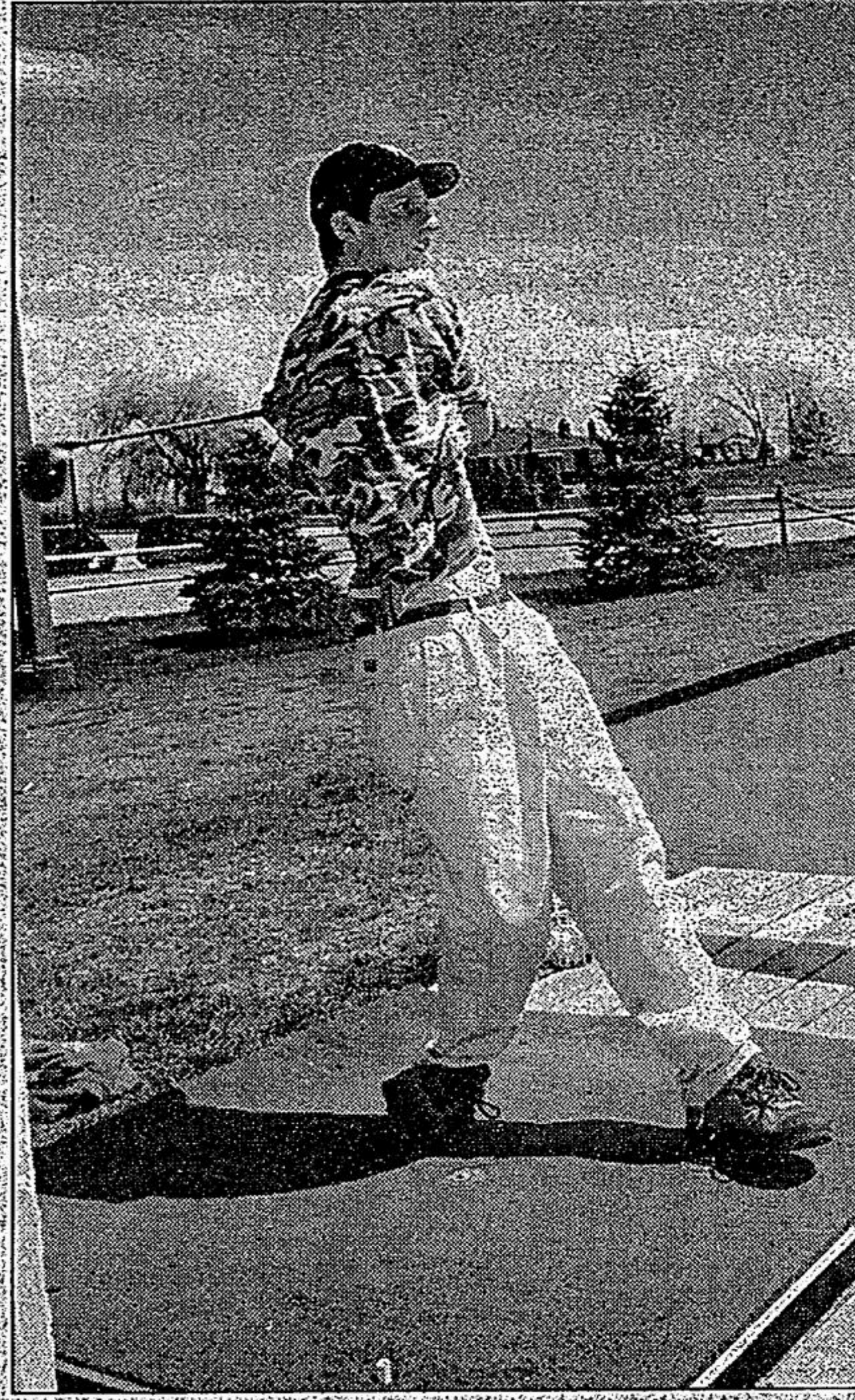
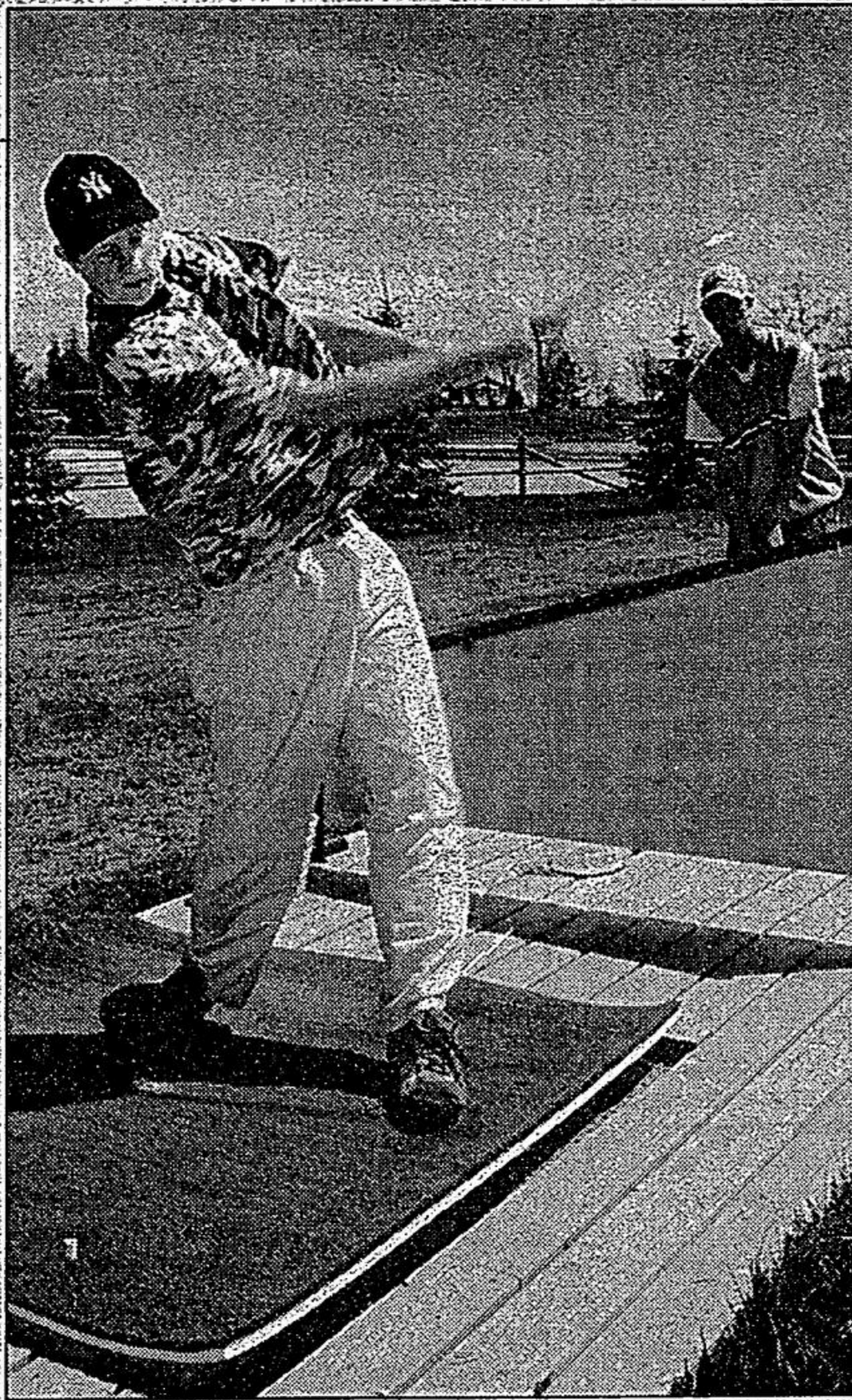
