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DYSSAA football crown caps Cinderella season

Three TD's for Mike Klose

By ALAN SHACKLETON
Sports Editor

Three touchdowns by halfback Mike Klose made the dream a reality as the Uxbridge Tigers beat the Markham Marauders 23-14 for the Durham-York Junior Football Championship.

Klose, named the game's Most Valuable Player, reeled off majors of 29-1-and-38-yards to power the Tigers to their first ever Durham-York Secondary School Athletic Association (DYSSAA) football title Saturday afternoon at Oshawa Civic Stadium.

The win capped off a Cinderella-like year for the Junior Tigers who weren't given much hope of success, even by their own coaches, when the season began.

"At the start of the year I thought we'd be lucky to win a game," coach Brian Manorek admitted after Saturday's victory. "We only had five players back from the season before, and I was not overly optimistic."

However, the Tigers jelled as a strong unit and finished the regular season with a 4-2 record, upset Henry Street in the playoffs, and then knocked off favored Pickering in the Durham final to set up the DYSSAA showdown with Markham.

Having never met before, neither squad knew what to expect from the other side so the coaching staffs went with what

had worked previously on offence, and made defensive adjustments as the game wore on.

Manorek said the key to the win was the ability of the Tigers to stop Markham's powerful outside running game, in particular their sweeps.

"We knew nothing about Markham before the game started," he said. "They were a big, strong team and we had to make a number of adjustments on defence."

The Tigers got a big break early when Markham scuffed the opening kickoff right into the hands of Trevor "Bubba" Davis who cleanly scooped it up for a first down on the Marauder 50.

Three plays later, Klose broke open on a counter play and rumbled 29 yards for a touchdown before the match was even a minute old.

However, the Marauders came charging back with two touchdowns on sweeps in the first quarter, the first a 13-yarder to the right side of the Tiger defence by Brad May (Markham's MVP) and the second a 6-yarder by Perry Brazeau to the opposite side.

"When they came back with those two touchdowns we had some worry as to whether we could stop their running game," Manorek said.

"We started doing a lot of stunting on the line, and we had our cornerbacks up and pinching in to

defend against the sweeps," he explained. "That stopped the outside running game and forced Markham to go inside where our defence was strongest and could hold them."

Having put the brakes on the Marauder running attack, the Tigers let their offence go to work and early in the second quarter Klose crashed over from a yard out to cap an impressive 70-yard drive and even the score.

John Humphries successfully converted both the Tiger touchdowns.

A 30-yard field goal by Jason Melko put the Tigers up 17-14 at the half, and the score held until the final quarter when Klose ran in from 38 yards out with 30 seconds remaining to seal the victory.

The Marauders very nearly pulled out a win in the fourth quarter as they were driving deep into Uxbridge territory before Klose broke up a second-down reverse and nailed the Markham runner for an eight yard loss to put them out of field goal position.

With under two minutes left and facing third and 18, the Marauders went to the air on a flea-flicker with halfback May tossing to a wide open Brazeau who couldn't hold onto the ball.

Markham coach Jim George said the Tigers wishbone offence gave the Marauder defence a lot of trouble.

"It was tough for them because they'd never seen a wishbone before," George explained. "We'd practiced against it this past week, but if you've never actually played against it, you hesitate."

The game was a hard-hitting affair and the Tigers had trouble holding onto the ball, fumbling eight times -- three of them turnovers.

