

# Weekender Sports

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## Raiders regain football pride

The scores have been a little lopsided this season, but two of the three Markham Raider football teams finally had a chance to restore their pride last weekend.

Doug McKenzie's Bantams led the way, trampling the North York Bandits 28-0. For awhile it was a close game, with Wade Smith's first-quarter two-yard touchdown plunge providing the only points.

But the floodgates opened in the final frame. J.J. Herron scored on an 11-yard sweep, Toby McHale recovered a fumble then ran 37 yards for the major, and Jeff Johnston scored on a three-yard dive.

Robert Edmondson booted all four converts.

"Probably for the first time this season we had a good effort from both the offence and the defence," said coach McKenzie.

"They complimented each other, and the offensive line (Chris Reid, Jeremy Gallup, Andrew Green, Tom Walton and Franco Meli) was probably a little sharper than it has been lately."

McKenzie is still hoping for more improvement from the offence, noting "we'd be a much better team if we could complete a few passes."

Bob Prefontaine's Atom Raiders put together enough offence to gain a 12-0 win over North York. Wesley Matheson opened the scoring in the first quarter by returning a punt from his own 45-yard line for a touchdown.

The second major came on the game's final play, when Mathe-

son's short-yardage dive capped an offensive drive that began deep in Markham territory.

Coach Prefontaine was thrilled with the win, which ups the squad's record to three wins and two losses.

"We had our best defensive game of the year," he gushed. "It was so dominant...if we could give out 12 stars to everyone we would have. We shut down their inside and outside games, and had a couple of interceptions."

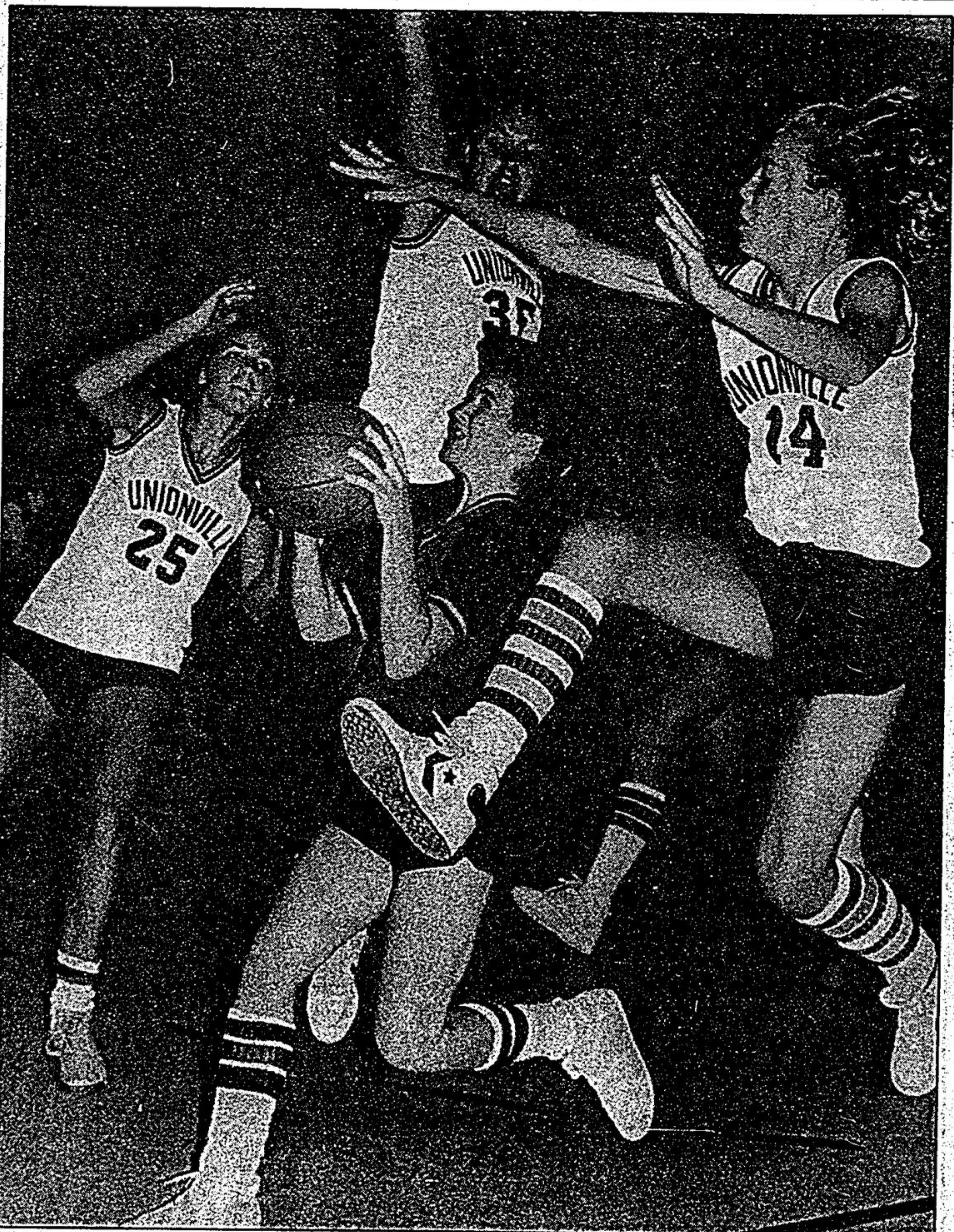
Strong games came from Matheson, centre Mathew Hardiman, quarterback Doug Walton, offensive tackle Ian Burrows, offensive end J.D. Coulter and cornerback Chris Matheson.

