

'Birds do it to Dynes this time

One win doesn't make a season but it always seems that way whenever the Thornhill Thunderbirds prevail against their Mid-Ontario Junior B hockey nemesis from Oak Ridges.

And that was the case Friday night in Thornhill as The 'Birds came up big with a 4-3 win.

"It was strictly a case of what you can do when you go out there and play dedicated hockey against a good club," said coach Ralph Beer.

"Everyone did his job from the regulars right down the line to the guys who only saw limited action."

Beer was especially happy with the way the "just thrown together" line of Bruce Clatworthy, Jamie Kennedy and Mark Steele played.

SUPER JOB
"They were by far our best checking line all night and they did a super job of containing Dynes' big line. That was

the difference."

That "big" line he was referring to was the high scoring Steve Sherman, Cam Reston and Dale Roffey one which was held to a goal and two assists all night.

Also coming up with a fine two-way game of hockey was defenceman Kerry Pim who got what turned out to be the winning goal in the final period. He also scored one other goal.

STOP EFFORT
The Jewellers got a top effort from their rookie line — which also tells the story of their loss — of Blair Sutherland, Glen Wright and Brent Dobson.

It was Sutherland who gave the Jewellers an early lead at 11:44 of the first period.

But it was the second period that proved the Jewellers' downfall as the Birds rattled home three successive

goals with Oak Ridges replying only once.

It was Bud Shirley getting an unassisted goal at 3:32 on a clear breakaway with Dynes' goalie Dave Heise having no chance on the play.

This goal inspired some more Thunderbird scoring with Mike McCluskey scoring from Mike Johns at 8:09; and Pim from Al Berryman and Shirley.

DYNES RALLY
The Jewellers managed two goals in the final period with Sutherland scoring from Wright on a power play and Reston from Sherman and Roffey.
But Pimm's final goal from Ben Panaccia decided the issue.

DUMB HOCKEY
"We just played dumb hockey," was Dynes' coach Pete Artemchuk's analysis of the game. "We were out of position a lot of times and we were also getting suckered into situations which no veterans should allow themselves to be."

Artemchuk observed that when "you outshoot a team like we did 48-22 and only score three goals you're not playing your best hockey."

He granted that Thornhill goalie Jerry Kofsky played well but "our poor shooting made him look good also. We just weren't playing smart hockey."

The Jewellers were also without star defenceman Ian Crockford who was attending a wedding. Also missing with an injury was Dennis Limoges.

Artemchuk thought starting goalie Heise (he was removed at the end of the second period for Doug Brumwell) and Brumwell played well and "couldn't be faulted for any of the goals."

PHYSICAL GAME
He added that it "was a very physical game and we had a lot of lumps and bruises after but that's the way the Thunderbirds play. They like it physical and there's nothing unusual about that. It was a good, tough game."

Coach Beer also thought goalie Kofsky played a "solid game for us."

The Birds lost Doug Raspberry with an injury in the game and will likely be out for four or five weeks.

Beer also expects another injured man, Al Delfabro, "to be back shortly

which should surprise some people. He's raring to get back in action. He'll be playing with a cage around his face to protect his injury."

Delfabro received a fractured cheekbone in the opening game against the same Dynes team which saw Thornhill losing 9-3.

The Birds were slated to play Tuesday night and then are idle for a 10-day stretch.

Beer expects to put Delfabro on a line with Kennedy and Clatworthy "which should interest Oak Ridges".

Kennedy's rugged style of play hasn't ingratiated him to Oak Ridges fans and indications are that Delfabro is less than enchanted with the Jewellers.

Jeweller's rebound to whip Orillia 5-2

The Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers rebounded from a Friday night loss to defeat Orillia 5-2 in a Mid-Ontario Junior B game here Monday night.

"Obviously we came up with a better game this time out," said coach Pete Artemchuk. "We were also helped by the return of defenceman Ian Crockford who was missing Friday. He made his presence felt."

The game saw a scoreless first period but the Jewellers struck for two unanswered goals in the second period.

The first was courtesy of Tony Robinson from Mike Carnevale and Brent Dobson; the second was a power play effort with Steve Sherman pulling the trigger with assists to Paul Westcott and Carnevale.

Orillia made it interesting for a time in the third period with Rocky Clark making it 2-1 at one juncture.

Enter the big Dynes' scoring line as Cam Reston scored from Dale Roffey and Doug Pollock; and the same Reston again from Roffey.

Orillia's Doug Taylor scored the next goal but it was all over when Shane Harvey scored with a little over four minutes remaining from Glen Wright.

