

Markham wins scrappy tangle

Touches of brilliance by the Markham Rugby Club (MRC) firsts in an otherwise scrappy game proved enough to secure a 16-7 triumph over the Toronto Irish last weekend.

At times it seemed Markham wasn't interested in taking the contest, as the team squandered numerous scoring opportunities.

This, coupled with a troublesome lack of discipline, allowed the Irish to remain in the hunt until the final whistle.

MRC opened the game by running the ball quickly down the back line, with Iain Forster cutting through some weak tackling to pass the ball to Simon Jones.

However, he was tackled only metres away from scoring a four-point try — a trend that was to continue throughout the contest.

Forster connects

Finally, Forster (a longtime star player with Markham District High School's rugby and football teams) made a strong run and passed to veteran John Watt.

He moved upfield before returning the ball to Forster, who scored the try and booted a two-point convert. But the Irish replied with an unconverted try to make it 6-4 at the half.

Forster's try seemed like just an anomaly in the MRC game, as the club continued to push for tries in the second half, then threw away the final pass.

Irish take lead

This brought on enough frustration to create mistakes, giving the

Irish a pair of opportunities to kick three-point fieldgoals and take the lead.

Both attempts were wide, but a third opportunity proved right on and Markham found itself behind 7-6. Still, with a partisan crowd behind them, the locals came back to life.

Forster recovered a Rob Pahl kick in the Irish end zone for the go-ahead points.

That made it 10-7 for MRC, and minutes later the insurance try came from Bill Morrow. Forster kicked a convert for the game's final points.

Seconds shut out

Meanwhile, the MRC seconds failed to get on the scoresheet as they dropped a 4-0 decision to the slower, but more experienced Toronto Nomads.

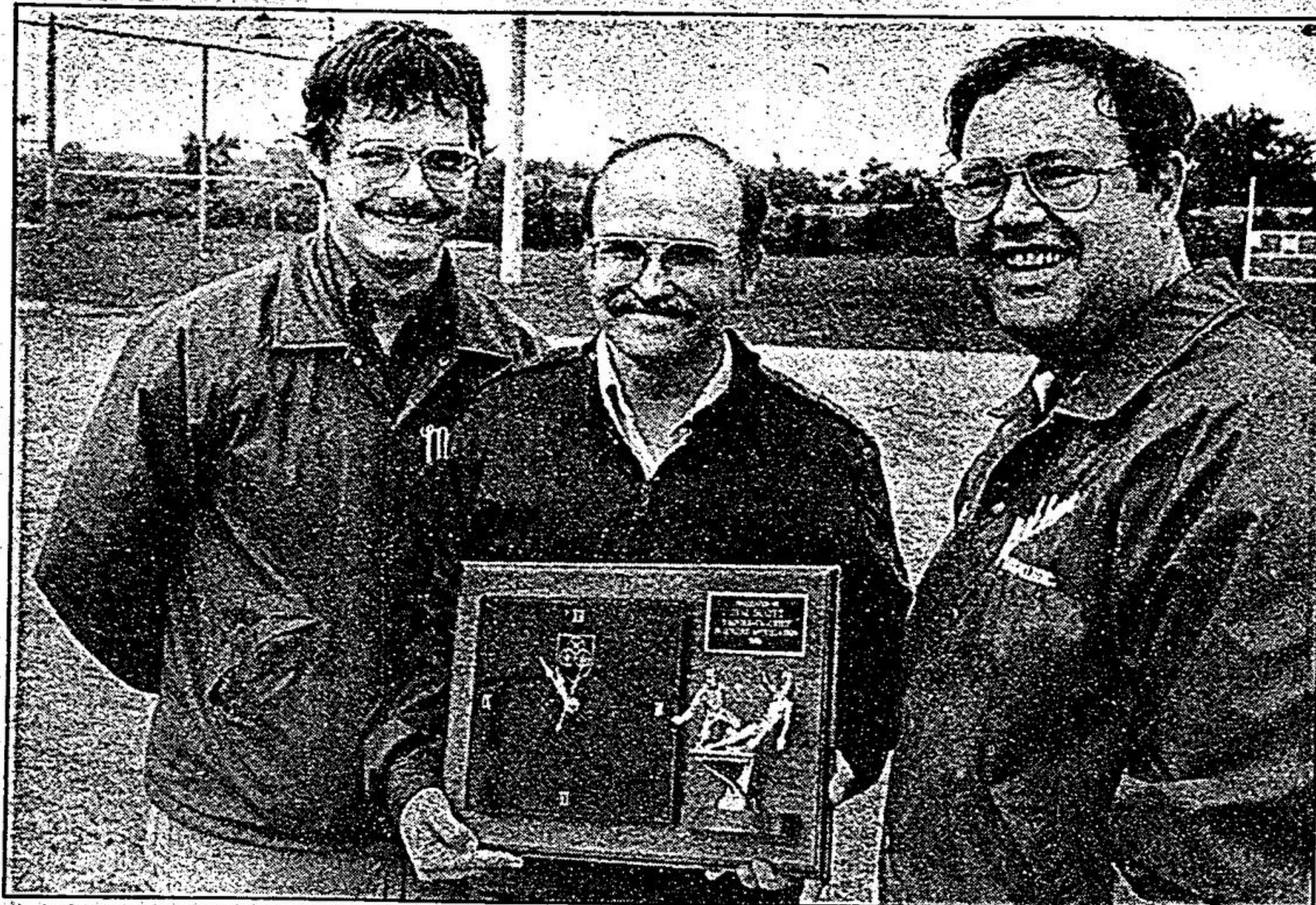
The Nomads used that experience to keep the ball tied up in mauls and prevent Markham's backs from gaining possession.

