

Markham Juniors, Seniors victorious

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There's no doubt about it: Markham District High School (MDHS) Senior football coaches Myron Dnes and Ed Curry are a pair of smooooth talkers. The pair managed to come up with a convincing explanation to pass off the Marauders' surprising performance against King City on Thursday, a close 20-14 victory. Markham's Junior Marauders had far less trouble, securing a first-place finish with a 15-6 victory over King City.

2 wins for Uxbridge Cs

The Uxbridge Junior C Bruins are off to a flawless start after winning their first two games of the season last weekend. The Bruins beat Lindsay 6-2 in Uxbridge last Friday and blew out the Madoc Hurricanes 16-2 on Sunday. Top point-getter in the latter game was Greg Cook with three goals and five assists.

Against Lindsay, Stouffville's Lee Brown opened the scoring for the Bruins, assisted by Brian Stewart and Brad Evans. Kevin Smith added another assist to Todd Williamson and Stouffville's Chris Brown.

Kevin Mitchell and Chip Anderson scored markers in the second period with assists going to Brown, Stewart, Troy Jackson and John Steeves.

Steeves collected two goals in the final frame on set ups by Cook and Mitchell.

Results of last night's battle with Ajax weren't available at press time.

head-on with almost anyone in the Toronto area," Curry insisted. "If both teams play to their potential, Markham should win. But if we're not prepared, King can beat us."

Indeed, King City showed it's for real on the gridiron patch. After organizing a pep rally beforehand and assembling a crowd of hundreds to watch, it ran up a 14-6 halftime lead.

Scott Hitchcock's 65-yard gallop put MDHS ahead early on (the convert was wide), but Greg Clark ran in to finish off a pair of long King City drives in the second quarter.

One reason is the recurring problem of complacency on Markham's part. It's resulted in players showing up late to practices, and Curry never having all his running backs together to go over plays. Hopefully this close call will change that.

Either way, the Marauders put their act together in the second half, gaining 128 yards to King's 30 and getting touchdowns from Scott Hitchcock and receiver Nick Mazzoli.

"We were able to adjust to King's offence, and I'm kinda proud of it," said Dnes. "A championship team can do that."

If the Seniors weren't up for the battle, Junior coach Jim George was worried that his troops might be too hyped up.

"I was very nervous because we were very high for this game. I told the boys I've never won at King as a football coach, so the boys said 'this will be your first.'"

Then they went out and did it, with Derek Couch kicking off for a single and quarterback Chris Lamarre running in for a 15-yard major in the first quarter.

Lamarre and ace receiver Dan Tinkler teamed up for a 42-yard touchdown in the third quarter. King's only points were on a third-quarter TD.

Coach George was happy with the defensive play, particularly by Mike Lavary (who blocked two punts), Tom Walton and Brad May.



The champs!

The Supreme Lighting Peeewe girls were one of two Markham teams to wrap up their seasons with York Region league titles. Showing off their hardware are (back, left-to-right) Venessa Shibley, Siobhan Kinahan, Melissa Peroff, Shanthi Aranha, Jennifer

Temple, Andrea Gilchrist, Karen Elsworth, (front) Sarah Parr, Karen Hosford, Tracy Stewart, Susanne Mazzoli, Simone VanGelder, Kristi McNeill and Jessica Waldon.

Unionville OMHA

Abdel Plummer earned the shutout as the Exco Engineering Peeewe Jets took a 4-0 exhibition win over Woodbridge.

Dave Carlisle and Mike Byblow did all the damage, with two goals apiece. Assists went to Carlisle, Dave Lightfoot, Kevin Miller and Rick Cleland.

Earlier, the squad dropped a 3-2 exhibition decision to the Toronto Young Bruins. Carlisle's first-period marker put Unionville ahead, but the Bruins scored three times before Carlisle could tally again in the final frame. Byblow assisted.

Atoms in final

Three straight wins have put the Standard Trust Atoms into the finals of the Kitchener/Waterloo Octoberfest Tournament.

Dan Hammond (with three), Darrell Currah (two), Kevin Bowles, Chris Gorsline, Shane Sundal and Andrew Hicks did the scoring in a 9-3 triumph over Mississauga.

Hammond led the assist-getters with three. Others went to Currah, Bowles, Gorsline, Adam Campbell, Jason Johnson and Andrew Evans.

Game two saw Bowles count a pair to help the Jets slip past Waterloo 4-3. Hammond and Currah contributed one goal apiece. Bowles (with two), Hammond, Currah and Johnson assisted.

Hammond and Brian Crowley fired hat tricks in a 10-2 destruction of Chinguacousy. Bowles, Gorsline, Sundal and Matthew Meanchoff finished the goal parade.