Coach Artemchuk continued to be pleased with the play of rookie Blair Sutherland "who played excellently last Friday and was a power out there again against Orillia."

Most impressive player for Orillia had to be goalie John Turney who came up with a phenomenal effort as the Jeweller's laced 49 shots in his direction.

Doug Brumwell stopped 20 in the Oak Ridges nets and was steady all the way.

The Jewellers are in Barrie tomorrow night (Thursday) and are at home at Bond Lake Arena next Monday night to Owen Sound.



No mistake here

Bud Shirley (23) of Thornhill Thunderbirds has an unerring shooting eye as he finishes off a breakaway play by whistling it past

Oak Ridges' goalie Dave Heisey in last Friday's home opener at Thornhill. This

goal started the 'Birds off and they scored two more goals to go on and beat the Dynes team 4-3.

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Too much turkey

There was certainly a lot of "turkey" around on Thanksgiving Weekend. And, I'm referring of course, to the weather.

I hate to keep belaboring the point, but the weather continues to be rotten on the weekends. Just keeps reeking (and I mean, reek) havoc with the area outdoors programs.

The thing that shocked me was the fact the Region of York Inter-District Minor Soccer League actually played out the championships in Thornhill despite Saturday's daylong rain and wind.

It certainly smacked of desperation on the part of the minor soccer officials. I guess, after awhile, you say to hell with it and just want to get it over with. I got as far as the window, Saturday, shuddered at the disaster, and leaped under the bed.

PURPLE HEARTS
They should have given out purple hearts to the youngsters and adults who participated or watched or even showed up. Better luck next year.

Speaking of "turkey," there was a lot of it happening in other ways.

OUCH
The Richmond Hill Provincial Junior A Rams had their Monday dinner spoiled by getting thumped 12-4 in North Bay Sunday night.

Oh well. Some weekends are best forgotten. Despite being winless in four or five starts, the Rams have been in most of their games to the last second.

I saw Tuesday night of last week's Rams' North Bay contest in The Hill and it was an interesting, end-to-end type of game all the way. Richmond Hill could have easily won this 6-5 loss.

FAITH
What I'm trying to say is, keep the faith coach Ken "Satch" Brookes. Things should get better. As I always say, it's always darkest before the avalanche.

Seriously, get out and give the Rams your support. They sure could use it right now. They'll be there before the season's too far gone.

Also having trouble digesting his turkey dinner on Monday was Thornhill Forum Travel Reds' minor baseball team coach Jack Fairney. If he got any on Monday.

Here this tale of woe: Jack and his team travelled to Cottam (near Windsor) for a doubleheader (Monday, I think) to decide the Ontario Baseball championship. Thornhill had lost the first game

4-0. They won the first game of the doubleheader 1-0 and were leading the second one 4-3 in the final inning with two out and a man on first base.

JOBBED
As Jack relates it.

"We walked the next batter purposely. He proceeded to take off for second and we had him cold. The umpire decided to call him safe with the runner from third scoring to tie the game.

"My guys blew their top and threw the ball down. The runner on second then kept going around the bases to score the winning run and give Cottam the championship."

Talk about being jobbed. Oh well, have some turkey. There's always next year. JACK

NOTES
Finally here, the Thornhill Figure Skating Club still has openings available in pre-school, intermediate and senior sections. Opening day is Oct. 17. For further information, call Allison Ballantine at 881-1798.

OPEN HOUSE
Something about curling, now. The Richmond Hill Curling Club is welcoming you all to its "Open House" starting tomorrow (Thursday) and continuing through to Friday. Time is 7 p.m.

The Hill Curling Club is located on Elgin Mills Rd. (East of Yonge Street). Also available are free instructions for beginners.

For further information call 889-4554.

APOLOGIES
Finally, heaps of apologies to the hardworking members of the Oak Ridges Dynes Jewellers' "Booster" club and especially Elsie Woloschuk who handles the public relations.

The club, under President Ken McBride, went to a lot of work a few weeks ago in organizing opening ceremonies for the first Ridges' home game of the season.

Naturally, I forgot to mention the opening ceremonies in the subsequent story.

They included members of the "Golden Richmond Hill High School" orchestra who came ringing out some fine music plus several first-game guests who participated in the opening face-off including Sinclair Stevens, MP for York Simcoe.

Apologies and more on the club itself next week.

As for my turkey dinner? I ate the wish-bone.

'Uggh'

Rams finding it rough..

The first mistake the Richmond Hill Provincial Junior A Rams made Sunday night was getting "on the bus."

The second was arriving. In North Bay.

"We came out flat and got flattened," was the way Rams' coach Ken "Satch" Brookes put it.

