

# Ken May Midgets silver medallists

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Stouffville's Ken May Midgets captured the silver medal in softball at the 1977 Ontario Summer Games in Kitchener last weekend and their performance will have people talking for a long time.

Some said they'd never seen such a "gutsy" group of kids while others termed their efforts 'impossible.' Roy Dennis, coach of Eberts, said he'd never seen a team with so much class while a mother of a gold medalist from North Bendale questioned the validity of her son's 3-2 championship win. The standing ovation given the never-say-die team from Stouffville at the conclusion of the championship final told the story of the weekend.

The May crew met Longlac from Northwestern Ontario in their first game on Saturday and emerged victorious by a score of 8-0. Pitcher Jim Chilvers, another story in the tournament, fired a no-hitter. Only a hit batsman in the fifth inning prevented him from pitching a perfect game. His nineteen strikeouts combined with the batting of Gary Grant, Steve Spang, Rob McBeth, and Brad Steel proved too much for the Northerners.

Two hours later, the May kids squared off against North Bendale. Chilvers again pitched superbly, striking out eight batters, but fielding errors and the absence of timely hitting hurt the May club as they went down to defeat by a score of 5-1.

Thirty minutes later, elimination now pending, the local club met Picton. Two years previously, the two teams had met in OASA action. The scores were Picton 26 and 8, Stouffville 0 and 7. At Kitchener, Stouffville gained sweet revenge with their 9-1 victory. Chilvers allowed but two hits while striking out sixteen batters. Dave Dart, Mike Lafleur, and third baseman Spang led the parade at the plate as Stouffville headed

into Sunday still facing elimination and needing four victories to capture the gold medal.

Taking one game at a time, the May crew knocked off Eberts at 9 a.m. Sunday morning. Dart, catcher McBeth, and second baseman Lafleur led the team to their 3-1 victory while Mr. Chilvers allowed just four hits and struck out eleven.

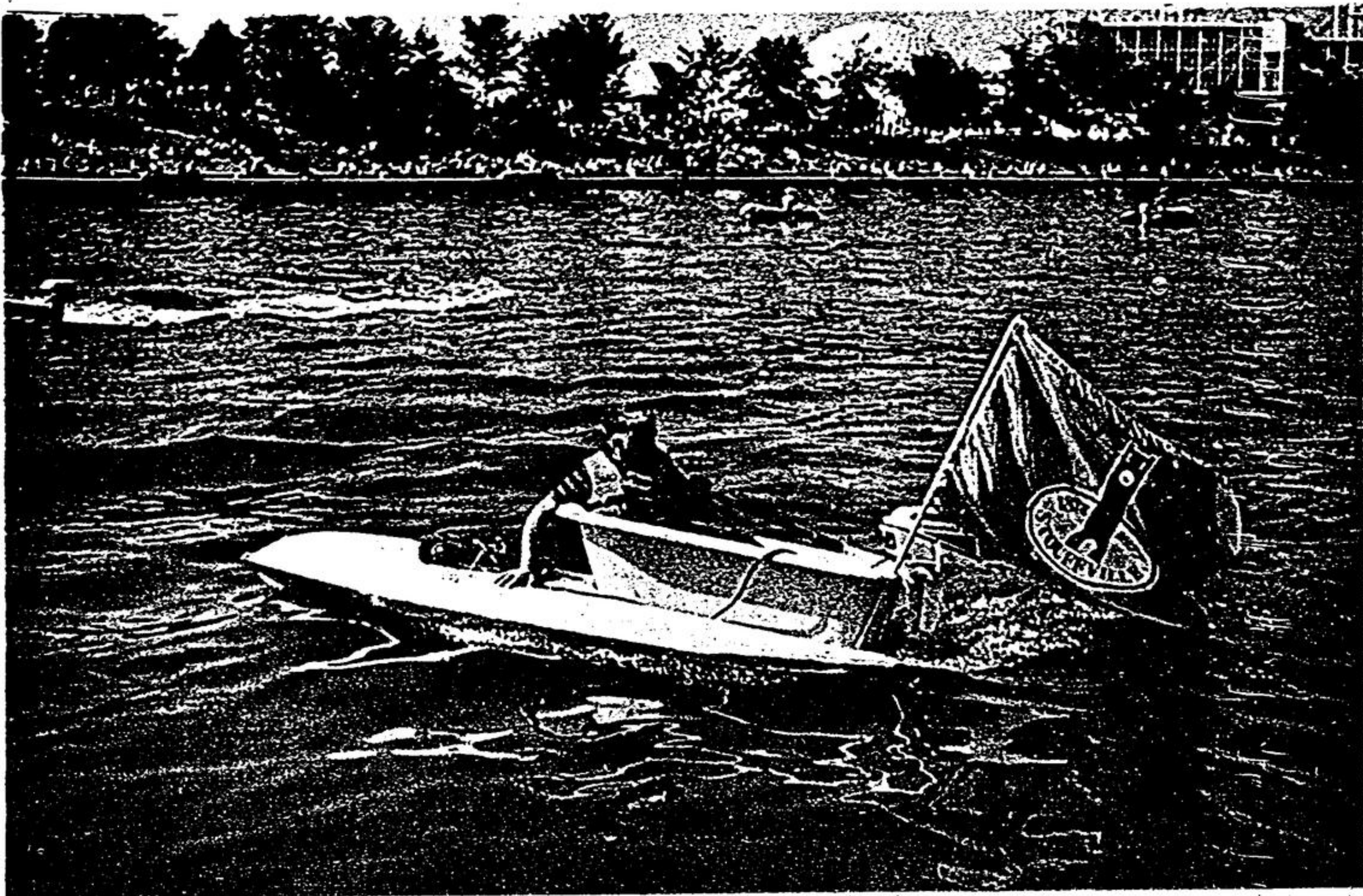
At 11 a.m., the May squad squeaked by Guelph 5-3 as Dave Dart's timely batting and Rob McBeth's first inning two run homer sparked the local club. The game went twelve complete innings. Stouffville led 2-0 and 3-2, but Guelph tied it in the fourth inning. Dart's two run double in the top of the twelfth inning provided Stouffville's margin of victory. Dart started on the mound, but was replaced by Chilvers who struck out sixteen while allowing just two hits.

