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**Willowdale club tests local soccer talent**

**Panthers and Royals hold own in tryouts**

**Soccer clinic**  
 The First Aid clinic for soccer coaches, managers and referees will be held on May 4 at Latham Gallery, not Latham Hall as published in last week's Soccer Sidelines. Kick-off is at 7:30 p.m.

**'Bronzed' Oldtimers**

The Clipper Oldtimers didn't return empty handed from their trip to the Florida Classic hockey tournament after all. Despite a 6-5 loss to Labrador in the third game of the qualifying round, the team earned enough points to place third overall and pick up the bronze. Having tied the Bradford Elders 2-2 and edged Stirling (Ontario) 3-2, coming from behind on both occasions, the Oldtimers faced their toughest task of the tourney when they drew Labrador for their third game of the series last Wednesday. The extremely fit Labrador squad got off to flying start, building up a 6-2 lead before Stouffville, as was their custom, decided to start playing hockey. Unfortunately, this time it was too late, three more goals were just not enough to make the chance of a gold possible, and despite an extra attacker on the ice when the clock ran out, Labrador edged them 5-5. The five-goal spread went to Bob McKinnon, Wayne McMann, Grant Larmer, Ron Graham and Al Hachey. Assists: McMann, McKinnon, Eric Scaife, Bob McNeil, George Cowley, Nelson Ham and Lionel Villeneuve.

In the Friday night semifinal against the Bradford Elders, the Clippers were deadlocked 2-2 after the first period but slid behind 5-2 in second before making a comeback. With 1:20 left to play the Clippers pulled goalie Wain Trotter in favor of another attacker, coming within one goal of a tie before Bradford closed the door, scoring on an empty net in the last two seconds of play to make it 6-4. Clipper goal scorers were Scaife, McKinnon, McNeil and Brian Sheridan. Assists: McMann (2), McKinnon (2), Ham, Graham, Bob Wilkinson and Bill Corner. The tournament was not all work and no play. Some of the repeatable highlights were: Joan Bell winning the \$100 ladies prize in the Wednesday night COHA dance; Carol McKinnon pushing Ron Graham into the swimming pool; Ron Graham retaliating with a custard pie in Carol's face; the discovery of hidden talent in George (Strings) Cowley's beautiful guitar renditions, and Gord (Elliot) Ness' jazz ukelele. Oh yes, Labrador won the gold, edging the Bradford Elders 5-4 in the final.

**New executive named**

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Girls' Hockey League held its annual general meeting on April 24, electing a new executive for the 1983-84 season. Outgoing president, Doug Rex-Graham, and past committee members were thanked for their services during the season and it was hoped that they would continue to give continued support to the league. The new executive is as follows: President: Cliff Dunkeld. Vice-President: Barry England. Secretary: Sandy Ramer. Treasurer: Al Piette. Equipment Manager: Ted Lowery. Statistician: Teresa Ewing. Convenors: Junior - Carol Barber. Senior: Wayne Bonner. A Timekeeper and Referee-in-Chief have yet to be appointed.

The weather finally relented over the weekend, producing excellent playing conditions for the Whitchurch-Stouffville soccer club's second weekend of "A" team tryouts at Ballantrae Park.

The six teams, having tested themselves against Agincourt the previous week, hosted the Willowdale Soccer Club for the day. Starting at 9:30 in the morning and running through to 6 p.m., the players produced

some very exciting soccer and, in the process, confirmed that Stouffville will be very competitive indeed when the season opens.

Two top Stouffville teams led the way. The Panthers (minor mosquitos), not unexpectedly, won the opening game 3-1, much to the delight of coach Alfons Rubbens, while the Castle Royals (minor peewees) did not disgrace coach Martin Johannessen in tying their game 2-2. Biggest loss came in the minor atom division; the Tigers had their claws drawn by the visitors and were thumped 5-0. The Squirts managed a rather hard fought tie, battling the visitors to a 1-1 score. The two other ties came from the Major Atoms; they were edged 3-2, and the Major Mosquitos who went down 3-1.