Set-ups came from Hammond (3), Gorsline (2), Bowles, Meanchoff, Sundal, Evans, Sean Mulligan and Andrew Hicks.

Bantams drop pair

Four second-period goals by Richmond Hill were too much for the Bantam Jets to overcome, as they dropped a 5-2 decision last week. Jason Harding (from Fred Cox) scored in the first period, and Unionville scored the game's final tally.

The Jets had a one-goal first-period lead against Bradford as well, but another second-period collapse gave the opposition a 3-2 victory.

Paul Smith (from Matt Parsons & Ryan McIntyre) and Parsons (from Jason Meiers) had the Unionville offence.

Fast start

The Minor Atom Jets got off to a fast start in league action with a 2-2 tie against Aurora and a 2-0 win over Woodbridge.

John Sylvester and Kevin Mason did the scoring against Aurora, with Brad Chambers and Shane Vear connecting against

Woodbridge. Paul Davies had the shutout and Rusty Harding earned two assists.

Earlier, the club battled Ajax to a 2-2 exhibition tie. Kevin Mason and Syl Apps handled the scoring, with Chambers and Mason assisting.

Markham in playoff battle

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was a third-quarter reverse that went 45 yards before Scott Crone was finally hauled down at Oshawa's 35-yard line. But the Raider offence could not gain any more ground.

Meanwhile Bob Prefontaine's Atoms managed to finish in third place with an even 4-4 record, after splitting their last two outings.

It was the Wesley Matheson show all the way against Brampton. He carried the ball for four touchdowns in a 26-6 victory.

Indeed, Matheson rushed for about 200 yards, thanks to two spectacular touchdown dashes. One was a 60-yard gallop in the first quarter, and the other a 90-yard race with less than a minute to go in the opening half.

The results weren't as good in Oshawa Wednesday night, where Matheson's five-yard TD run in the second quarter was all the Raiders could manage in an 18-6 loss.

"Except for their two long touchdown passes, we had the more productive offence," said coach Prefontaine. "Oshawa didn't get much yardage on the ground."

Markham was hampered with penalties that negated several long runs, and with not being able to play the game at a Markham field. (It was supposed to be a home game, but no fields here can be used now.)

Markham battles Oshawa again tomorrow, and Prefontaine is looking forward to the challenge. "They beat us Wednesday night, but we had a couple of key people missing," he pointed out.

Doug McKenzie's Bantam Raiders finished their season with an identical 18-6 defeat, only it was to Brampton. This loss was the story of turnovers; Markham coughed up the ball 11 times.

"It was a combination of good hits and a lack of concentration on our part," said the disappointed coach. "Can you believe 11 turnovers? It was a totally frustrating afternoon."

The Raiders' only score was a touchdown run by Jeff Johnson to tie the score 6-6 in the second quarter.

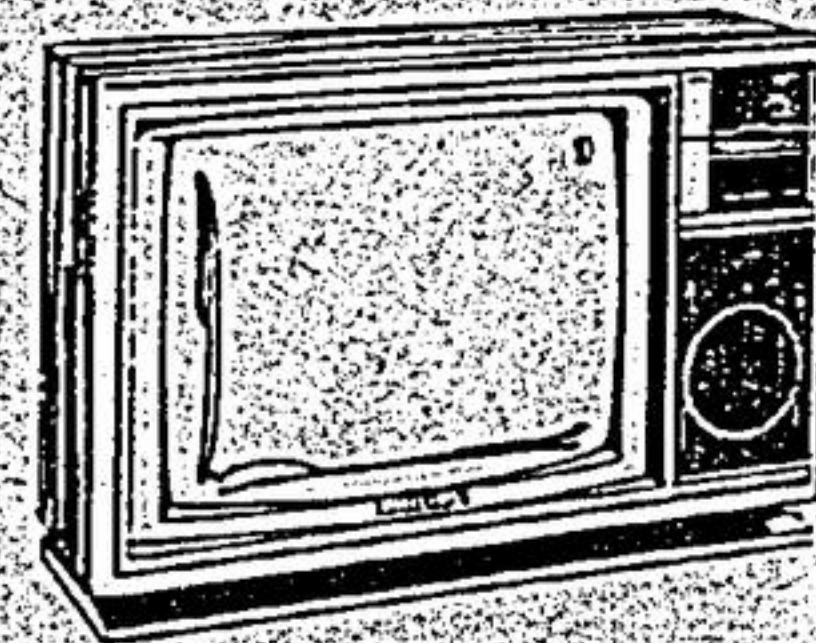
Markham reached Brampton's five-yard line near the end of the game, but a penalty pushed 'em back to the 15 and a fumble ended the threat.

"I don't think we played well as a team," assessed McKenzie. "The offensive line was moving guys out, but the backs weren't holding onto the ball. It was a total team breakdown."

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