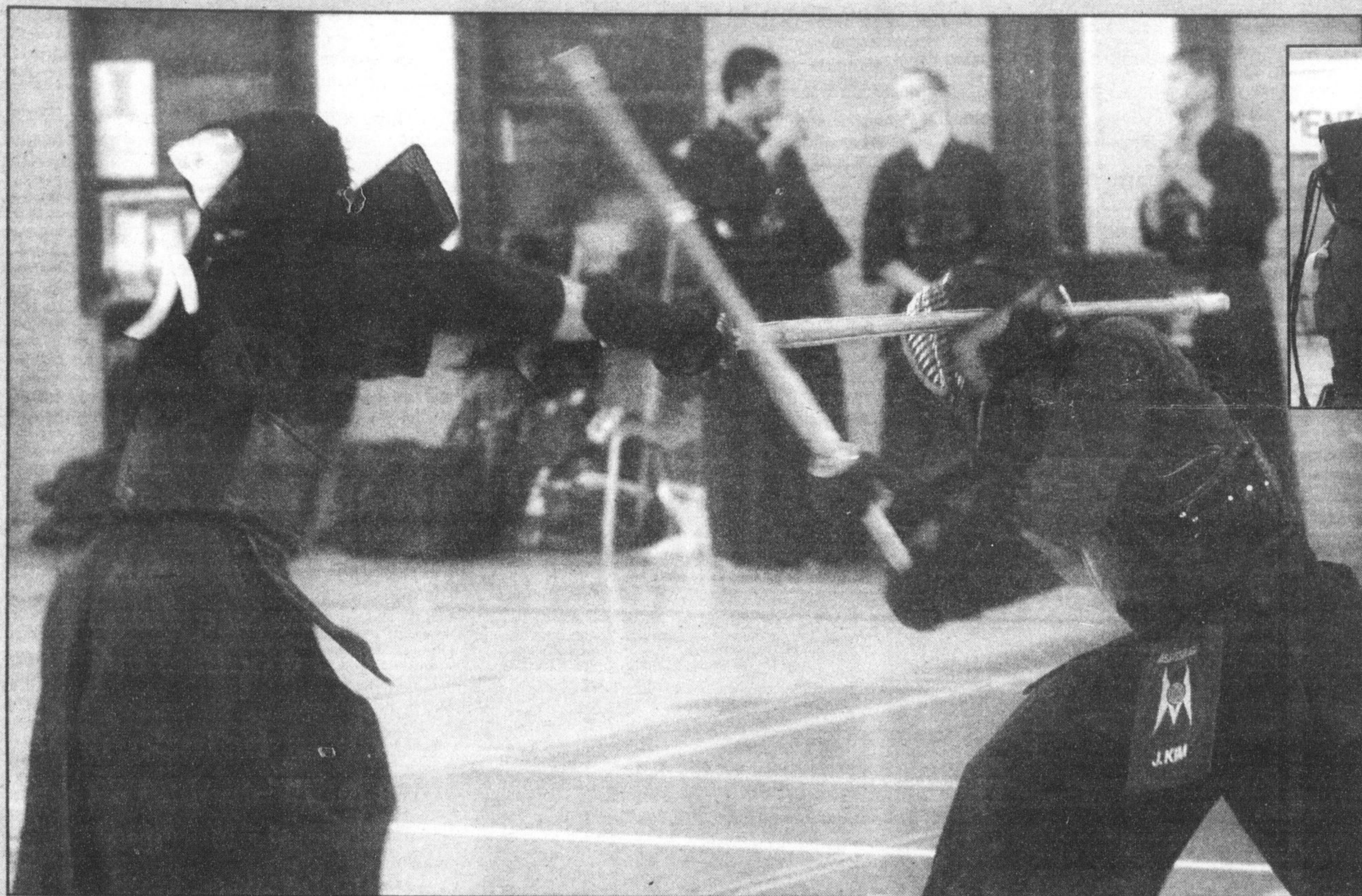


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Take that!

Burlington Kendo Club's Ross Thompson — a teacher at E.C. Drury High School — lands a hit on Mississauga Kendo Club's Jaehun Kim during the recent South Western Ontario Regional Dojo's 2004 Sword Tournament at Drury. Above inset, Kim blocks this hit by Buffalo's Patrick Fong. Kim won both matches. The tournament was hosted by the Burlington Kendo Club and drew more than 100 combatants.

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Coach pleased with BR's first game back at D1

Sr. Royals give credible effort against Trinity

By **STEVE LeBLANC**
The Champion

On the surface, Joe Jurus' optimism may have seemed a bit strange.

But given the circumstances, it wasn't that difficult to understand.

Returning to Halton's Division 1 senior football ranks for the first time since 2001, Jurus' Royals kicked off their season against star quarterback Vincent Luciani and his Holy Trinity Titans last Friday.

Making things even more daunting were a first-half injury to dependable veteran rusher Mike Rubino — who sliced up his left arm on a huge carry and spent the rest of the afternoon getting stitches — and helmet trouble that kept defensive anchor Phil Fontaine sidelined for much of the second and third quarters.

