

# Smakkkball, the new outdoor sport for 2004

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Special to Stouffville This Month  
A new game will soon be coming to resorts, schools, campgrounds and yes, even your driveways. The game will be called Smakkkball and it is exciting, challenging, creative and rewarding! It's a new outdoors game that will have you craving

for more. A venture that has been in the works for eleven years is now becoming a reality for Mike Steele.  
"I'm excited to see people of all ages try something new to the market and to personally know that the market will have been initiated in the town of Port Perry."

As a camp director at the Ontario Students Leadership Centre, a camp where kids from all over Ontario are sent to learn leadership skills that allow them to be more involved in their schools extracurricular activities.  
Mr. Steele observed kids of all ages playing this outdoor activity that involved hitting a ball into a wooden backboard.

What was once known as "Smashball" has now become "Smakkkball" and is going to be available for purchase in the new year. This updated version is easy to use, compact and even weather resistant. This game is fun and safe and there is nothing like it on the market. There are rules involved such as: the number of players that can play, the number of points you can obtain and staying within the allotted court lines. One of the advantages of creating a game that is for any person, of any age, is that everyone can enjoy it!

Mr. Steele is dedicated, open minded and believes that

Smakkkball will be a success. Now that all of the research and interviews are done, he is in the final stages of seeing his newly invented game become a hit.

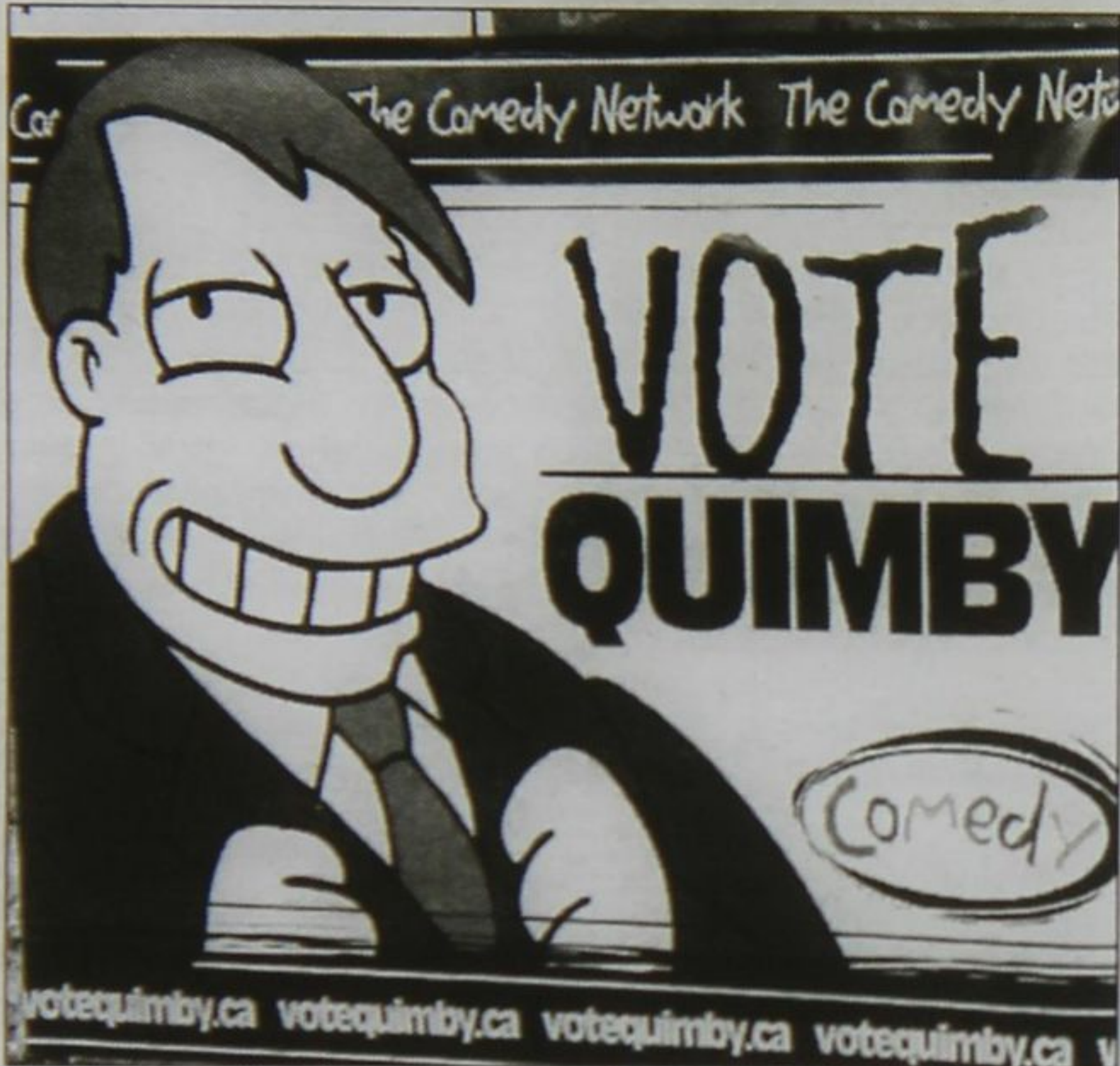
Mr. Steele gets excited when he starts to talk about Smakkkball because he can already see it flying off the shelves of every manufacturer that already wants to have this product. "Everyone who has played the game not only loves it, but they want to know where they can buy it. This means that over the many years it was played at the Ontario Leadership Centre, there will already be thousands of kids interested." Mr. Steele saw this venture as an opportunity to give back to students a game that was incredibly enjoyed by thousands of students. "If this game takes off, then great, I'm in it for the ride. If it doesn't, then I will just continue to live the wonderful life I live right now. It's as simple as that."

Next spring, Mr. Steele will be offering people a

chance to try out this game and purchase one. You can contact him at [mgsteele@interlinks.net](mailto:mgsteele@interlinks.net) for more information.  
"This winter I hope to have a website up and going under the creation of one of my five sons,

Jason Cottrell, who will be creating an excellent site profiling "Smakkkball".  
Smakkkball is going to be the game of 2004, so get out there, try it and have some fun with family and friends!

## Sign of the times



Sign of the times: a nice touch of Simpsonian subversion can be seen among the forest of signs on display during the election campaign in November. Thanks to the reader who spotted the sign on a Main St. lawn and contacted *Stouffville This Month*.

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