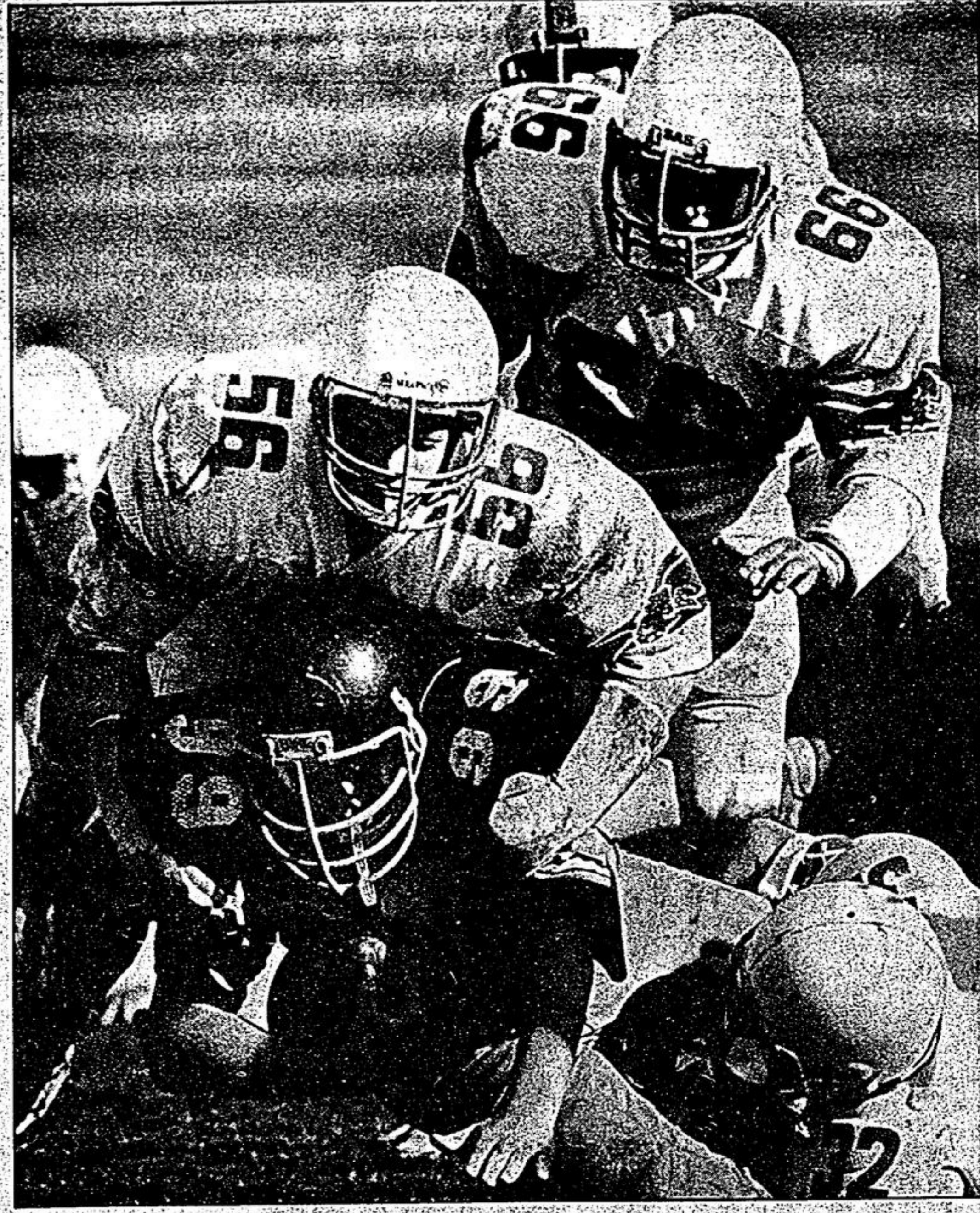
"Markham is a big, strong team and they played very hard but clean," Manorek said.

TIGER NOTES - In last week's report of the Juniors Durham/LOSSA Championship win over Pickering High School it was incorrectly reported that Jason Melko ran 91-yards for a touchdown. In fact, Melko's scamper was 101 yards long. The mistake was made when your correspondent, in the midst of all the excitement, forgot that a Canadian football field is 110 yards long. The Tribune apologizes for the error.



MVP: Uxbridge Junior Tiger halfback Mike Klose was named by The Tribune's sister paper, Oshawa This Week, as Durham/LOSSA's Most Valuable Player at the conclusion of the Durham-York championship game Saturday. Klose led the Tigers to a 23-14 win with three touchdowns. The award was presented by Oshawa This Week sportswriter Mike Hayakawa.