With that in mind, BR's 27-5 loss was a lot easier to swallow — and could even be considered something to build on.

"I thought that was great. Hey, this is Division 1 football," said Jurus. "Of course we've got some things to work on, like throwing the ball

more and getting some depth to be able to make adjustments. But our effort was very good today."

The Royals' skipper was particularly pleased with middle linebacker/full back Mike Rego, who delivered some big gains and helped limit the visitors to just one second-half touchdown.

Michael Carn, Sean Ward and Ivan Wagemaker were among others who stood out once BR began shaking off a slow start and enjoying stronger containment on the outside.

Luciani mixed things up beautifully and deliv-

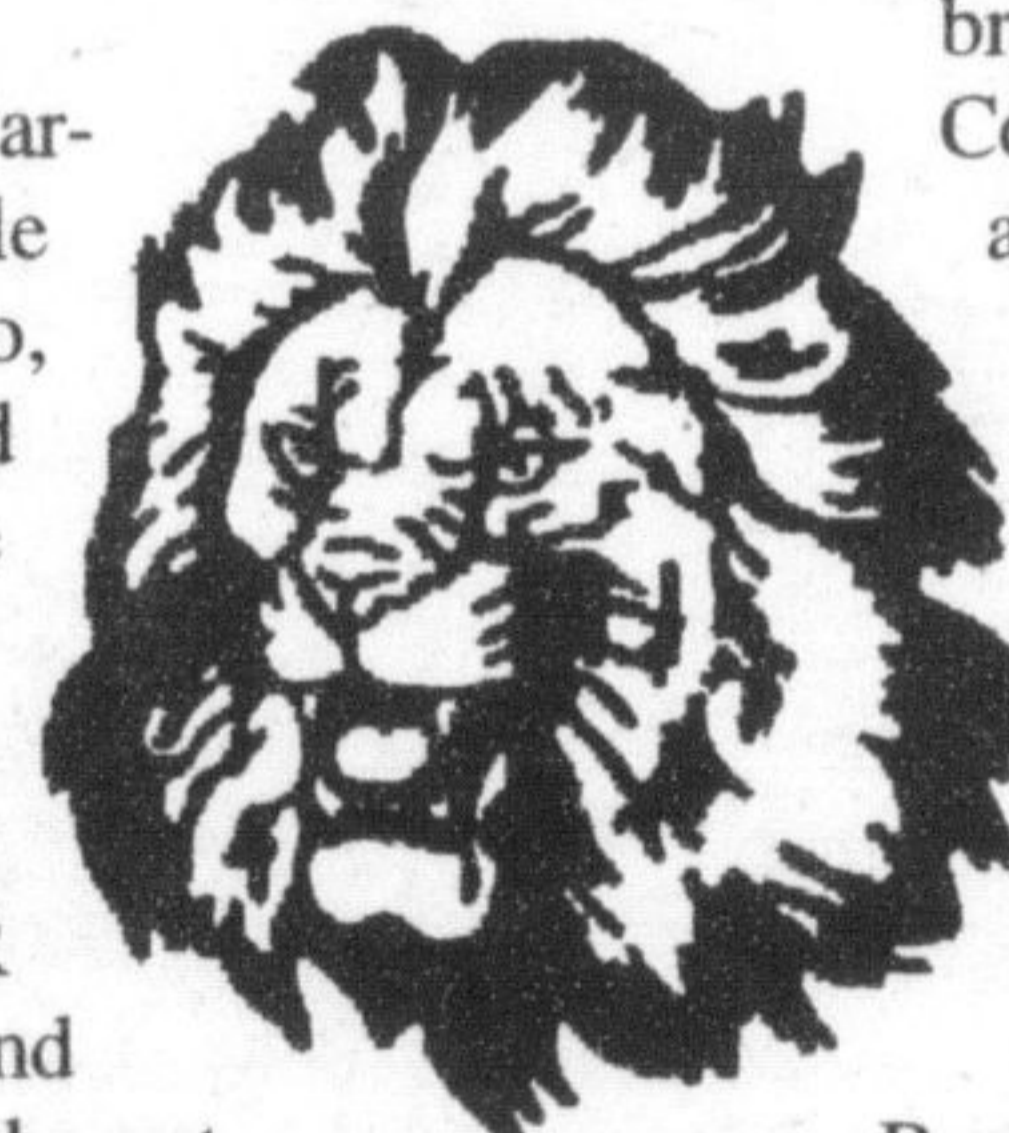
ered a huge air strike that included two touchdown passes and at least half-a-dozen other breakthrough completions.


Counterpart Mike Sonsogno, debuting at pivot, stayed mainly on the ground.

Harley Mouscos booted a 20-yard field goal early in the second quarter before the Titans put things out of reach with three straight majors. Each team conceded a safety in the second half.

Tonight BR faces Notre Dame at Burlington's Nelson Stadium at 6 p.m.

The Royals are back at home Thursday to do battle with Nelson.






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