

Uxbridge football Tigers get tamed

By ALAN SHACKLETON

The Uxbridge Junior Tigers learned the hard way that the key to winning football games is taking advantage of the other team's mistakes.

Every error the Tigers made in last week's Durham Region high school match in Pickering was seized upon as the boys from Uxbridge Secondary School (USS) went down to a 40-28 defeat.

"We didn't play that badly. We got off to a good start in the game," said Junior coach Brian Manorek. "Pickering is a tough team. We just made some mistakes in this one, and they were able to capitalize on them."

The Juniors took an early 7-0 lead on their first possession of the game, but sloppy play on the special teams soon relinquished the lead and put Pickering in the driver's seat.

A poor punt return hemmed the Tigers deep in their own end and gave Pickering excellent field position to drive in for the tying major.

On the ensuing kick off, the Juniors fumbled to set up the go-ahead score for Pickering.

"It's a very good team," he added. "I thought we didn't look out of place against them, and their coach said he was impressed with us. It was just that we made too many mistakes."

Jason Melko (with a pair of touchdowns) led the Tiger scoring attack, while other majors went to Kris Elson and Jason Eddy.

The loss put the Juniors' record at 1-2 with three games left in the season. After winning their debut against Donevan handily, the Juniors have had some bad luck, including an interception return in the last two minutes by Henry St. to beat them 6-0.

"That loss in the last minutes hurt, but I don't think it put the team behind the eight-ball," Manorek said. "We've been playing good football, but haven't had a lot of breaks. I think the team is coming along very well."

The fortunes of the Senior Tigers weren't any better in Pickering, as they lost 29-6.

Injuries took a toll on the left side of the starting defence, said coach Phil Mazza, and Pickering was able to exploit this weakness at will.

The Tigers lone score came late in the fourth quarter on a halfback sweep by Grant Kloosterman from two yards out.

The loss gave the Senior Tigers a record of no wins, one tie and two defeats this season.

The Junior and Senior Tigers next home games (and final contests of the regular season) are Friday, Oct. 30 against Paul Dwyer of Oshawa.



Simon says 'outta my way!'

It looks like a collision is coming between Unionville High School's Simon Shelston (left) and a St. Robert's defender, during Tuesday's Junior soccer matchup. Shelston had his own way enough to do all the scoring as the Wolves, under coach Carl Campitelli, earned a 2-0 triumph.

— Sjoerd Witteveen

Markham wins shootout

It was hardly a sterling display of defensive hockey, but you won't hear members of the Markham hockey Atoms complaining.

After all, they're the ones who landed on the winning side of a 10-9 score against Thornhill. Robert Spataro, Peter Morra and Scott Jardine led the attack with two goals apiece.

Single tallies came from Todd Burrell, Robert Candlish, Kevin Bell and Mark Andrews.

Battling Newmarket was a different experience, as the locals dropped a 4-3 decision. Candlish, Andrews and Derek Kelly supplied the markers.

A chance for revenge went for nought in the squad's next outing, a 4-2 loss to the same opposition. Spataro had all the offence.

Markham returned to winning form by destroying Richmond Hill 10-1. Leading the goal parade

with a hat trick was Alex Robinson.

Andrews and Spataro contributed a pair each, with singles going to Morra, Ryan White and Chris Upper.

Peewees earn tie

The Fiberglass Canada Peewees tied their last pre-season game last Monday against Whitby 6-6.

Scoring for the locals were Brad Lever from Tony Mongillo, Kevin Cluett from Mike Froggatt and Mike Conway, Mike Gottschling from Mike Bell, Bell from Mat Garvin, Bucky Houston from Gottschling and Mongillo from Robin Merrick.

Markham trounced Pickering 7-1 in the season opener. Goals came from Mongillo, Bell, Houston, Chris Lennon, John Graham, Neil Roblin and Conway. Assists

went to Houston (3), Gottschling (4), Lever, Adam Phillips, and Cluett.

Tough times for Atoms

In recent exhibition play, the Markham Major Atoms (Uncle Robert's Pizzeria) could manage only a tie and a loss.

Aurora beat Markham 4-2 in a disappointing loss Oct. 3. Scoring for the locals were David Green from Matt Sloan and Scott Major, and Mike Bevacqua from Brett Strano.

A better effort in the second game of the day saw Markham tie Newmarket 1-1. An unassisted goal by Kevin Wilson in the second period brought Markham from behind for the tie.

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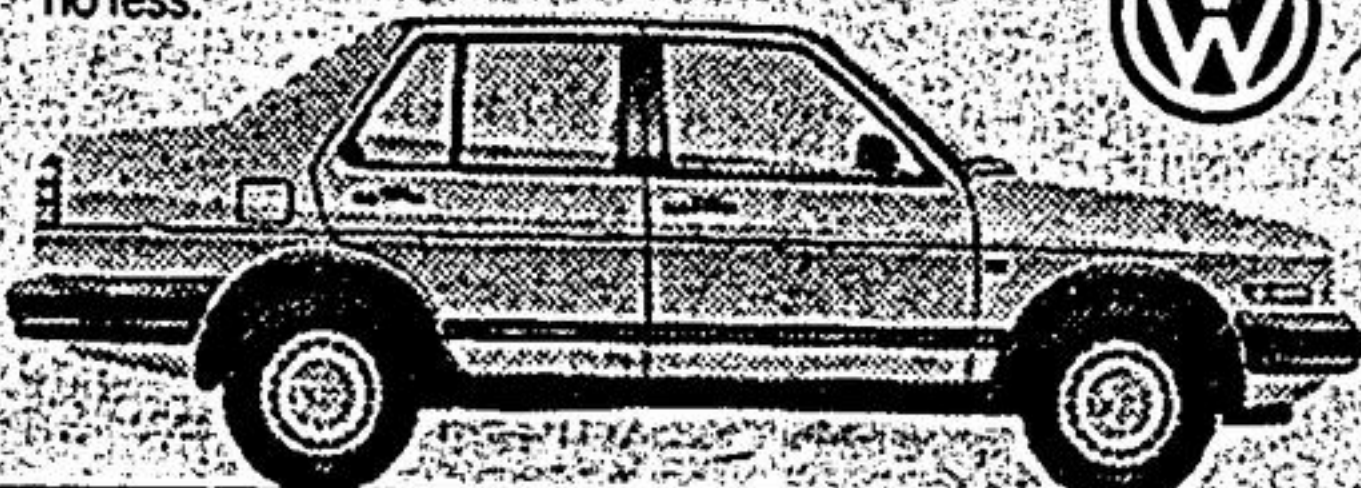
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