- Alan Shackleton



'Bubba' Baboom

It takes a lot of Markham Marauder tacklers (white sweaters) to bring down big Uxbridge Junior Tiger fullback Trevor "Bubba" Davis (99) during the Durham-York championship game Saturday in Oshawa. Davis and company went on to win the title match 23-14, thanks to the three touchdown performance of halfback Mike Klose. Taking Bubba down are Brad May (56), Graham Angliss (66) and Gord Cairns (32).
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Novice Clippers gain win, tie

The Stouffville Novice Clippers had a successful weekend road trip, as they returned home with a win and tie to their credit.

The Novices, sponsored by Neil Patrick Motors, tied arch-rivals Port Perry 3-3 Friday night, then knocked off Port Hope 7-2 on Sunday.

After three contests against Port Perry, the Novices have two ties and a loss.

The Clippers got off to a fast

start Friday night as Kyle Norton broke up a Port Perry rush and headed up ice to score just 22 seconds into the game.

Norton also netted Stouffville's second score, and Andrew Hutchison's goal in the dying minutes gave the Clippers the tie.

The contest was hard fought, and after Norton's opening goal Port Perry put incredible pressure on the Clippers and despite the heroics of goalie Evan Boyd

and defencemen Scott Assinck, Grahame Smith, Danny Armour and Clint Glover the equalizer went in just before the end of the first frame.

The Clippers went ahead on another Norton goal in the second, but Port Perry charged back to tie only 17 seconds before intermission.

The goal late in the period inspired Port Perry and they took a (See PAIR, B-2)

SDSS Midgets make final four

On Saturday morning the inevitable finally happened.

The Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Midget Spartans girls basketball team lost a game.

The Spartans dropped their first contest of the year, after a perfect 12-0 regular season, 33-23 to Unionville during Saturday's York Region Elimination Tournament at Holy Trinity in Richmond Hill.

The tourney featured the re-

gion's top six squads battling it out to determine the final four. Fortunately, the SDSS girls regained their composure to edge Bayview 40-39 in their second game of the day.

The Midgets overcame an 11-point deficit in the final quarter to take the dramatic win.

The victory over Bayview gave the Spartans a berth in the final four, and they played Markham's Brother Andre last night (after press deadline) in the region semi-

finals. The winner takes on the victor of the Unionville - Langstaff match-up for the York Championship Friday at Huron Heights.

In other SDSS girls basketball action, the Senior Spartans lost a squeaker to Sacred Heart 24-23 last Tuesday.

Mary Sled played well and led the Spartan scoring attack with 10 points.

Amazing comeback

The Stouffville Senior D's scored four times with less than five minutes left in the game to earn a shocking 7-6 comeback win over Toronto Varsity in ladies' North Metro League hockey action Sunday night.

Lynne Wilkinson scored the winner with only two seconds on the clock to cap the comeback, and let the hometown fans leave happy.

Heather Morrison's marker opened the floodgates with 4:57 left in the third period, and it was quickly followed by Darlene Ogden and Laurie Taylor to tie it.

Other Stouffville goals went to Ogden, Taylor and Allison Lowery, while assists were collected by Wilkinson, Wendy Brnjas and Karen Bach.

In action from the previous Sunday, Laurie Taylor's hat trick led the Senior D's to a 4-3 win over Mississauga at the Recreation Centre.

