

Spartan rugger squad edged 6-4

Spartan rugger coach Peter Nikolovski is proving a tough taskmaster with the rugger squad. Long after everyone has finished the year, Nikolovski is still fielding his junior and senior squads; perhaps the snow will finally deter him. Following an earlier post-season 8-0 loss to Markham, his combined junior-seniors tried their hand at Whitby's Anderson Collegiate, Thursday, only to be edged by a 2 point conversion for a 6-4 loss.

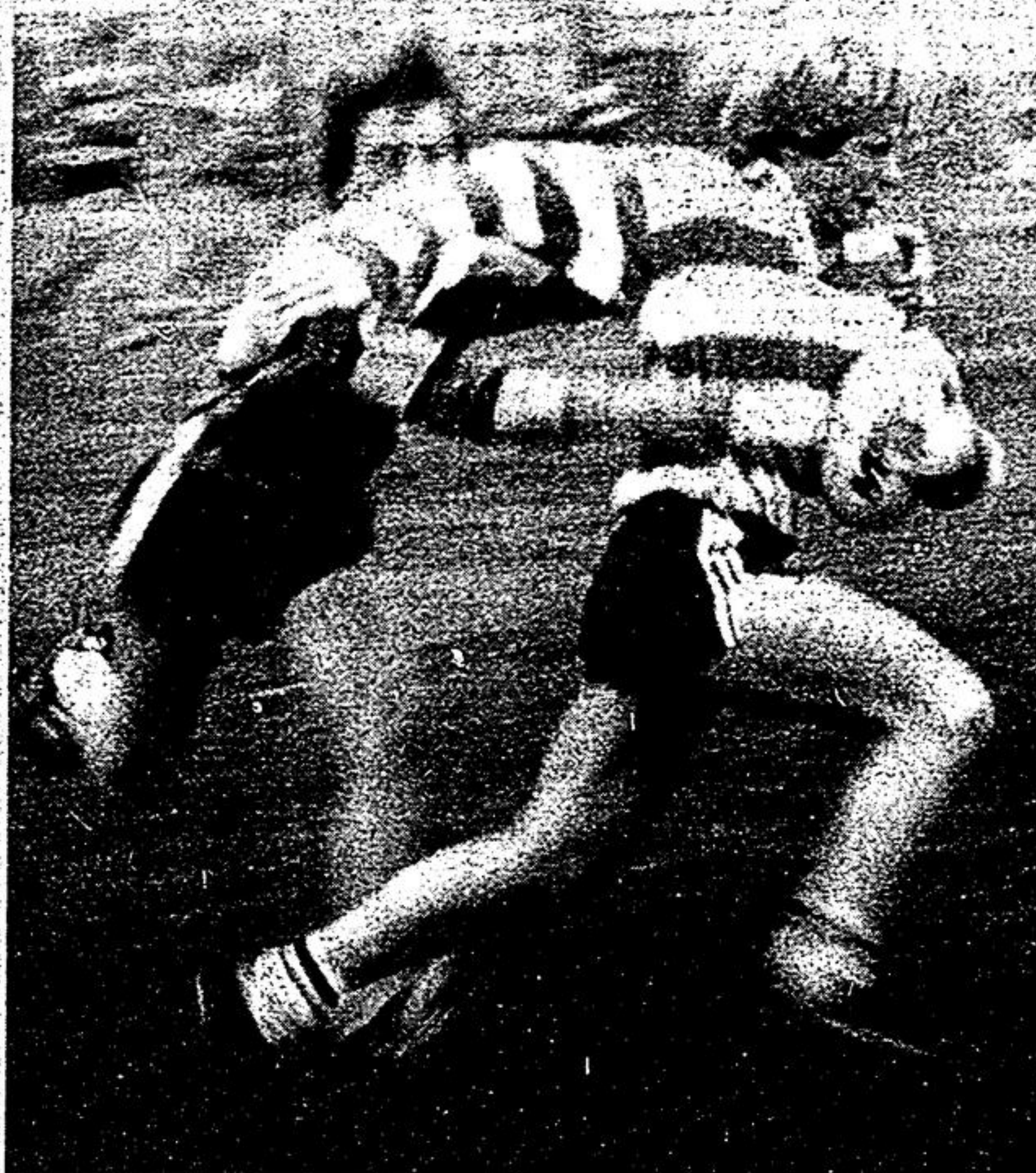
Anderson he opportunity to scrimmage their way into the Spartan twenty five before breaking through for a try; the convert won the game.

