

# SPORTS

NEWS  
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VIEWS

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Wrestling comes to the Stouffville Arena on Friday night of this week.

Because of the downpour on Monday, the baseball and softball tournaments had to be cancelled.

Members of the Stouffville Midgets are reminded to get their birth certificates as soon as possible in order that the local squad might enter the O.B.A. play offs.

The semi-final round in the Markham Twp. Softball League is underway. Markham and Claremont are facing each other while the two bitter rivals, Buttonville and Thornhill are battling it out for the right to meet in the finals.

The Stouffville Clipper Hockey Club are to hold a Bingo in the arena on Saturday night, Sept. 6th. Proceeds from this event will aid the club in purchasing new uniforms for the coming season.

Newmarket Spitfires are still somewhat undecided on whether to enter a Senior 'B' team in the Greater Toronto League or remain Intermediate 'A' and face the powerful Collingwood squad.

Stouffville girls journeyed to Agincourt on Wednesday night for an exhibition game and came out on the short end of a 17-12 score. The winners counted thirteen runs in the fifth innings. Marg Schell did the hurling for the local girls with Helen Snowball back of the plate.

Manager of the Stouffville Clippers, Tim O'Neill accompanied by Gar Lehman and Wyatt Johnson attended the organization meeting of the Greater Toronto Senior 'B' group held in the Scarborough Arena on Tuesday night of last week.

Don't forget the big Summer Jamboree sponsored by the Stouffville Athletic Club to be held in the Stouffville Arena on Wednesday night, Aug. 13th. There will be dancing, bingo and many other games. Someone will win the beautiful T.V. set.

Further improvements are being added to Claremont ball park. A new backstop has been installed and will be ready for the playoffs. The old wooden forms were situated so close to home plate that the umpire was almost forced to call the balls and strikes from behind the screen.

Stouffville girls journey to Elgin Mills on Friday night for an exhibition tilt with that club. The Yonge St. squad are idle this season since they were unable to enter a team in either the Willowdale group or in the Big Five which operates here.

**Trophy to Most Valuable Player**  
The coach of the Stouffville Girls Softball Team, Jerry Hooker and assistant coach, Ward Edwards, are putting up a trophy to be awarded to the most valuable player on the squad. A vote will be taken among the players to determine the winner.

Jack Shropshire, known around this district for his refereeing ability during the hockey season, narrowly escaped death last week at Malton when a light twin-motored plane crashed in front of him. Jack, who resides in Weston and is employed by the Bell Telephone Co., was driving his truck accompanied by another lineman when the plane hurtled through high tension wires and crashed to the ground in flames.

Hamilton this year will be one of the sites of the St. Louis Cardinals' nation-wide and Canadian tryout camps when Red Bird scouts will look for diamond talent at Hamilton's Civic Stadium on August 13 and 14. Workouts will get underway promptly each day at 11 a.m. under the direction of experienced big league scouts.

Graham Frisby and Murray Stewart made the trip to Sunderland with the Red Sox last week and according to reports they showed up well against the opposition. Lorne Bowdway started on the mound for the locals with Stewart hurling in relief. Frisby handled his outfield position well and came through with two walks and a hit at bat. The Red Sox dropped the exhibition tilt 11-10.

Although rumors have been flying thick and fast concerning the entry of a Senior 'B' hockey club from Markham all reports received to date indicate that our neighbor to the south has no intentions of putting a team in the group. Since there can be only one team from an arena, it would appear that Unionville could provide the only home rink for the Millionaires. It was thought for a time that Greg Currie might enter his East York squad under the Millionaire colours.

## Much Interest Shown In Claremont Softball League

In an effort to bring on the young softball players in Claremont and other nearby centres a four team league has been organized headed by Mr. J. W. Padgett of Claremont. This league although started late in the season has created considerable interest. At the present time Webb on the 4th are leading the group followed by Greenbank and Claremont tied and Altona, one point back. There is a double header twice a week under the lights with the games usually being scheduled for Wednesday and Friday nights. For the Claremont squad, Bill Towner has been handling the mound chores. Other players are Ken Ward, Gord Rowe, Earl Pilkey, Bruce and Charlie Neil, Bruce Lehman, Don Rowe and Gord Taylor.