Meanwhile, John Beatty's Pee wee Raiders continue to stumble along, this time getting shut out 46-0 by the Bandits. The squad is winless this season and has yet to score a point.

"I think we're an Atom team playing in a Pee wee league," a weary coach Beatty explained. "That was the North York coach's observation, which was humiliating in itself."

At this point Beatty's goal is simply to get on the scoresheet. But that could be difficult, as his strong-playing offensive backfield isn't complimented with a good offensive line.

Good performances came from quarterbacks Joel Rehill and Derek Candolini, fullback Derek Niiranan, receiver Jamie Lloyd-Smith and halfbacks Paul Cowan and Scott Crone.



CINDY'S SURROUNDED....Brother Andre's Cindy Keyes planned on going for a basket at this point in Wednesday's Junior girls basketball game. But Unionville's Leslie Newton (25), Shawne Davey (35) and Stacey Black (14) obviously had other ideas. Unionville took advantage of two Brother Andre injuries in the third quarter to record a 48-30 victory. — Frank King

## Senior Marauders are back on track

By FRANK KING  
Sports Editor

Ladies and gentlemen, prepare to welcome back the Markham District High School (MDHS) Senior football team you used to know.

For the first two games of this year's campaign, the squad has been masquerading as just another mediocre bunch of players.

But all that started to change Thursday afternoon, when the

Marauders trashed Newmarket 22-0 on the scoresheet and 214-86 in the total offensive yards column.

For the first half it was close, with only two Chris Brown singles breaking the scoreless deadlock.

But come the second half quarterback Mark Esdale and company went to work, with three touchdowns (two from Esdale and one from Brian McMaster) and two Dave Crilly converts.

It didn't result in a touchdown, "but there was a feeling that the offence had finally come together."

The running game also returned, with Esdale dashing 48 yards on seven carries and Scott Hitchcock 104 on 15 carries.

Defensively it was the Brian McMaster show all the way.

"He's hitting at a university level; he made eight individual tackles in half a game."

MDHS was still struggling on Tuesday, when it barely scraped by Huron Heights 7-0. Scott Hitchcock had the game's lone major when he crashed over the goalline after an Esdale-to-Jamie Killackey bomb.

In fact, it was the big defensive plays that did it, with Doug Seed picking off two passes and Richard Broughton one. On the other hand, Esdale has yet to be intercepted this season.

The Marauders next game is Tuesday at 3:45 p.m., when they host King City.



DOUG SEED  
Two big interceptions

## Cardinal bang-ups help Unionville

# Those injuries hurt!

By FRANK KING  
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There could be some rousing rivalries on the local athletic scene this year, if Wednesday's Junior girls basketball game is any example.

Unionville High School and a surprisingly tough Brother Andre Catholic High School battled it out, with Unionville using a big third quarter to secure a 48-30 victory.

It was 20-16 at halftime, but crucial injuries to Brother Andre's Jennifer Kulis (dislocated finger) and Megan Griffin (twisted ankle) took the starch out of their attack.

As a result, Don Carmichael's crew was able to outscore Mary Devaux's Cardinals by a 19-6 margin, and that made the difference.

Unionville's Shawne Davey finished up as the game's top shooter with 17 points. Andrea Mason contributed eight.

"I thought we played well," assessed coach Carmichael. "We're a little behind where I want us to be, because we haven't had a gym to practice in. But we're off to not a bad start."

The squad's start was on Monday with a 56-13 annihilation of Richmond Hill's Bayview Secondary School. Davey, Nicole Volpe and Sarah Lamont hooped 10 points apiece.

Carmichael pointed out that all but two of his players (Volpe and Sarah Parsons) are 15 in a league that can have players as old as 17.

Still, "I think we'll be competitive. I don't know what the rest of the league looks like, but judging from our two games, we'll give everyone a good fight."

As for Brother Andre, coach Devaux was delighted with her troops' performance.

"I was so proud of the girls, not only in their play, but their disci-

pline, attitude and hustle. I can't remember being so proud of any team. I was shining at the end."

The Cardinals have no big shooters like Davey, but instead spread out the offence amongst the roster, which includes Tara Talbot, Laureen Baretto, Enza Biadi, Debbie Brown, Carolyn Colvin, Cindy Keyes, Margie Orsi, Michelle Quesnelle, Veronica Tomaiuolo, Terri Wilkie and Leslie Wood.

This season should be a tough test for the Cardinals. They were supposed to play other A-rated schools such as Langstaff and Woodbridge, but those teams disappeared before the campaign started.

So the squad is battling AA schools like Unionville. But it shouldn't fare badly, as only Colvin and Wood are rookies in the veteran-laden roster.