Over 200 soccer players took part in the tryouts, which under the new system

is proving far superior to previous years. The practice of trying out full teams against visiting clubs is one of the most successful ideas yet, giving coaches a much better idea of a player's ability when he is under real pressure. This coming Saturday the tryouts will continue against visiting teams from Agincourt and Malvern. Some coaches have already filled their rosters, but have left a couple of empty slots on their slate to accommodate late talent. The final tryout schedule will again be held at Ballantrae Park and is as follows: Panthers (minor mosquitos) 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. Major mosquitos 10:45 to 12 noon. Squirts 12 noon to 1 p.m. Castle Royals (minor peewees) 1 to 2:30 p.m. Tigers (minor atoms) 2:30 to 3:45 p.m. Major atoms 3:45 to 5 p.m.



**Look! We both take the same size boots**

Soccer antics are always at their best early in the season, before the players loosen up after a long winter. Danny Lidster (right), trying out for the Castle Royals soccer team,

was caught in a high-stepping tackle against an Agincourt defender during the Whitchurch-Stouffville club's pre-season tryouts.

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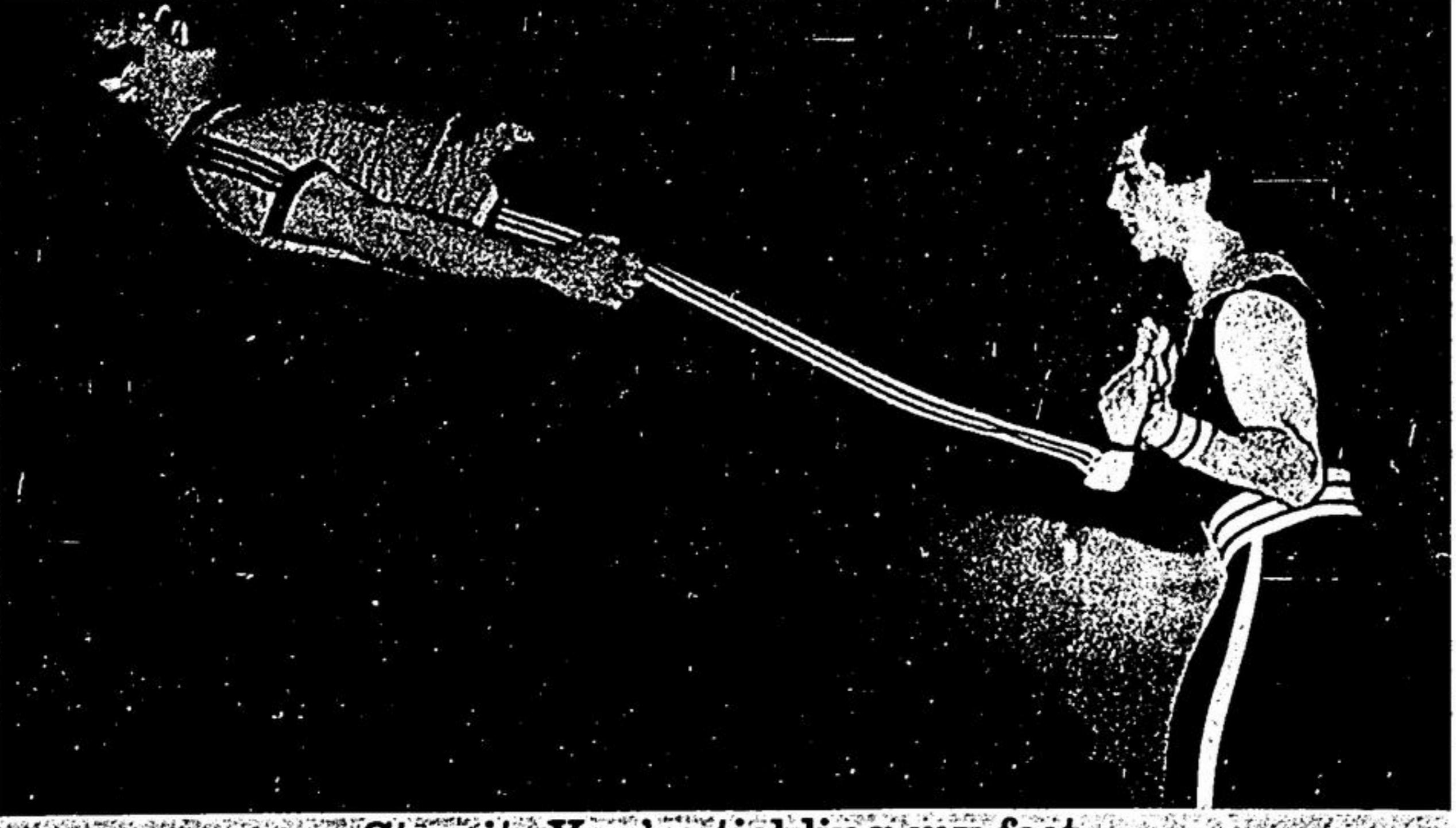