The standings to date are:

	P	W	L	T	Pts.
Webb	5	4	0	1	9
Greenbank	5	2	3	0	4
Claremont	5	1	2	2	4
Altona	5	1	3	1	3

## Pascoe Hurls Three-Hitter For Claremont

Lloyd Pascoe fired a three hitter for Claremont on Tuesday night as his club took a one game lead in the best of five series in the semi-final round, defeating Markham 5-2. The entire game was one of the best semi-final playoff contests to be played in the Markham Township Softball League with the outcome being in doubt up until the final innings. The Claremont mound star struck out nine batters, walked three and allowed but three hits. O'Neill on the mound for Markham gave up eight hits, walked four and fanned eight batters.

In the first innings, short stop, Gord Gauslin singled into short right field and was sacrificed to second as Pascoe dropped a perfect bunt in front of the plate. Norton was thrown out catcher to first and Booth fled to Raymer on third to retire the side. In Markham's turn at bat, hurler Pascoe found himself in trouble as Haines and Petch received free tickets to first but the Claremont speed artist bore down to strike out Coverley, Young and Dodge to leave the runners stranded.

Markham jumped into the lead in the third innings as two runs crossed the plate. O'Neill walked and although Coverley and Haine fled out, outfielder Harry Young came through with a well-placed double to drive two across. First baseman Dodge swung himself out of the box leaving a runner on second. Markham came very close to increasing the score in the fourth as Procenko and Raymer hit safely but Morley picked the first batter off at third as he sizzled the ball across to Allman who tagged the sliding runner. O'Neill and Munroe went down on strikes.

Claremont tied the score in the fifth on safe hits by Allman and Morley, a walk to Gauslin and a single by Pascoe. Pascoe's well-timed drive came with the bases loaded. With one on and one out, Norton and Booth went down on strikes.

A double by Gary Evans in the sixth scored Beverley to give Claremont the lead for the first time in the game. Morley rolled a neat bunt down the first base line and although fielded by O'Neill the first baseman dropped the ball on the play. Gauslin grounded out to retire the side after Bradshaw and Allman had struck out.

Claremont sewed the game up in the seventh as Pascoe reached first on an error. Norton singled through second, Booth hit safely into short right field and Bradshaw singled. With the bases loaded Doug Reynolds went in as a pinch hitter and slammed a hard double into the outfield scoring Norton and Booth. Markham went down in order to end the game. The two teams meet again on Thursday night in Claremont.

In the other contest between Thornhill and Buttonville the Yonge Street squad edged the Sluggers 7-6. Norm Stunden and Bert Baker formed the battery for the fourth concession crew. These two clubs square off again on Thursday night in Unionville.

"You can sharpen your appetite by painting the dining room and breakfast nook pink," says a psychologist. And you can dull it by posting on the walls the current prices of groceries.

## Clippers to Enter Greater Toronto Sr. Hockey Group

The organization wheels have been put into motion for the formation of an eight team. Greater Toronto Senior 'B' group. The first meeting was called on Tuesday evening of last week in Scarborough Arena and more definite plans are to be made on Aug. 19th. Besides the Clippers, there will probably be an entry from Scarborough Arena with Jack Church, former Toronto Maple Leaf, as coach, and also Lyndhurst Motors from East York headed by Greg Currie. Other

interested clubs are Oshawa, Newmarket, Brampton, Weston and Leaside. If the plan goes through the schedule will get underway by Nov. 1st. There will be a double schedule with each club playing fourteen home games.

Manager Tim O'Neill accompanied by Gar Lehman and Wyatt Johnson attended the meeting. Following the talks the representatives were treated to doughnuts and coffee and also took in the lacrosse game between Orillia and Scarborough.

## UNIONVILLE GIRLS SPLIT POINTS WITH CLAREMONT

On Tuesday night of last week, Unionville girls were the visitors to Claremont and after extra innings the score remained deadlocked at 21-21. Mert Staley and Beverley Barclay formed the battery for Claremont with Connie Bine and Marilyn Graham working together for Unionville. The sixth concession squad are producing results from good coaching and no doubt they will continue to improve.