Scrum-half Paul Fairhurst cleared well throughout, although he got caught in possession on one or two crucial plays due to the tardy Spartan scrum keeping the ball in too long.

Mike Anderson came close in the closing minutes with a fine 30 yard run that brought

him within ten yards of the Anderson line. Unfortunately the Spartans fumbled the ball back to centre field and lost the opportunity to go ahead.

If enthusiasm is a yardstick for success then the Spartans have it in spades. An early start with exhibition games next season is already on the agenda. Following two years of being out of the rugby scene, the Spartans could well be a force to be reckoned with next season.



Faster than a speeding bullet?

Rugger Spartan Chris Baggs in full flight after making a catch on his own 22 metre line during Thursday's game at

Anderson Collegiate, Whitby. The game marked the end of season play for SDSS rugger enthusiasts.

Bid for Ontario title fails

The Spartans senior volleyball team failed in their bid to win the All-Ontario championship at McMaster University over the weekend.

According to coach Jim Rehill, they did everything right - except hit the ball. "We just couldn't get our offence going," is how he summed up the Spartans' effort, although he conceded that his team played excellent defence and blocked well. After winning the GBSSA title I guess we just didn't have enough left to come through in the clinch. The competition was pretty fierce," he said.

The Spartans dropped their opening game against Etobicoke's North Albion - but it was a close one - losing 16-12 and 16-14 in two straight games. The team fared better in their midday game against Hamilton's Cardinal Newman, rated second in their own loop; they defeated the Cardinals 15-10 and 15-5.

Against the Toronto area champions, Neil McNeil, the Spartans took the game down to the wire before bowing out 15-13, 15-13. It was their last chance of a playoff spot in the round-robin tournament.

Both Albion and the Cardinals went to the championship round. In the final round the Spartans went three straight, going down 15-10, 15-10, in a game that had no significance other than to tidy up the round-robin roster.

The title went to Scarborough's David and Mary Thompson High School, who won over North Bay's Widdifield.

The Spartans played 100 games during the season, winning 72 of them, including the York Region and Georgian Bay championship titles.

Shetland pony Champion

Master's Tiny Tim received an extra helping of oats, Thursday night.

A few hours earlier, this handsome Shetland pony, owned by Bill Keith of 18th Avenue, Markham, and shown by Lloyd Weatherill of Unionville, was named Grand Champion Stallion at the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

It was his first time at the Royal. The pony placed first in the Senior Championship class. This qualified him for participation in the Grand Championship. Mr Keith and son Billy attended the show and the ribbon presentation ceremony that followed.

What the newly-formed teams lack in skills they made up for in enthusiasm. Dave Darling made a fine 40 yard breakthrough for an early four point try in the first half; Keith Grose failing by inches to convert it over the bar.

The Spartans rucked well early in the game but threw their hard-earned knowledge out the window in the second half, giving

Skate results

Stouffville skaters took part in both Keswick and Cobourg Invitational Tournaments on Nov. 10.

At Keswick, Susie Anderson placed tenth in her flight in the Pre-Juvenile Ladies. Stephanie Barclay was sixth in her flight in the Junior Ladies event, and Cindy McNeil was in the medals with a third in the Pre-Novice Ladies competition.

At Cobourg, Brenda Hachey placed fourth in the Pre-Juvenile Ladies competition.

The Stouffville Skating Club will hold its Inter-Club run-offs on January 15.

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