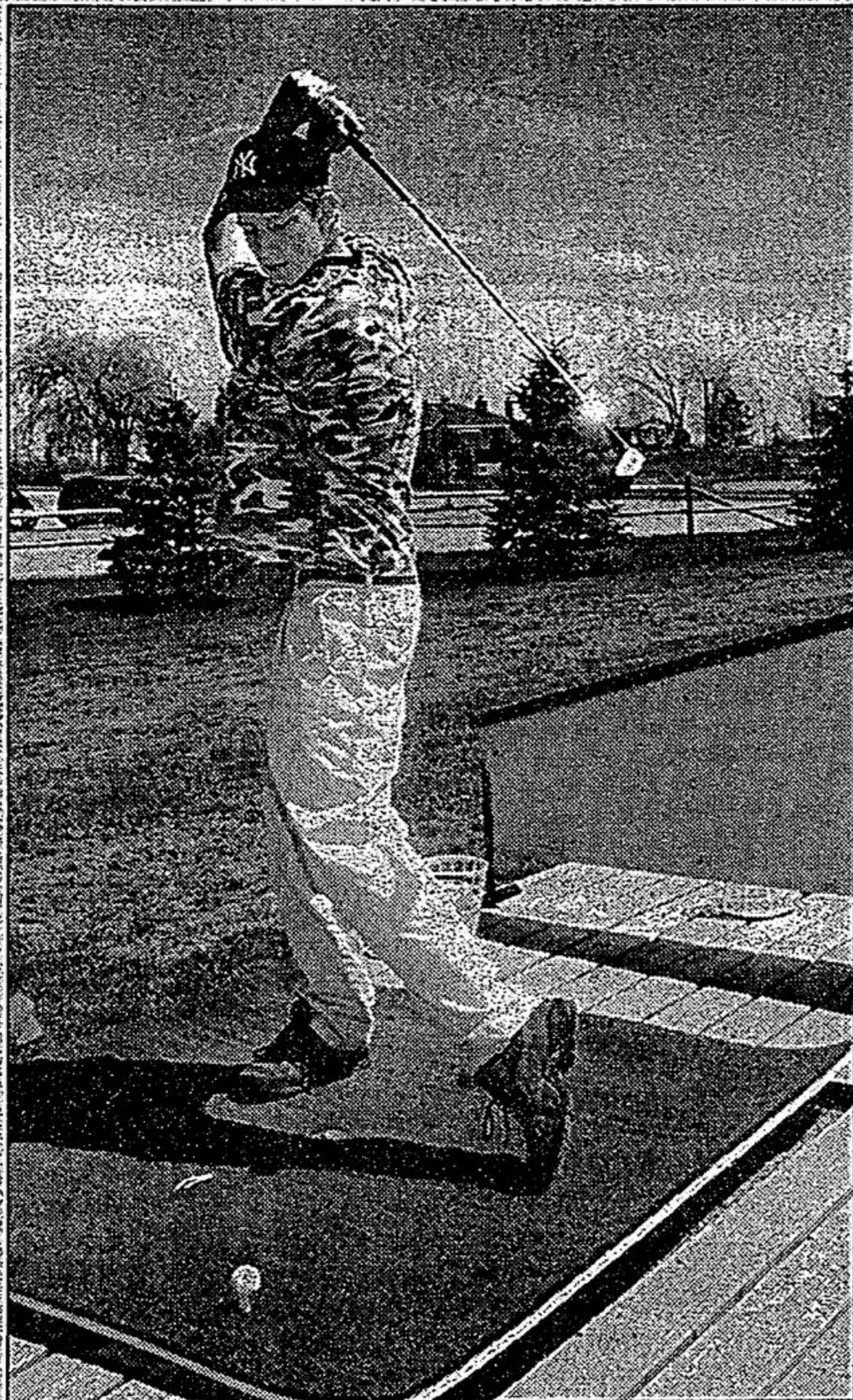