	P	W	L	T	Pts.
Peaches	11	9	2	0	18
Stouffville	11	8	3	0	16
Claremont	11	5	5	1	11
Cedar Grove	11	5	6	0	10
Unionville	11	3	7	1	7

**Future Games**  
Monday, Aug. 11th  
Peaches at Unionville  
Stouffville at Claremont  
Wednesday, Aug. 13  
Unionville at Cedar Grove  
Claremont at Peaches

## Noted Seed President A Native of Markham

President of William Rennie Seeds Ltd., Thomas Rennie, 83, died Monday.

Mr. Rennie was former chairman of the Harbor Commission, retiring in 1947 after serving 26 years on the board. He was a past president of the Canadian Seed Trade Association.

Born at Markham, son of the late William Rennie and Sarah Clendenning Rennie, he received his education in Toronto public schools. At an early age he entered the business established by his father in 1870. Following the retirement of his father, Mr. Rennie continued to conduct the business in partnership with his two brothers.

Outstanding in golf, lawn bowling and curling, he was captain of the victorious lawn bowling team that went to England in 1913. Possessing a unique record in curling, he won eight victories and three runners up for the Ontario tankard championship, also 10 wins and six runners up for the Toronto single rink championship. Mr. Rennie was past president of the Ontario Curling Association and a trustee of the Dominion curling championship. He was also a past president of the Canadian Seniors' Golf Association.

He leaves a daughter, Mrs. Kenneth J. Harrison, and a brother, John Rennie.

## Use Fishing Rod As Lightning Rod If Caught in Storm

Information concerning an approved method of avoiding being struck by a bolt of lightning when caught far out on the water has been received by Department of Lands and Forest officials.

A Texas University professor, B. N. Gafford, has been experimenting to find the best ways and means for fishermen and others to avoid contact with the fearful bolts of electrical energy that are released from the clouds during a storm. He says that the best way is to get ashore before the storm strikes. But if this is not possible, the following precautions should be taken:

Attach a metal fishing rod to the side of the boat so that the handle is in constant contact with the water and the tip projected vertically in the air above the heads of the boat occupants. However whether the makeshift lightning arrester is in place or not, it is best to lie down in the boat so that the body is below the gunwales (edges of the craft).

Lightning, the professor states, is discharged from cloud to ground or to the closest object between the cloud and the ground. A fisherman, fishing from a boat on a river where the banks extend above the boat may be comparatively safe, but anglers caught out where shore lines are distant would be in danger.

## Local Midgets To Meet Newmarket Friday

On Friday evening, the Stouffville Midget squad will face their first real opposition when Newmarket comes to town. All local players are asked to be at the park by 6:40 p.m. in uniform as the game is called for 7 p.m.

## Dodgers Battle Giants in House League Finals

The first-place Giants meet the Dodgers, who won the semi-final series against the Indians by a narrow margin. On Tuesday, July 29th, the two teams battled to a 9-9 tie. After a two-week layoff, Dave Hammersley pitched on fairly even terms with Bill Murphy, the Indians ace. Each team took the lead several times during the game, which had to be called due to darkness by Umpire L. C. Murphy. On the following Thursday, the Dodgers defeated the Indians 9-7 in a tight battle.

On Tuesday, August 5th, the Giants played the Dodgers in the final series. Since the coaches in the house league are also members of the Red Sox, the dates of the following games will depend on when the Red Sox playoff games are held. Therefore, for the dates of later games, the players are asked to keep in touch with their respective coaches.

During the week of the 12th, it is hoped to arrange transportation to the Maple Leaf Stadium for all boys interested in seeing the Maple Leafs in action. Each boy will be responsible for the cost of his admission. Those boys, who did not play in the House League but who have their parents' consent, are also welcome. Those interested are asked to contact Bob Hassard, Ken Wagg or Lloyd Oliver by Saturday, Aug. 9th, if possible.

Members of the Midget team are reminded to get their birth certificates as soon as possible. If they are not handed in soon, the local team will not be eligible to enter the O.B.A. playoffs. Each player is asked to keep in touch with Bob Hassard as to the times of Midget practices and games.

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