**He who has the longest arms...keeps the ball**

Darren Hardy of the junior Spartans rugby team tries to get a hand to the ball, after a grounded Lee Brown got caught in possession by King City. The game marked the

opening of the season for the high school, giving them a 6-4 win over the visitors.

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**Stop it. You're tickling my feet**

Durango Coy, that's the horizontal one with the smile on his face, brought his talented troupe of Tramp Champs to the high school last week. The hour-long program was hila-

rious, proving that a trampoline not only keeps you fit - but funny too. The Tramp Champs visit up to 150 schools in York region every year.

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**In my opinion**

By Jim Holt  
 Sports Editor



While one has a certain amount of sympathy for the Rev. Green over the temporary loss of his Sunday morning congregation, I cannot help but feel that his salvo of criticism fell rather short of the mark. I would be the last one to tell a person as to where his obligations lay on the Sabbath, but the matter goes a little deeper than that.

To single out any one organization for criticism seems slightly unfair. If the Reverend is as courageous as most readers appear to believe, then he has no choice but to follow through and have a go at everyone who breaks the Sabbath. What about the forthcoming ball games that are going to be held on Sunday mornings. Are the players exempt from his wrath? Does he intend to make an attack on the proposed July 1 celebrations and its scheduled three day ball tournament? The tourney is licenced and you can guarantee that the beer will flow like water - Sunday included. So why pick on the Sunday morning hockey players? If we are going to have a crusade then let's have a go at all the Philistines. Right Reverend?

**Fair exchange**  
 Looking around at the gathering of influence, wealth and chic at last Sunday's fund-raising bash at Markville, one could not help but make comparisons between our rich neighbors and ourselves. There was Mayor Tony Roman, sleek and smooth, like a well fed seal that has escaped the annual slaughter. Eldred the Unready, looking, despite his impeccable dress and good looks, as if he were preoccupied with the planting of the first corn crop. Both are administratively strong men in their own way. However, the idea came to me that perhaps the two mayors could exchange municipalities for a year. Under the shrewd, deft touch of the 'Roman' administration, Markham has

grown and prospered by leaps and bounds in the last ten years, whereas we....

**What's in a name**  
 Tom Marshall, husband of Councillor Margot Marshall, came up with a name for the proposed Markham and Stouffville Hospital site north of highway 7. He suggested it be known as MASH 7. Perceptive of him.

**A learning experience**  
 A couple of weeks ago I asked a grade nine student at SDSS to write down the names of her fellow students for me; I needed them for reference.

On checking the list, I was dismayed to find that the spelling was atrocious and remarked on the fact to a staff teacher. She replied that most of the grade nine students were like that.

**What an indictment of our educational system.**  
 Capping the above incident comes the news that the York Region Board of Education is increasing its budget by \$13 million next year. Illiteracy sure is getting expensive these days. Ignored

What has happened to the recommendations made to the Town by the Kinsmen Club? The club went to a great deal of effort in completing a survey of residents and getting plans and quotes for the new arena complex. However, they have not heard a word since their presentation. Frankly, I wouldn't hold my breath waiting for a reply.

**First of the few**  
 Having succeeded in our application for a \$375,000 grant towards the new arena, let's hope we can get our own act together and start a fund raising campaign soon.

Having seen how well the Markham-Stouffville hospital fundraisers are doing - Markham Lions have pledged \$50,000, and Emmerson Electric are donating \$25,000 a year for five years, just to mention a couple - we had better get a move on before the private sector runs out of money to support all these projects.