the celebration of Spirit of Stouffville centre Darcy King's apparent claiming of the Provincial Junior A Hockey League's East Conference scoring championship was a little premature.

Darcy was bumped from top spot by Noel Birkett of the Trenton Sting, who finished with a flourish to end up with 109 points, six ahead of Darcy.

Birkett's late charge left Darcy and Collingwood Blues forward David

Deves, who seemed to have a lock on the top two spots, wondering just where the Sting player came from.

Endless phone calls to confirm Darcy's ascendancy to the throne proved fruitless the week after the season ended Feb. 15.

Even a search of the league's internet sight failed to come up with anything more up to date than the standings as of mid-January. A call to the Provincial League statistician Paul Wilkinson last Friday however, suggested that Birkett had succeeded in stealing the title.

Darcy called me Monday to confirm his second-place finish. He admitted to being a little disappointed after seeming to have a lock on the race over the final month or so of

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## Major novices move on to OMHA semis

It was Jake the Snake shining in the twine tent as the Stouffville I.D.A. major novice Clippers disposed of the Orillia Terriers over the weekend. Jake Balsdon, was stellar in net as the Stouffville squad managed a pair of 2-1 victories to sweep their best-of-five Ontario Minor Hockey Association quarter final series in three straight games.

Adam Craig's goal from Luke Mabley five minutes into overtime gave the Clippers a two games to none stranglehold Saturday afternoon in Orillia.

Mabley had set up Eric Gainsbrook for the Clippers other score in the third period.

At the Rec Centre on Sunday the Clippers got goals from Chris Stewart and Luke Harrison as they clinched the series.

Chris Normandeau and Stephen Brown assisted.

The Clippers now advance to the semi-finals against Tottenham-New Tecumseh (TNT), with the best-of-five set getting under way this Saturday in Alliston.

The winner of the series gets to represent the York Simcoe League against the victor of the Waterloo area semi-final.

## Runners tune up during the indoor season

With the recent conclusion of the Winter Olympics comes the sign that another track and field season is just over the horizon.

The motto of "swifter, higher, stronger" rings out the mark as the Stouffville

crowd takes up the task of being their best and pushing to put their names on the record board.

The biggest fear up to a few days ago was that no convenor would be willing to step forward and take on the big job of meet director for the York Region Athletic Association outdoor meet.

However, a big thank you must go to Chris Dehan of Cardinal Carter Catholic High School, who for the sake of the sport took on this huge task. He is also co-ordinator and director of the Central Ontario pre-Ontario Federation of School Athletic Association qualifier.

Dave Connell, boys' physical education head at Stouffville District Secondary School, wonders how he finds the time to do this considering the teaching cutbacks and atmosphere?

The indoor track season had its first meet at York University on Feb. 13. It was the traditional East York Invitational meet. A good number of athletes from the Toronto and surrounding area competed.

Participants from Stouffville District Secondary School, however, decided to wait for a future competition. One of those is the Central Tech Invitational Meet, which is one of the bigger indoor events and is scheduled to be held on Feb. 27, will draw four or five high

### On the Run

*Fred Robbins*

schools from the United States.

The Master athletes of Stouffville competed indoors at Variety Village on Feb. 15.

This was a mini meet part of a series. Carol Felepchuk running a 200-metre sprint felt quick however the 800m event was tiring for her.

Carol's husband, Ken, is still recovering from a tragic fall while out jogging. He slipped on the ice and went down hard. In the process he cracked two ribs and traumatized his left arm, being badly bruised.

Peder Nielsen was attempting the indoor shot put for masters in the M70 age division. He said the plywood was intimidating because the slippery surface does not allow the grip needed for the final phase of the put.

I took a look at the mile record for this meet at 4:40.6 and decided to give it a go.

While racing only the clock it was hard to keep pushing the fast pace. My son John was calling out the lap splits so I knew I was 4:41.4 less than a second short. The big question was where was that extra second? It seemed to have eluded me. It didn't happen.

In upcoming events, the provincial indoor championships are scheduled to be held at York University on March 14. This will be a full day. Also on the horizon are the U.S.A. Indoor Championships at Northeastern University in Boston. The venue is the Reggie Lewis Center, with the blue and white track. Hopes are high because it is a fast track. The date is March 28 and 29.

## Mite selects ice a pair of wins

Ethan Werek collected six goals and three assists, and Patrick McEachen had four goals and added a pair of helpers to help the Stouffville mite selects to a pair of victories last Saturday.

The Stouffville crew romped over West Hill 8-1, then disposed of Pickering by a count of 6-2 later in the day.

Other Stouffville point getters were: Kurtis Hulshof (two goals, three assists), Heather Hugh-

es (one goal, two assists), Sam Carrick (two assists), Chris Porter (three assists) and Zack Stevens (one goal).

Ryan Adrian played well in net for the selects in both games.

Coach Dan McEachen said the key to the wins was his team's emphasis on defence.

"Our fore checking and commitment to defence proved to be the difference," he said.