There was no score as halftime neared, when the ball suddenly came loose from a scrum near the MRC end zone.

It rolled over the line and both teams scrambled for possession, but the Nomads were there first and gained the game's only points.

Still, second-half Markham counterattacks nearly turned the tide. Andrew Gallifent came two metres away from a try before the Nomads stopped him.

Scott Hitchcock also came close, but a knocked-down pass negated the attempt.



Jim Scott — what a guy!

With the Markham Baseball Association expanding as much as it has, Umpire-In-Chief Jim Scott has spent more time behind the plate this summer than behind a desk administering the other umps. In

recognition for all that extra work, association executive members Alex Roberts (left) and Peter Kelly (right) presented him with a trophy at the recent house league championships. — Bill Lanning

Williams back on top

Markham's Greg Williams just can't seem to get enough of the dangerous life.

Williams, already seriously injured once on this year's motorcycle hillclimbing circuit, took another spill at a York, Pennsylvania competition last weekend.

Fortunately, the 23-year-old 14th Ave. resident was not seriously hurt, and that ride was good enough to give him top spot.

What happened was Williams finished his first and only run that day up the 400-foot hill at an extra-

fast speed. That was to ensure the timer picked him up.

But do so put his STP Special out of control, so he bailed out just before the crash. This time, unlike his big bangup in Michigan nearly two months back, most of what damage there was, happened to the bike.

The handlebars and forks were both bent, but "figuratively speaking, I had a pretty soft landing."

Winning the hillclimb has put the defending 500-cc world cham-

pion back on top of the standings, just two points ahead of main competitor Rod Riddell of Ohio.

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Tough time for volleyball boys

St. Robert Catholic High School's Senior boys volleyball team had a tough time in an Aurora tournament last weekend, winning only two of nine games against four opponents.

The squad, under coach Kim Scuglia, started with a 15-10, 15-4 loss to Sutton. Good defensive play came from Gary Kehoe, Chris Young and Jacob Chin.

Unionville proved a little easier, with St. Robert's gaining an 15-11, 5-15 split. "The team was flat, except for good serving by Matt Lawlor," said Scuglia. "Unionville brought only its Junior team, which played very well."

Markham slowpitch final Sunday

The summer ball season may be just about over, but the six-team Markham Women's Slowpitch League is busier than ever.

This weekend the loop finishes off with a gruelling Sunday playoff schedule. It peaks with the championship tangle, slated for 3 p.m. at Morgan Park.

Not long after — Tuesday night, to be precise — is the league's annual general meeting at meeting room B in the Centennial Centre Arena on McCowan Road.

All executive positions are up for grabs. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

She attributed an experience and skill edge for the next set of games; a 15-8, 15-10 loss to Barrie Eastview.

In the playoffs, St. Robert's was eliminated with an 11-15, 15-5, 15-4 loss to Aurora. Good games came from the back-court players, and strong serving from Lawlor and Chin.

"Aurora has more volleyball sense to their experience," explained the coach. "However, being in such a psych game we were able to take the second match."

Meanwhile the Senior boys' soccer team was able to escape with a 1-1 tie against Bayview, despite being outplayed much of the game. Frank Galuzzo had the goal in the late going.

"I wasn't pleased with our performance," admitted coach Bruno Rovere. "Bayview beat us to the ball constantly."

The team made up for it by blanking Newmarket's Sacred Heart 1-0 on Galuzzo's marker. Nick Creatura had a good game at mid-field.

In Senior Girls basketball Nick Del Principe's squad knocked off Father Bressanie 44-31, with Andrea Beneteau hooping 11 points and Danielle Caldana having a strong second half.

Richard Mainella led the way for the school's Seniors at the York Region Tennis championships, winning the singles division. Tracy Reale and Lisa Caverly were semi-finalists in the girls doubles.

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