

SPORTS: Jr. A team opens camp on weekend

Spirit adds top-four defenceman in deal with Waxers, Canadiens

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The 2010 Ontario Junior A Hockey League

season hasn't started yet. But the Stouffville Spirit aren't about to wait as they officially open camp with fitness

testing and dryland training Sunday.

In an effort to bolster their lineup, Spirit general manager Ken Burrows played let's make a deal with the Markham Waxers and Toronto Junior Canadiens.

As part of the three-way deal, the Spirit acquired veteran defenceman Jack Caradonna, 20, from the Markham Waxers.

The five-foot, 11-inch, 185-pound Markham native amassed six goals and 11 assists in 49 regular season games with the Waxers last season.

Caradonna was a York Region Media Group high school all-star while playing for Markham District in 2008.

The Spirit, in return, sent forward Greg Whittle, 19, to the Toronto Junior Canadiens.

Last season, Whittle compiled 14 goals and 15 assists in 48 regular season tilts.

The Waxers, in return, received an undisclosed amount of cash from Toronto.

Burrows thinks Caradonna will be in their top four defensive rotation.

"He will definitely help with our power play and he will be one of our leaders. He fits in well," Burrows said.

In dealing Whittle, Burrows said the move to

playing with Toronto will accommodate his education schedule as he is enrolled at York University.

Kids welcome at team golf event

The Spirit announced it will stage the Stouffville Spirit Family Golf Challenge at the Maples of Ballantrae Golf Club Sept. 18.

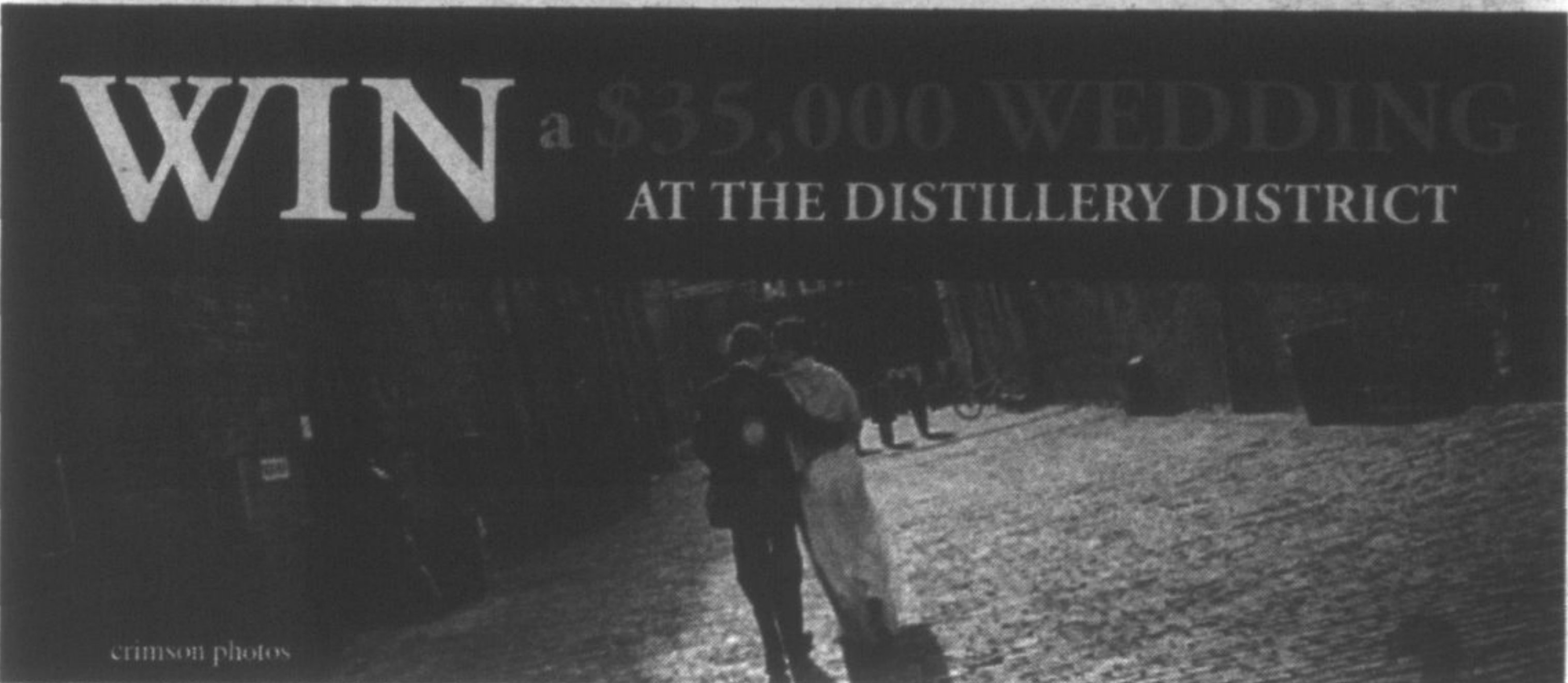
The event will be played on the Hwy. 48 club's executive course from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can meet Spirit players and win prizes.