With the heat starting to take effect and the fatigue of two back-to-back games quite evident, Stouffville's chances against North Bendale in the final seemed hopeless. In order to win, they had to beat the Scarborough club twice. Their season record against Bendale

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## May plays Port Perry

PORT PERRY — Tomorrow night, Friday, at 8 p.m. Stouffville's Ken May Midgets take on Port Perry in game two of their best of three OASA zone finals.  
Game takes place at Water St. Park in Port Perry.



Worried but game, mayor Gord Ratcliff entered the Annual CNE Mayors Bathtub Race last week. The waterfront crowd greatly enjoyed his inexpert maneuvering of the tippy craft, and they were

absolutely delighted when he later capsized. The mayor, a good sport throughout, said he entered the race not to win, but in order to publicize Stouffville's centennial. —Annegret Lamure

## Mayor vows CNE crowd -takes plunge

LAKE ONTARIO — "I knew I couldn't steer that thing, but I thought I was getting the hang of it," remarked Mayor Gordon Ratcliff, shortly after being pulled from the frigid waters of Lake Ontario. "I really don't know what happened." He dabbed at a few stray drops running down his neck and squinted thoughtfully at the water. "I thought I was doing quite well and then I capsized just as I was going around the buoy."

Then he shrugged good-naturedly and said, "Oh well, someone had to fall in."

He was quite correct. If someone doesn't get dunked in the Mayor's Bathtub Race at the CNE, the crowd will feel cheated. As it was, the mayor, wearing an old fashioned red and black striped bathing suit and yellow and black striped life jacket and carrying a large centennial flag, made the ideal victim.

The first two heats had already been run without any mishaps, and crowd was getting a bit restless, when he appeared.

The mayor carefully spread his towel on the bottom of the tub, and after a few minor adjustments, prepared to board.

Because of the tippy nature of the craft, and the mayor's bulk, this proved a tricky exercise, but with the help of several experienced pairs of hands it was finally accomplished and the mayor was launched.

Unfortunately, he immediately had steering trouble because there wasn't enough room for both the mayor and the tiller in the tub. Every time he attempted to straighten the tiller, the handle poked him in the stomach. He finally solved that problem by tipping the tiller up in the air at a rather unlikely angle, and went putt-putting away.

He was motoring around the course in a vague, meandering style, as befits someone who has never handled a boat and can't swim, when suddenly, disaster struck.

One minute he was attempting to navigate around the marker buoy, the next he was floundering in the water. One of the faster boats had lapped him and the resulting wake had tipped him into the lake.

"I guess I got over in the wrong lane," joked the mayor afterwards.

## Convert miles to kilometres

Speed limit signs in this area begin going metric this Tuesday, Sept. 6 and will be converted by the end of the month.

If you, like most of the rest of us, have failed to learn the metric system, in spite of several years government propaganda, then you will find the handy guide below a lifesaver.

mph	km/h
20	25
30	50
40	80
50	100



Resplendent in red and black stripes, mayor Gord Ratcliff prepares to enter the bathtub race. Notice he has his towel clutched at the ready.

## Chamber of Commerce's

### First sidewalk sale a success

STOUFFVILLE — The First Annual Chamber of Commerce sidewalk sale got off to a brisk start last Friday morning as hordes of shoppers descended on Main St. even before merchants were finished setting out their goods.

Most merchants reported excellent sales throughout Friday but experienced less business on Saturday.

Most of the action seemed to be taking place in the downtown area but according to Vic Orchard, of Orchard Men's Wear in the plaza, "it worked out quite well." Mr. Orchard was the only

merchant in the plaza to have an outside display.

Overcast weather and heavy traffic through town were blamed for the tapering off of business Saturday.

"All the merchants are really happy," commented Chamber of Commerce President Jack Chambers.

Mr. Chambers said sales at the IGA were excellent and he sold 100 cases of butter tarts at 24 dozen tarts to the case. "There must be a lot of butter tarts floating around Stouffville," he commented.

