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Uxbridge Secondary School Senior Tigers halfback Grant Kloosterman (78) clears a path for running mate Jamie Miller (29), while Mark Stevens (73) finishes off a nice block to open the hole. The action took place last

Thursday against Dunbarton of Pickering. Playing at home, the Seniors went on to win 15-9 on a last-minute touchdown by Kloosterman, while the Juniors came out on top 34-20.

— Alan Shackleton

## Scary injury mars game

# Uxbridge Tigers roar to pair of victories

By ALAN SHACKLETON  
Thursday afternoon will be long-remembered by Uxbridge Secondary School (USS) football fans for a couple of reasons.

First, there was the impressive play of both the Junior and Senior USS Tigers as they came up with big wins over Dunbarton of Pickering, showing the visitors from the heavily-populated southern half of Durham Region how football is played in farm country.

Second, there will be the lasting memory of two Junior Tigers being taken from the field with what looked like serious injuries, but thankfully proved to be only minor.

In the end, it was the victories, the Seniors won 15-9 and the Juniors came out on top 34-20, that were remembered most.

Two lengthy touchdown runs on sweeps by halfback Grant Kloosterman, each more than 50 yards, led the Senior Tigers to the win in what must be considered a major upset.

Kloosterman made an outstanding run through a lot of traffic for the winning TD with only a minute left in the game.

The victory was the Seniors first of the season after two losses and a tie.

"It was a big win for us," Senior coach Phil Mazza said. "We needed a win like that."

However, while Mazza agreed the win was an upset he didn't put it on the same scale as David and Goliath.

"Dunbarton might have thought it was a big upset, but not for us," he said. "We've been improving all the time."

Dunbarton may have taken the Tigers too lightly, based mostly on their performance two weeks ago at Pickering High School



GRANT KLOOSTERMAN  
Two TD's



KRIS ELSON  
Scary injury

where they were easily beaten 29-6.

"Obviously, they scouted us at that game because they kept running at the left side of our defence where we had some injuries and were weak against Pickering," Mazza said.

"But we had our starters back for Dunbarton, and they found the going wasn't so easy. They thought they could beat us there, but they couldn't."

### GUTSY DEFENCE

In fact, the defence won the game for the Seniors by holding up Dunbarton drives near the goal line on more than one occasion.

Late in the first quarter, after gaining great field position when the snap from centre sailed over the punter's head, Dunbarton drove to a first down on the Uxbridge 12 before the Tiger defence slammed the door shut on them.

"Dunbarton went backwards on three straight plays, then had their field goal attempt on fourth down blocked.

The same situation occurred to end the half, with the Tiger defence stopping Dunbarton at the ten and forcing them to punt for a single point on the final play before the whistle.

The Seniors offence woke up to start the second half, and a good kick off return by Jamie Miller helped set up a solid first possession which culminated in the first of Kloosterman's long touchdowns on a sweep to the left side. The Tigers went for a two-point conversion after the major, and were successful on Scott Blair's run into the end zone to take an 8-1 lead.

Another terrible punt, caused in part by the snap that bounced at least once on its way to the kicker, in the fourth quarter gave Dunbarton outstanding field position at the Uxbridge 18.

With first down and goal from the four, the Tigers stuffed Dunbarton twice in a row on running plays and it appeared they might come up with another great goal line stand.

However, Dunbarton wisely gave up on running at the Tiger line and instead threw over them

for a touchdown, followed by a pass for a two-point conversion to go ahead 9-8.

Yet another defensive stand, after the offence fumbled on their first drive after the touchdown, set up Kloosterman's run for the winner with time running out.

While the Juniors put in an excellent offensive performance in their 34-20 win, the effort was almost overshadowed by what appeared to be very serious injuries to two of their players in the first half.

Jason Melko went out with a bad knee, while Kris Elson left the field on a stretcher and was rushed to hospital by ambulance with a neck injury.

At the time, he didn't have a lot of feeling in his lower body, and medics were taking no chances as they immobilized him before heading to the hospital.

Fortunately, the injury was not serious and Elson is back in school, though he does still have a stiff neck.

"It was an extremely scary situation for a while," said Junior coach Brian Manorek. "When anybody gets hurt in the neck you're always uptight, and when he left the field we didn't know how serious it was."

With Melko's knee injury there was the fear of torn ligaments, but it proved to be only twisted.

Both Melko and Elson had run for their first half touchdowns to give the Tigers a 13-12 lead at halftime.