"It will be a fun day," Burrows said. "We hope to get a lot of young kids out and we know some people will walk away with some good prizes."

Entry fees are \$40 for adults and \$20 for those under 16 years of age.

Burrows was quick to note the event will also offer admission packages for interested groups.

Those wishing to participate can contact Ken Burrows at 905-478-8881 or Darryl May at 416-464-6048.



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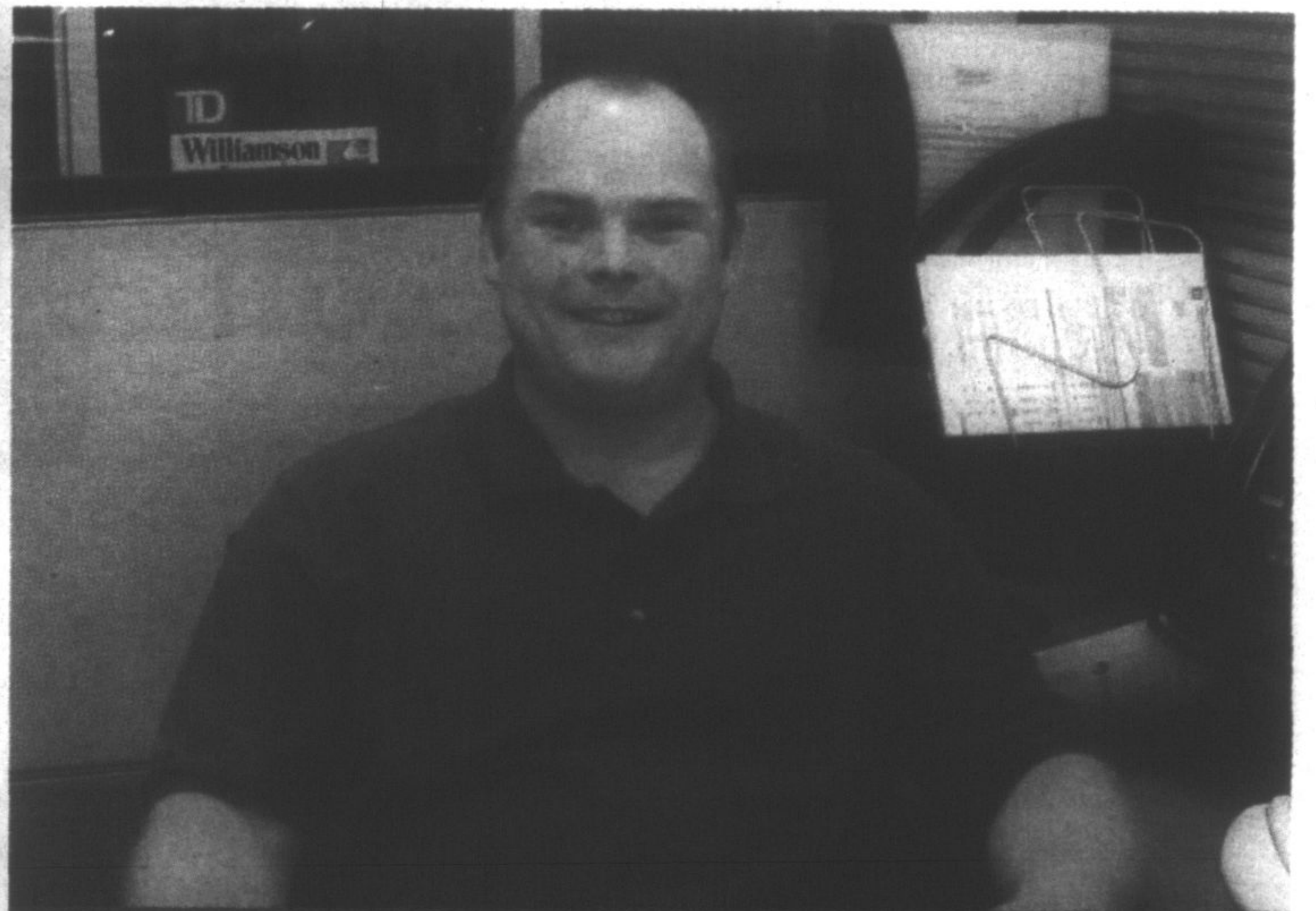
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