The Rams were blitzed 12-4 by the powerful North Bay Trappers, just five days after the Rams had battled the same team at home only to lose 6-5.

For all intents and purposes the game was over in the first two minutes as the Trappers poured home three goals in that time-span courtesy of Joe Omiccolli, David Kobryn, and Dan McNeil.

Still winless in four starts (two ties), the Rams continued to be plagued with the injury bug with hard-hitting

defenceman Dave Campbell bowing out early with a back injury.

The Rams don't even have to get on the ice to get injured.

Injured again
Goalie Mitch Lovelock, just back from an injury, injured himself last week lifting weights. Wouldja' ever.

The Rams could almost go into the business of modelling leg-casts with John Dewar Keith Yorke also limping around in same with pulled ligaments.

Veteran winger Larry Kimble isn't in a cast but, according to coach Brookes, he's in worse shape than all of them with an injured foot.

No excuses
"There's no sense making excuses for injuries," states Brookes. "It amounts to that you have to win out there with what you have. We're just

not winning."

The Rams went with goalie Dan Gunning for the entire game and Brookes admits to being suddenly worried in this regard.

"Gunning didn't have that great a game and our goaltending just hasn't been what we expected it to be in the early going.

"When you give up 35 goals in five games your goaltending has to be suspect," he said.

Nothing worked
In truth, nothing was working too much for the Rams in Sunday night's encounter.

North Bay led 5-2 at the end of the first period and 8-3 going into the third. Pacing their attack were MacNeil, Omiccolli, David Kobryn, and Kevin Lavalee with two each and singles to

Bruce Guthrie, David Avery and Mike Sheehan.

For the Rams it was Bob Else scoring a power play goal from Danny Jones and John Olds; Jones from Ken Elson and Gary Kruze (another power play goal); Mike Walker from Tom Peden and Kruze; and John Hogarth from Ham and Peden.

Hogarth shines
Hogarth, a rugged little defenceman, was probably the outstanding Ram on the ice as he took a run at every North Bay body in sight.

Jones was also injured in the first period, missed some time, but was back on the ice for the final session. . . . the Rams were outshot 43-44 on the game . . . next Friday they are away to North York; next Tuesday at home to Dixie Beehives for a 7:45 game.

...lose twice to Trappers

They don't give points for close games and that's why the Richmond Hill Provincial Junior A Rams were on the outside looking in Tuesday night of last week.

The North Bay Trappers managed to hang onto a 6-5 lead and skate home with a big win despite a pesky Rams' team that kept on pecking away.

"I thought we came up with a very fine effort," said Rams' coach Ken "Satch" Brookes. "Whenever you stay that close to a powerful team like North Bay you're doing pretty good."

Still not good enough.

The Rams, who found themselves trailing 3-0 at the end of the opening session, bounced back in the second to overcome a 4-1 deficit with three goals.

It was action a plenty in that period with lots of penalties, some fights, and a wheeler-dealer type of end-to-end hockey.

Goalie hit
It all began with North Bay leading 3-1 as Richmond Hill's Gary Kruze sifted in and unlaced a blazer which struck North Bay goalie Tom Hedrcinan high

in the chest and felled him.

He left the game for one shot in favor of Lou Malbuef and would you believe the Rams scored on that one shot.

That was Bill Colville scoring on a power play.

This seemed to inspire the Rams and they started to outskate the visitor's only to be set back on their heels by screenshot from Gilles Crepeau at 7:01 with the Rams one man short.

The penalty parade continued as Paul Gallagher of the Rams and Don McNeil of North Bay went off for fighting.

Then it was John Olds, newly returned to the line-up, making it 4-2 at 9:46 from Jones and Campbell.

Then it was Bill Colville scoring a power play goal at 11:06 as his shot from the blueline appeared to go through Hedrcinan's legs. This narrowed the score to 4-3 and the Rams were looking good.

Tie game
It was 4-4 when a hard shot by Olds saw the rebound coming out to Colville at 14:57 and he put the puck behind Hedrcinan.

North Bay had just been called on a penalty which was nullified by the score.

A fluke goal at 5:45 by David Kobryn just about buried the Rams' hopes as his shot from the side seemed to bounce in off goalie Mitch Lovelock.

Richmond Hill kept on the offensive and it was Jones winning a battle for the puck in North Bay's corner and shovelling it out to Bob Else who hit home.

Any Rams' hope of an epic comeback ended at 18:15 when the same Else was penalized. Despite this, the Rams were pressing as the game ended.

North Bay outshot the Rams 42-32 on the game.

Thornhill wins football match

The Thornhill football seniors chalked up their third win in a row last Thursday as they downed Huron Heights Secondary of Newmarket 12-6 at home.

