

# Carrick quick to jump at Greyhounds' offer

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Jake Carrick was hoping the Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds would sign him at their prospect camp last weekend.

When the two-day session concluded Sunday, the 16-year-old Whitchurch-Stouffville resident got what he had hoped for as the Ontario Hockey League club gave him a contractual commitment.

The five-foot, 11.5-inch, 165-pound right winger who played this past season with the Markham Majors midget AAA team and Ontario A/AA-champion Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans, said Wednesday the deal has been agreed to verbally.

"I was hoping it (to be signed) would happen, but I wasn't really expecting it. At least not right away," he said. "Right now we're just working out the contract. We hope to finalize it in a couple of weeks."

A sixth-round pick of the Greyhounds in the 2006 OHL draft, Carrick attended the club's rookie camp last year.



**JAKE CARRICK:** Stouffville Secondary player verbally agrees to play in Sault Ste. Marie next year.

"When I went to camp last year I wasn't ready. But this year I felt better having been to it last year I knew what to expect," he said.

Greyhounds head coach and former NHL player Craig Hartsburg was impressed by what he saw of Carrick.

"He finishes every check and plays hard," Hartsburg said. "We're looking seriously at him," Hartsburg, coach of Canada's world champion junior team, told reporters at the camp.

## Track stars shine on hometown track

Several members of the York Region Runners Club made their presence felt in last weekend's Markham Track Club Invitational meet at Stouffville District Secondary School.

A first-place effort was fielded by Stouffville resident Jeremy Hughes in the tyke boys division as he won the ball throw event

with a toss of 43.46 metres. Jordan Kuettel of Balantrae, competing in his first club meet, won the mite boys 200m in 37.20 seconds.

In the mite girls 200m, Hayley Stover was the first to cross the finish line in 37.30.

Claiming silver medals were Tyler Wright of Stouffville in the tyke boys 200m and 400m, Abbey Stover tyke girls high jump, Laura Hendrix atom

girls high jump, Sarah Shouten atom girls long jump and Peri Scheliga senior girls long jump.

Third-place efforts came from Braydon McNeil in the tyke boys long jump and

Scheliga in the senior girls 400m.

In the 4 x 100m relay, the tyke boys contingent of Hughes, Wright, Braydon McNeil and Brett McNeil won in 1:13.41.

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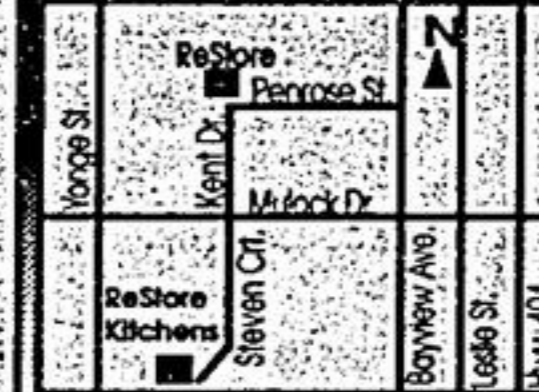
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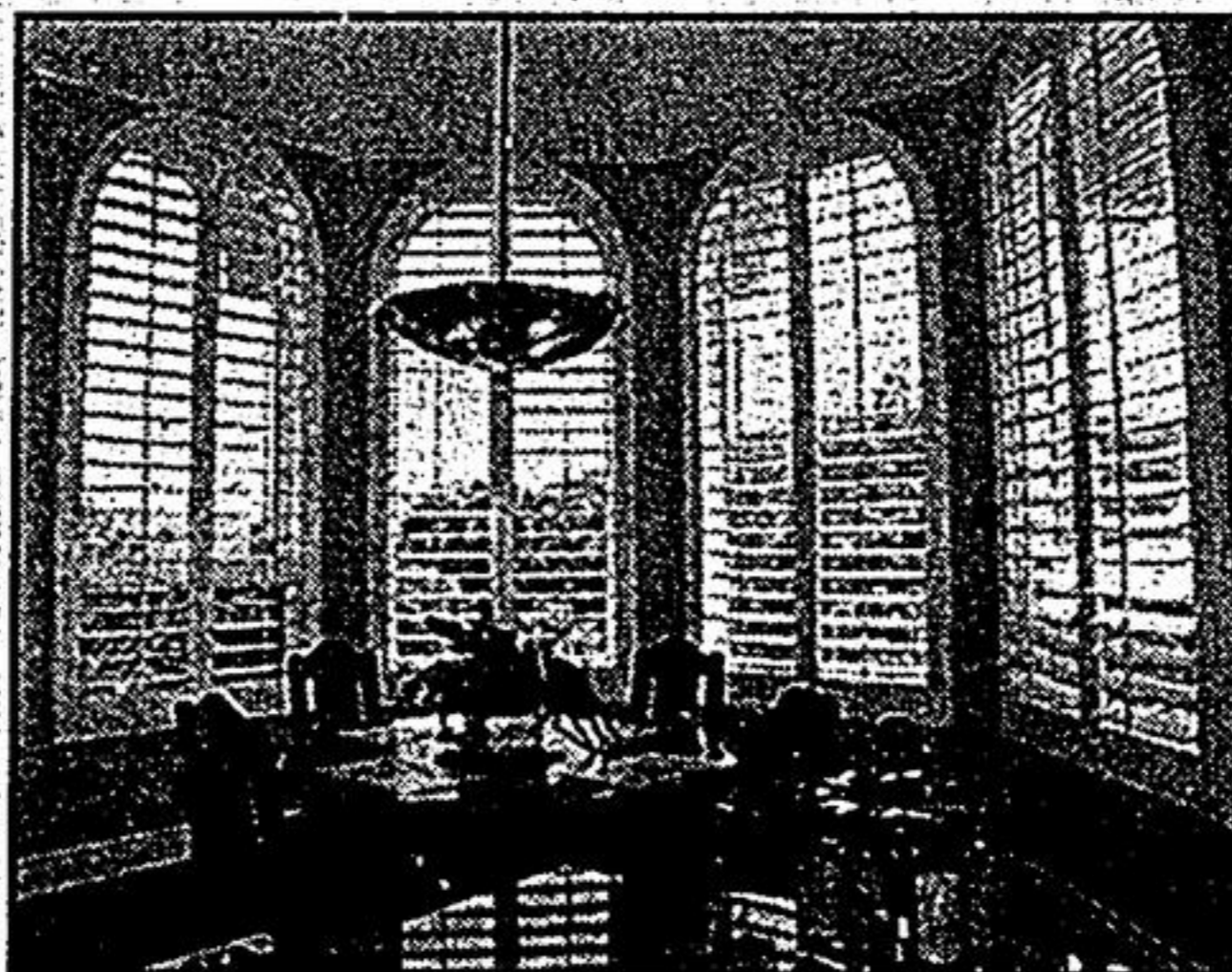
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