The Tigers exploded for three touchdowns in a row in the second half to put the game out of reach.

Offensive end Dave Martin scored two majors in the third quarter to secure the win.

The first was on a pass from quarterback Ian Witucki, and that opened the floodgates.

Two series later, Martin picked up a fumbled Dunbarton punt return and ran it in for six. Running back Mike Klose closed out the Tiger touchdown parade with a dash into the end zone.

"The boys who filled in after Jason and Kris were hurt did an outstanding job," Manorek said. "Sean Stokes who's a linebacker and hadn't played halfback before and Mike Klose were excellent."

## Loss of two key players hurt SDSS volleyballers at tourney

By ALAN SHACKLETON  
Sports Editor

Injuries took their toll as the Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Senior Spartans boys volleyball team was eliminated in the first-round of the Pickering High School Tournament last Saturday.

The Spartans went into the tournament without two of their top players, Paul Sinclair, with a bad knee, and Scott Evans, with an injured hand, were both out of action and they were missed, said coach Jim Fletcher.

"That tournament was ours if they had been healthy," he said.

Last Tuesday the Seniors had beaten Pickering High School three games out of five in an exhibition match prior to the tourney, and Fletcher was looking forward to another shot at them on the weekend.

The scores from Tuesday's match were 15-13, 14-16, 15-7, 10-15 and 15-13 for SDSS.

"Scott Evans and Don Clearwater played awesome in those games on Tuesday," Fletcher said.

However, without Evans, who suffered a non-sports related hand injury late last week, the Spartans were unable to advance out of their very tough pool at the tournament.

Pickering High School went on to take the tourney title, which only had coach Fletcher shaking his head about what might have been.

The Seniors got off to a good

start Saturday with wins over Jeffries High School 15-3, 15-4 and Ajax 15-13, 17-15, and then split against Port Perry 15-9, 7-15, before losing both games to Donevan of Oshawa 15-6, 15-12.

Though the Evans and Sinclair injuries obviously hurt the Spartans in Pickering, Fletcher said there is no reason to push the panic button regarding the remainder of the volleyball season.

Evans could be out for three or four weeks, but should be healthy in time for the Regional and Durham-York championships, but there's no guess on if Sinclair will be back.

"We'll be okay, I'm confident of that," Fletcher said. "One or two

players a team does not make."

He added that the substitutes did an excellent job filling in and there are a number of very talented players on the team.

"Wally Barbour filled in nicely for Scott, and did a fine, fine job in Pickering," he explained. "This whole team can play excellent volleyball. Don Clearwater was once again played superbly, and our captain, Scott Rehli, had an outstanding tournament."

In York Region league action last week, the SDSS Seniors easily downed King City 15-0, 15-4. The next home game for the Spartans is Thursday afternoon against Sacred Heart.

## Meeting to save Stouffville soccer

The future of area minor soccer will be decided next Tuesday night, Oct. 27, when the Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club holds its annual meeting at the Recreation Centre.

If enough interested volunteers and parents show up, the league will continue next year. But if they don't, soccer in Stouffville will be a thing of the past.