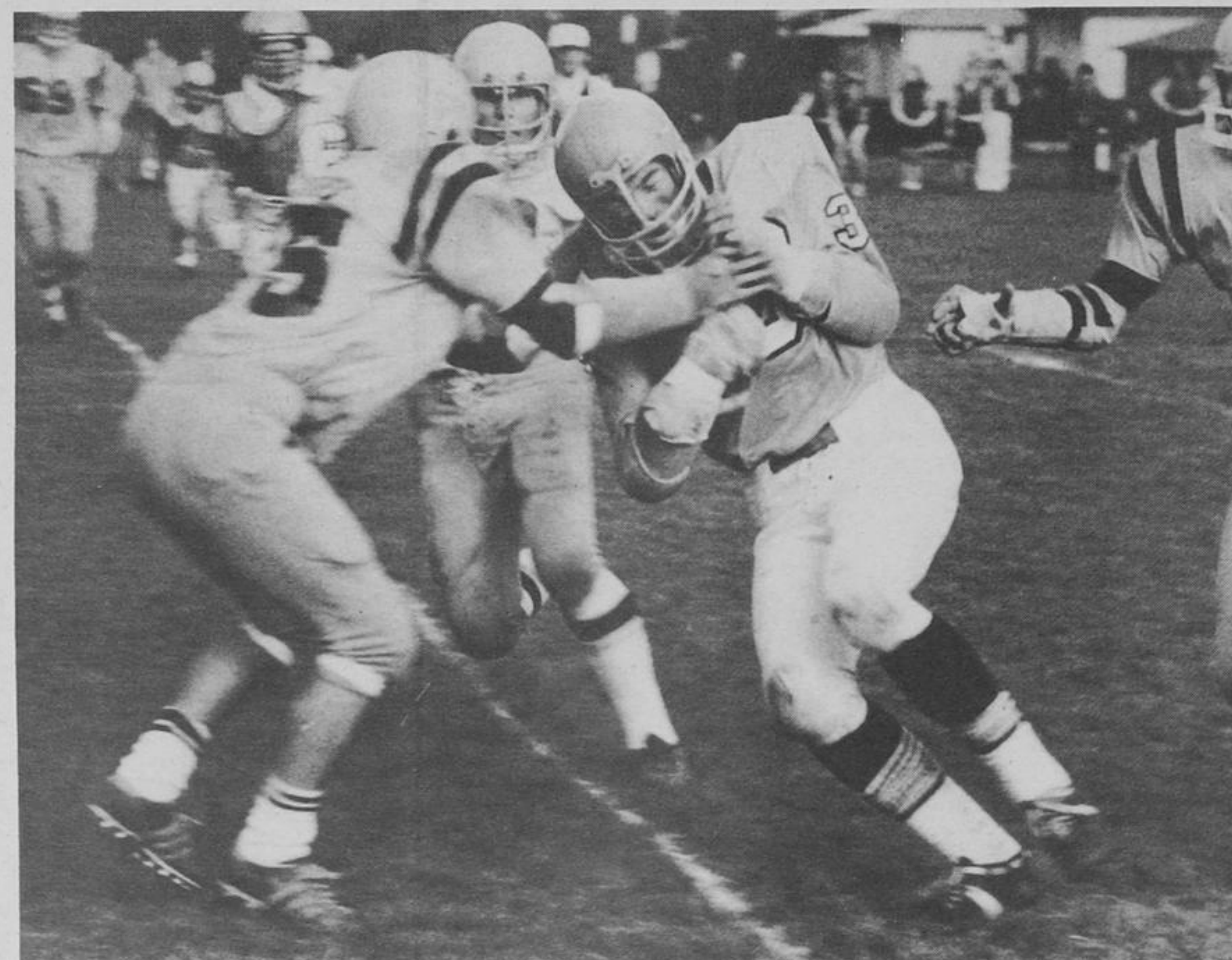
The game was featured by two blocked kicks, one on each side, which were turned into touchdowns on the same play.

Thornhill made the first block in the first half with Mike Gregorish recovering in the Huron Heights zone for the touchdown.

Huron Heights then came back to do the same thing before the first half ended.

Thornhill won the game in the third quarter as halfback Dave Easun crossed the line following a sustained drive downfield.

Thornhill is at Newmarket next Friday afternoon.



I wanna talk to you

Thornhill's Scott Cowie gets short-circuited on this plunge by an unidentified Huron Heights player but that wasn't the case in the final

analysis. Thornhill kept on plunging and came out on top with a 12-6 victory in high school football play.