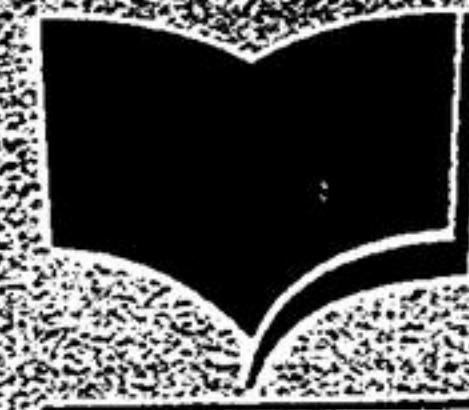




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Spirit prepares for Newmarket

The Stouffville Spirit is in the midst of an eight-day break from the Provincial Junior A Hockey League play-offs. The Spirit and Newmarket Hurricanes open their second-round series Thursday night in Newmarket. Game 2 is tentatively set for Saturday at 4:30 p.m. in Stouffville. Spirit coach Brian Perrin hopes his team plays better than it did against Newmarket during the regular season. See page 8.

Slept with pigs, wins a Harley

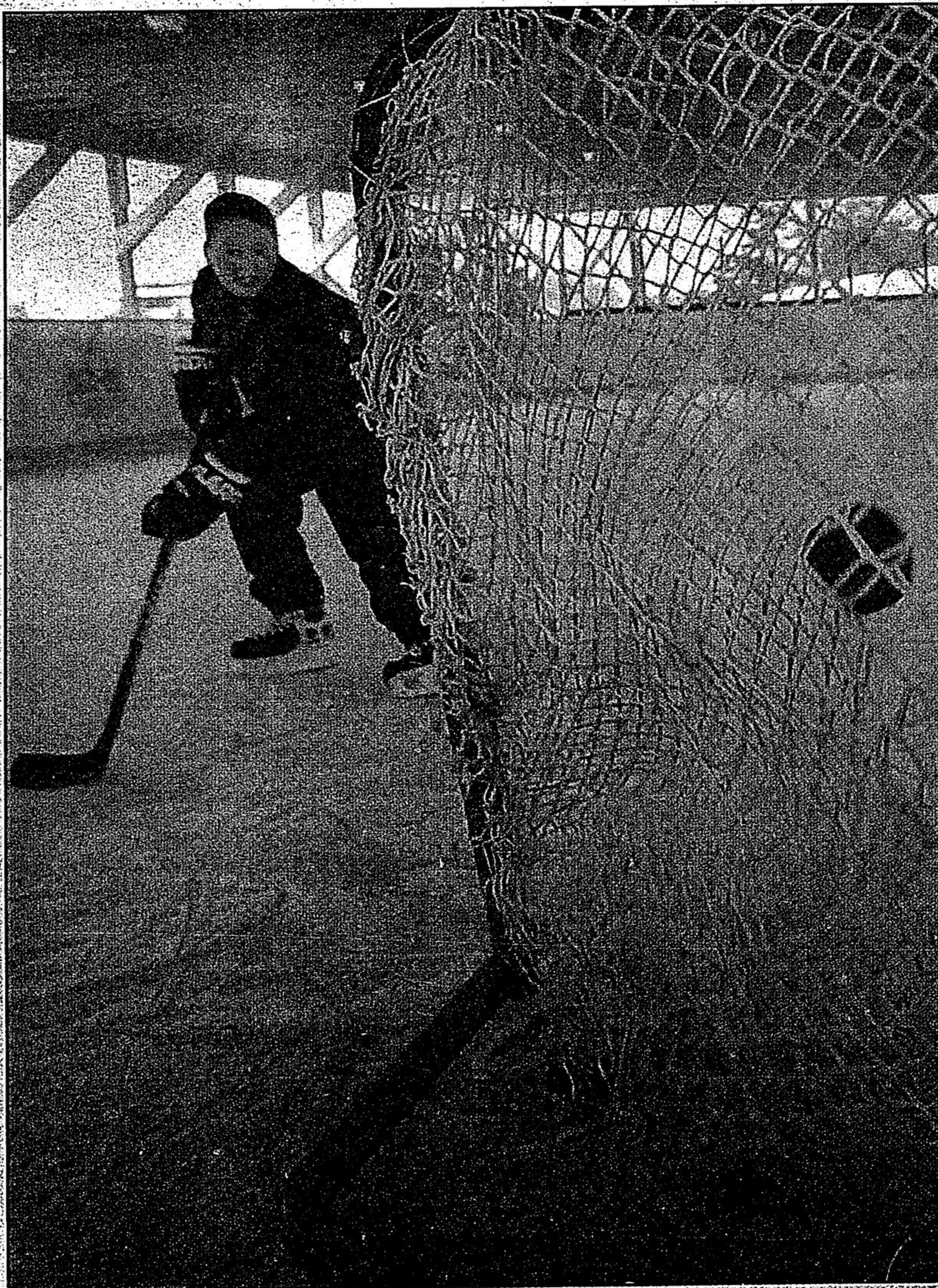
Jody King of Mount Saint Louis left Whitchurch-Stouffville a happy, if smelly, man Friday. He won a \$15,000 Harley Davidson in the FAN 500's Sleeping with a Pig contest, beating out nine other contestants at Lone's Pony Farm on McEwan Rd.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It certainly was supposed to last longer than 17 years."
Mayor Wayne Emmerson on the Stouffville Arena roof. See story on page 5.

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NET RESULTS: Brad Paulette fires home a shot at the Buttermakers' Pad at Boyd's Source for Sports in Stouffville recently. There is no charge to skate or play hockey at the covered outdoor rink. For more photos, see page 3. A hockey marathon to benefit accident victim Luke Anderson will be held at the rink this weekend.

STEVE SOMERVILLE PHOTO

Arena finally gets new roof

By Joan Ransberry
Stouffville Sun

A \$132,000 Valentine, delivered by Tourism and Recreation Minister, and Oak Ridges MPP Frank Klees to Whitchurch-Stouffville Friday, will be used to help replace the roof on the Stouffville Arena.

While the town is in the process of trying to recover \$80,000 from the contractor who put the original roof on the 17-year-old arena, Mayor Wayne Emmerson is continuing to lobby the federal government to agree to enter into a three-way infrastructure partnership to help pay for the roof.

Total cost of the roof replacement is \$485,000. With \$132,000 from the province through a SuperBuild grant and an equal amount from the municipality, it's hoped that Oak Ridges MP Bryon Wilfert will come through with \$132,000 in federal funds.

The roof started to leak almost immediately after the \$1.9 million arena was built in mid-1980s, explained Mr. Emmerson. "The roof was put down during the winter months. I understand it was never sealed properly. It was supposed to be a state-of-the-art roof. It certainly was supposed to last longer than 17 years."

Interior leaks in the existing roof are damaging the ceiling, walls and other building components, while water damage to the ice surface has caused the cancellation of hockey games and skating lessons, added the mayor.

Mr. Klees said he approached the municipality's request to the province for financial help as a "health and safety" issue. "I heard town staff was dealing with the

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