Mr. Chambers, although he

described the sale as "the best one ever," was quick to add "it will be much better planned and advertised next year."

More entertainment, according to Mr. Chambers, is necessary. This year the only entertainment was provided by a piano player who was lined up by Murray Wilson Shoes.

The Chamber of Commerce, said Mr. Chambers, will try to entice craft people from the outlying areas to join the sale next year. "that would fill up the gaps so people would shop the whole street," he commented.



Although business was brisk during last week's two day sidewalk sale it seems there is always time for some friendly conversation.

Here Minnie Redman (sitting) seems to be having an enjoyable talk with IGA employee Louise O'Quinn. More pictures page 3.

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## Landlord-tenant bureau nixed

STOUFFVILLE — Mayor Gordon Ratcliff said this week he is not in favour of a regional landlord-tenant bureau as proposed by the health and social services committee.

Following heated debate, and because the committee was divided, the report was sent back to staff.

Mayor Ratcliff said "To hire three employees to look into landlord-tenant relations is too much, too expensive," but he added he would favour such a bureau if its scope was expanded to include mediation of disputes between neighbours about such subjects as drainage and line fences.

Tempers flared when a report outlining the need and possible method for establishing a bureau came before the health and social service committee.

Argument broke out that saw councillors accuse staff of trying to buck their decisions and staff accuse the committee

of acting on a report filled with "absolutely unreliable" figures.

It began with the committee's request last month that staff investigate the need for a bureau.

The request was the second in 18 months. The last report was put together by chief administrative officer Jack Rettie, who concluded at the time that "it would not appear feasible to institute a new regional service, purely advisory, and which would appear to be of limited assistance to a very small proportion of people within the regional area."

Not satisfied with that answer, the committee — now chaired by Mayor David Schiller of Richmond Hill — requested that staff take a second look at the need for such a bureau.

The request was prompted by reports that the provincial rent review office in Richmond Hill was receiving many landlord-tenant calls, and by a situation in both Aurora and Richmond Hill where tenants were without heat because a landlord failed to pay his utility bills.

The report tabled last week showed that about a dozen calls went through municipal offices in July; six calls went through the region during the same month; 52 calls were received during July at the rent review office in Richmond Hill; several calls were received during July at the bureau in Peel; and in Metro Toronto, about 1,500 calls from York were handled last year, for a total of about 125 per month.

Based on that need, the report recommended the establishment of a one-year pilot project, funded by the federal Canada Works program, to determine more accurately what the need might be.

But when committee members met Thursday to consider the report, they found that Mr. Rettie had prepared an alternate report, distributed at the beginning of the meeting, that argued against establishment of the bureau.

### No light, man hit with hammer

TORONTO — A Stouffville man suffered a fractured skull from being hit over the head with a hammer last week.

Brian Bonner, 29, was struck by a fellow worker on an Ellesmere Ave. construction site. The man asked Mr. Bonner to light his cigarette and Mr. Bonner replied he didn't have a match and began to walk away.

He was struck with the hammer as he walked away.

The man was sent to Scarborough General Hospital with a depressed fracture of the skull.

Charged with wounding is Gerald LaFontaine, 27, of Walmer Rd.

Present to defend the administrator's report were regional chairman Garfield Wright, regional solicitor Ted Oakes and his assistant, Bruce Allen.

As the discussion began and quickly grew heated, it was clear that the rift went deeper than the disagreement about a bureau.

The Rettie faction argued that the figures from Toronto are "absolutely unreliable," that there is no demonstrated need because calls to municipalities are very few; and that the bureau work is in fact legal in nature and not of the sort the region should take part in.

When committee members grouped in a defense of the report, Mr. Oakes suggested that if there was in fact a need for the bureau, it should be properly and permanently established — and the idea of a pilot project scrapped.

It was at that point that the committee began to split in its response.

While Mayor Schiller continued to defend the need for a bureau, Markham Councillor Ron Moran began to question the merit of hiring unemployed people to run a bureau.

Under Canada Works regulations, at least three (See Expansion, page 14)

## Airplane crash being investigated

Dr. Thomas J. Heinz of the Cachet Country Club, R.R.1, Unionville, and three passengers had a narrow escape Sunday evening while flying from Parry Sound to Buttonville Airport.

York Regional Police said the pilot noticed he was low on gas as he approached the Gormley area. He notified Air Traffic Control at the Buttonville field and at 8:32 p.m. belly flopped onto a field on the east side of Leslie Street, a short distance north of the Gormley Road.

"They were very lucky people," remarked Sgt. Ken Robb of 19 Division YRP. "The plane just missed a range of high hydro towers, and because it is also an aqua plane the undercarriage was sturdy and was not damaged."

All occupants were in good condition. The Department of Transport, Aircraft Control, are investigating.



"Mia", a Shih Tzu belonging to June Jackson, seems to take a rather dim view of the ponytail her owner is putting in her hair. The long haired pet was one of the entries in the Markham Kennel Club dog show held at the Markham arena last weekend.

—Annegret Lamure