

Hermanson aspires to be a big hit on the fairways

Stouffville teen's golf game makes steady progress under the tutelage of ex-pro Sandra Post

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She's a rising star in women's golf.

At age 17, Lindsay Hermanson, a Grade 12 student attending Stouffville District Secondary School, is this town's female Tiger Woods.

Hermanson was bitten by the golf bug four years ago.

Because older brother Jonathan, now a freshman at St. Andrew's University in North Carolina on a golf scholarship, was out on the course almost every day, she decided to give the game a try.

The fact her father is also a devout duffer helped kindle her enthusiasm.

It's now a top priority.

Her coach is hall of famer Sandra Post.

Although golf's her passion, Hermanson excels in other sports as well including volleyball, basketball and softball.

She also holds a black belt in karate.

In Grade 10, she was voted junior female athlete of the year.

She's a member of the school's athletic council and helped SDSS capture the York Region girls' golf championship in a competition held at Rolling Hills in Gormley.

The foursome also included Brooke Acton, Lindsay Thompson and Joanne Crymble.

Last season, Hermanson also earned the best handicap reduction trophy, presented by the Ontario Ladies Golf Association.

It was Bonnie Hill, a now retired English teacher who introduced Hermanson to the Ladies Golf Club in Thornhill.

"It's an environment where one develops good social skills," Hermanson says of the York Region-based club.

For any golfer to succeed, practice makes perfect. And Hermanson is no exception as she's on the course every day from late spring to early fall.

During offseason when the outdoor links are closed, she finds the time to work out of The Dome in Mississauga.

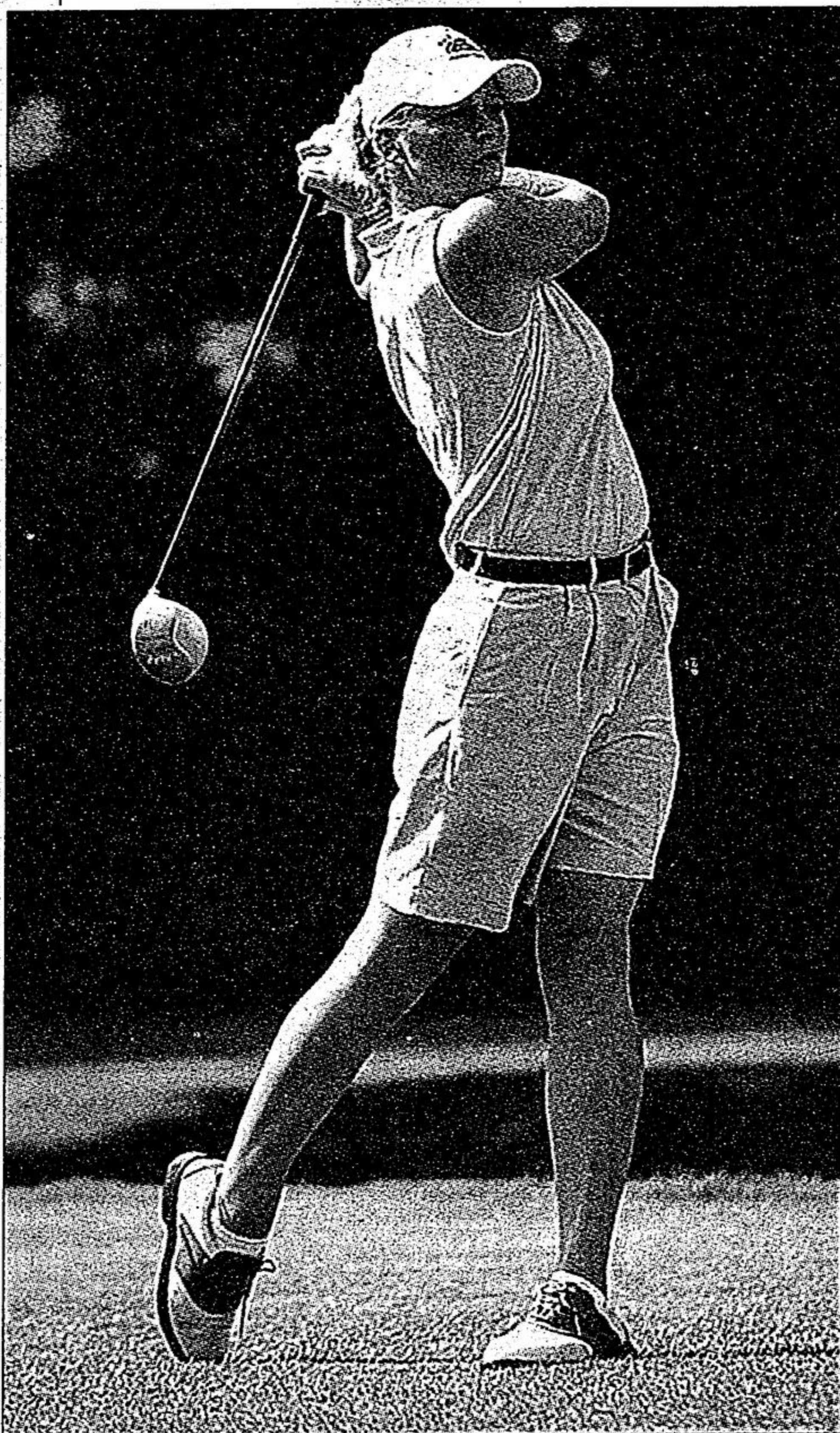
"This keeps my mind fresh and my swing strong," she says.

