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## Claremont girl breaks records

Fifteen year old Connie MacAloney of Claremont, won three gold medals and one silver, breaking two Ontario records, in a recent track and field meet in Brantford, Ontario. That in itself is a magnificent feat, but there is something very special about Connie. She is in a wheelchair and has been most of her life. But that hasn't held Connie back from participating in most of the activities that any young girl her age enjoys doing.

She won a silver medal in the 60 metre wheelchair race, gold in the 400 metre race and in the swimming events, she broke the two records. The first was a 65 metre freestyle, in which she was timed at 2:08 and

received a gold and the second was the breast-stroke when she came in with a time of 1:41.2, and again received a gold.

Connie had been training for about two months for the wheelchair races with weight lifting and on the track at Holy Trinity school, in Toronto. She has been swimming for a number of years and was a member of the Scarborough Dolphins. Connie is hoping that by 1980 she will be good enough to enter in the world olympics.

The other activities at the meet were: baseball, wrestling, archery, rifle shooting, tennis, basketball, weight lifting and shot put, etc. There were seven other entries from Connie's school and an estimated two to three hundred entries altogether.

Connie is attending Bloorview Childrens Hospital, which is actually more like a boarding school. The school accommodates children from kindergarten up to grade 9 and then there is what they call secondary school, which is simply any furthering of the students education that he or she wishes.

## Champion low golfer

Dorothy Aikman of Stouffville's Sleepy Hollow golf course shot a five-over-par 77 last week at Maple Down to capture the low-gross honors in the Scarborough District Junior girls' golf tournament.

Miss Aikman won by four shots over former Ontario junior champion Stacey West of Bayview. Both girls finished ahead of York District champion Cindy Vining of Toronto Ladies Golf Club. Miss Vining played to her 12 handicap, finishing with a gross total of 84.

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Connie is especially pleased with the pool at the school which is 10 metres. This is where she does most of her practicing. Connie will be attending Wood Eden Camp for the physically handicapped for three weeks and then her aunt will be visiting on August 25, from Australia. "Most weekends will be spent doing things with the school, they don't get away from it for the whole summer as some kids do," said Mrs. MacAloney.

## May midgets come up short

In last week's Midget softball tournament, held in Stouffville, the Ken May squad played some strong ball but fell just a little short in their quest for the championship.

The May team started off strong in their first game last Friday night and came away with a close 6-5 decision over Oshawa. The game, which went nine innings, saw catcher Rob McBeth emerge as the hero when he clouted the game-winning home run in the top of the ninth inning. He also picked up a triple which set the stage for Stouffville's win.

However, the next game did not go as well as Stouffville played Aimsbury and came away on the short end of a 4-2 decision. It was a well fought, close game that could have gone either

way but unfortunately knocked Stouffville out of further tournament play.

Following their win over Stouffville, the Aimsbury squad went to the championship final against the very strong team from Napanee and lost to Napanee 2-0.

In the consolation championship game Oshawa beat Baden 5-3.

In other baseball action the town's Bantam girls also came up short in the recently held Bantam tournament. The team from Cobourg took the championship with Carring Place winning the consolation championship.

The next softball tournament will be held Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9 and will feature the Midget girls from Stouffville and eight other surrounding towns.

## Many tie games in soccer action

In Whitchurch-Stouffville minor soccer league action last week both B division Squirt teams played to tie games at home.

The Stouffville Terriers and Aurora DMR Sports played to a 0-0 draw. The other game saw the Whitchurch Roadrunners and Aurora Du-Wall Building Centre come away with a 2-2 tie. Greg Kenney and Kirk Arends had the Roadrunner goals.

In the only Atom game the Stouffville Ballcats came from behind to edge out the Aurora Fruit Market team 5-4. Market Alexander lead the Ballcats drive with three goals and Stephen Boyle and Mark McGinn each had one.

Both Mosquito teams lost their games away from home. Whitchurch Cougars lost 5-2 to Newmarket Klein Horsemans' Broadloom.



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