## SPORTS



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## PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Joel Johnson utilized a spare period he had at Stouffville District Secondary School recently to venture over to the Timber Creek Golf Centre to work on his golf game. Here, he shows his early-season driving form and reaction.

## Hurricanes obtain a Spirited general manager

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A former Spirit of Stouffville general manager has been given the same post with the Newmarket Hurricanes.

Clive Moody, who was Spirit GM for the 1997-98 season, was elevated from his position as director of player personnel with the Ontario Provincial Junior A Hockey League club in early April.

He takes over from Charlie Macoun, who held the GM post since the Hurricanes' inception in 1987.

"I'm kind of excited about it," Moody said.

Moody suggests he will not have complete control over the Hurricanes on ice operation.

"I refer to myself as GM without portfolio right now."

He said Macoun would continue to exert influence over the team, which has a consortium of seven owners.

Moody said the Hurricanes, who were knocked out by the Couchiching Terriers in the second round of this spring's Provincial league playoffs after posting a regular season of 40 wins and 11 defeats, will take on a new look with him in the GM's chair.

There will be a decidedly different

flavour in Newmarket.

He said the Hurricanes will build their team to best take advantage of the removal of the centre red line in the Provincial league next season.

"Speed will be important. We'll be offensive minded and more physical," he hinted.

Moody noted the highly touted rivalry between the Spirit and the

Hurricanes, but suggested it has nothing to do with him.

"I don't worry about that. It's settled on the ice. They (the Spirit) have their direction and we have ours."

Dieter Schmidt, who was the Hurricanes' assistant general manager before taking the Spirit GM post last spring, said he hopes Moody does well in his new position.

## Mothers take to the pitch

While many Stouffville mothers are being pampered with breakfast in bed this Sunday morning, others will be lacing up their soccer shoes and taking to the rec centre fields.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club (WSSC) reports that 32 women have registered for the club's women's house league, with 22 women reporting to the fields for the first practice session last Sunday.

The recreational in-house league is to use a five-a-side format, with six teams in total. The senior women will play once a week, with all games at the rec centre fields.

The next training session is sched-

uled for this Sunday at 10 a.m.

Newcomers are welcome.

With the addition of the women, WSSC registration for the upcoming season has surpassed 900, an all-time high.

While the senior women kick off their season, the Stouffville-based York Attack under-14 girls' team played an exhibition and last tryout game against Oak Ridges United on Saturday, with the Attack prevailing 3-1. The York squad edged the Bradford Eagles 3-2 in their second pre-season outing.

The Attack are to play their home games Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Whitchurch Highlands P.S. field.

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