On what she terms is a "good day", Hermanson shoots in the low 70s.

Drives of 250 yards are also not uncommon.

"My strength is in my length," she says of the strong point in her game.

As with any sport, Hermanson says golfers experience frustration and acknowl-



Lindsay Hermanson, shown here driving the ball off the tee this past golf season, has aspirations on someday competing in the LPGA. The 17-year-old Grade 12 Stouffville District Secondary School student helped her school team capture the York Region Athletic Association girls' title this past season and won the best handicap reduction trophy that was presented by the Ontario

edges that she's had her share on the links.

"I don't give up," she says, "I live for another day."

Hermanson competes in several tours and tournaments annually including The Georgian Bay; The Ping Association; The Optimists and the Ontario Ladies.

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She hopes to be among the top four junior women's in the upcoming campaign and represent Ontario in the national championships at Prince Edward Island.

While attending The Dinah Shore Tournament in Palm Springs, Florida, Hermanson had an opportunity to meet

Sweden's Annika Sorenstam, considered the top female golfer in the world.

Hermanson holds her instructor, Sandra Post, in high regard.

"She's the most positive person I've ever met; the perfect role model; my idol," she says.

With respect to skills, Hermanson describes Post as "fabulous".

"She's one of the greatest iron players I've ever seen. Every ball goes straight as an arrow."

Hermanson says, thanks to people like Sorenstam and Post, women's golf has come a long way in recent years.

She admits, however, people still enjoy watching Woods belt his 340 yarders.

Hermanson's golfing arsenal includes 13 clubs.

As to the future, Hermanson has one goal in mind, a golf scholarship that will open doors to a university in the Carolinas, Georgia or Tennessee, "somewhere where I can play golf all year round and still be close to home."

Boadway recovering after taking ball to the head

SPORTS DIGEST

Dale Boadway of Gormley is recovering from injuries he received recently in a freak accident at Dual Sports in Newmarket.



DALE BOADWAY
Stouffville player hit on face at indoor batting cage.

The 17-year-old Grade 12 student was playing catch outside a batting cage when a batted ball ripped through a small tear in the mesh and struck him on the cheekbone, below his right eye.

The force of the blow rendered him unconscious. He sustained five broken teeth and a broken thumb.

"When I came too, I saw people standing over me," Boadway said, "it was a fluke."

Boadway was taken by his dad, Michael Boadway, to York Central Hospital in Richmond Hill, then released following treatment.

Boadway was a second-year catcher last year with Stouffville's rep midget fastball team. On occasions, he also played with the Stouffville Mennos in the Oshawa City and District League along with older

brothers Shawn and Jeff.

Peewees clinch top spot

The Stouffville Alternative Recycling-Archetype Press-Birkett-Hassard-Capital Pool-Dr. Barbara Frackowiak-Headlines-IDA-Metro Waste-No Frills-Royal LePage peewee A Clippers recently ended their York-Simcoe regular season in first place with a 22-2-2 record.



Anchored by impressive goalkeeping from Jake Balsdon and Liz Knox, who combined for a goals against average of 1.77, the Clippers received strong help along the blueline from Chris Eyles, Maddie Wilkinson, Eric Gainsbrook, Steve Brown and Jesse Miller. Delivering solid efforts on offence were: Scott Moody, Nick Jago, Adam Craig, Taylor Campbell, Mikhael Metauro, Kyle Miller, Devon Paynter, Curtis Watson, Ben Sampson, and Luke Mabley.

In recent tournament play the Clippers captured silver in Richmond Hill, after being edged by Duffield 2-1 in the finals.

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