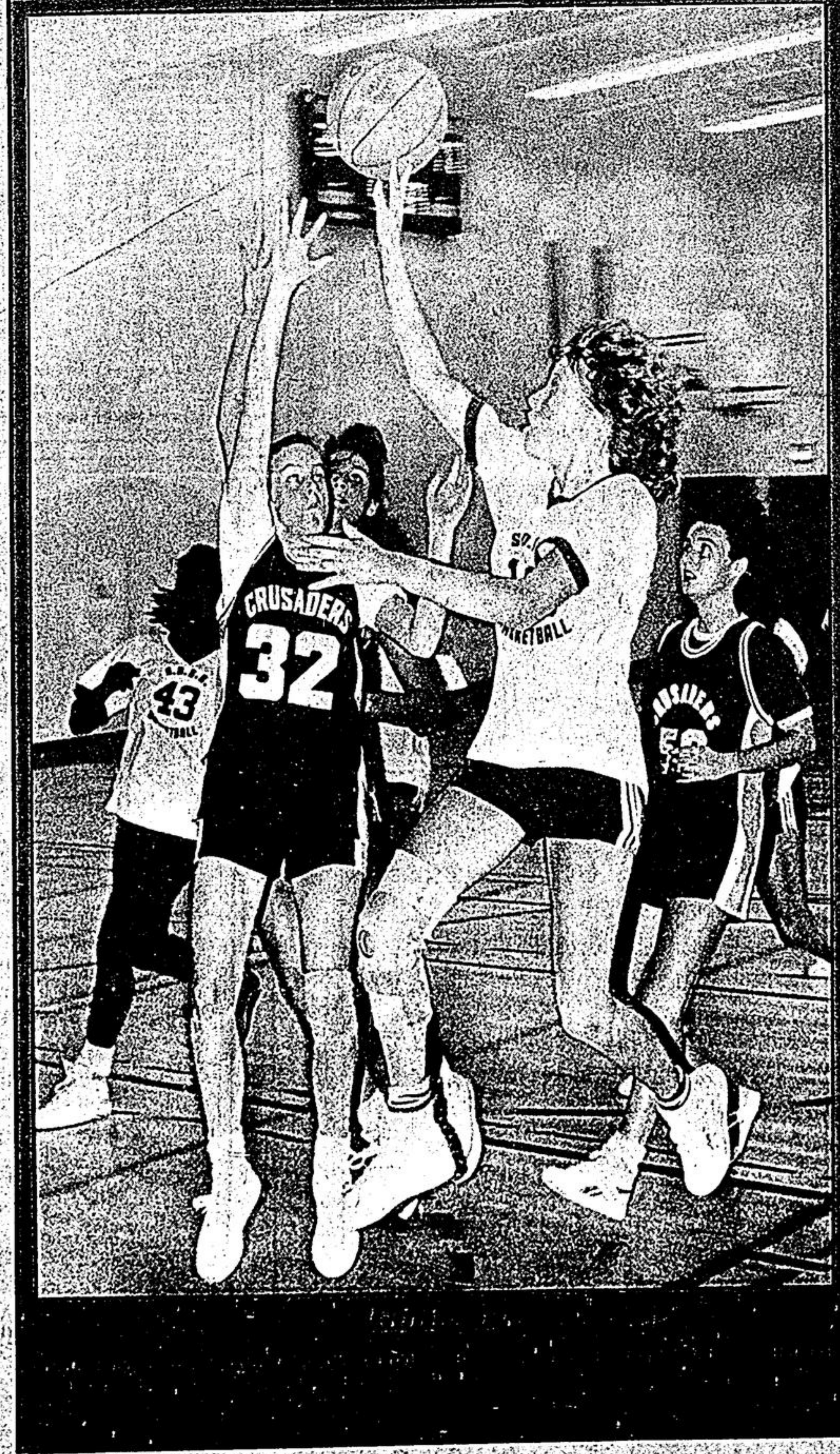
"You will have the opportunity to say yes or no for soccer in 1988," Club President Casey van Maris said of the meeting in a letter to *The Tribune* last week.

"New volunteers need to step forward to lighten the load for the present executive," he added. "The present board members will not 'do it again' without these new volunteers."

Last season, approximately 155 youngsters enjoyed the benefits of playing for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Soccer Club.

Unless some new volunteers get involved with the Club, those children will be out of luck next year when it comes to playing soccer in this town.

The meeting begins at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 27 in the Recreation Centre, on Ninth Line North, Stouffville. If you care about kid's soccer in Whitchurch-Stouffville, please plan to attend.



## Parents participation urged in minor ball

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Softball Association will hold its annual general meeting next Wednesday, Oct. 28 at 8:15 p.m. in Latham Hall.

The Association executive urges the parents of all players to attend this very important meeting.

"The purpose of the meeting is to listen to your suggestions as to how the league can be improved," said Dianne White, league Vice-President.

A new executive for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Softball Association will be elected at the meeting, and volunteers are needed for a number of specific jobs such as sweaters, trophies, photos and division convenors.

"We would appreciate meeting all our parents and friends at this very important meeting," White said. "Don't sit at home and complain about things, come out and help us."

"We are all volunteers. The more people who help with small jobs, the better we all do."

## Senior ladies hockey teams seeks players

Any ladies interested in playing Senior contact or non-contact ladies hockey are asked to get in touch with the Whitchurch-Stouffville Ladies Hockey Association as there still some spots available on the teams in those divisions.

Also, anyone interested in coaching ladies hockey is

asked to contact the Association.

The Senior teams represent Stouffville, and play their home games Sunday nights at the Recreation Centre.

For more information, please contact Cliff Dunkeld at 640-1204 or Ted Lowery at 640-1505.