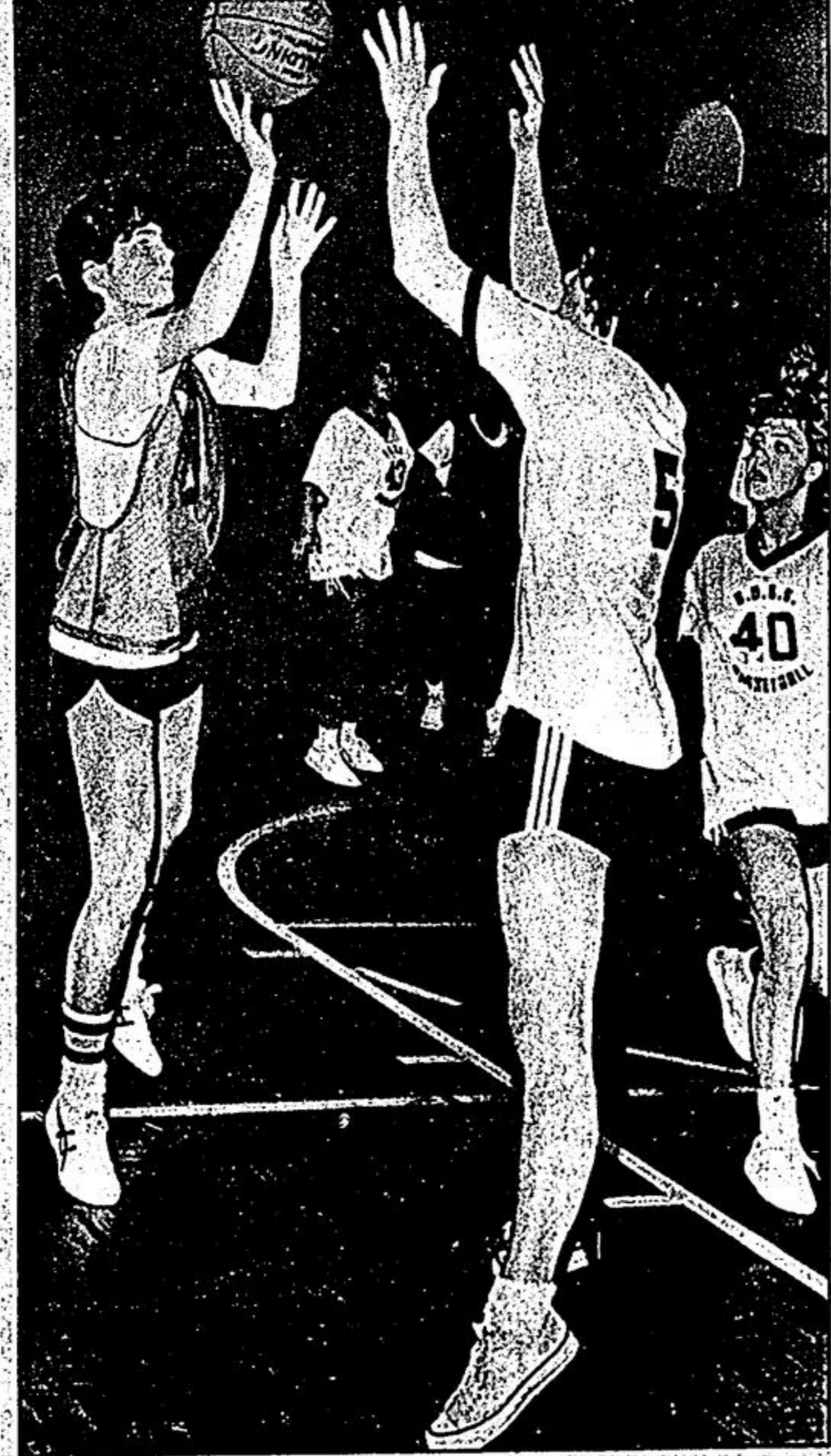
Taylor notched a natural hat trick, scoring all three goals in a row in the second period, to lift Stouffville from a 2-1 deficit.

Mississauga took an early two goal lead in the first period, before Lynne Wilkinson, on an assist from Tracy Cumming and Laurie Taylor, brought Stouffville to within one.

Taylor then went to work in the second frame, with assists going to Shauna Blake and Tracy Hesmondhaugh, to put Stouffville up by a pair, 4-2.

The Stouffville girls tried to sit on the lead for the last period, and their defensive shell held until the final minute, when Mississauga popped one home with 44 seconds remaining.

On Sunday, Nov. 29, the Stouffville Senior Ladies take on Scarborough in a full contact game at the Recreation Centre. Start time is 8 p.m.



Block that shot

Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Midget Spartan Jen Barker (5) goes up to block a Unionville shot during York Region girls basketball action Saturday. Unionville handed the Spartans their first loss of the season 33-23 in the tournament game. SDSS's Julie Coleman (40) backs up the play.

- Alan Shackleton



The 'perfect' team

The Stouffville District Secondary School (SDSS) Midget Spartan girls basketball team had a perfect 12-0 regular season in York Region play this year. Team members are: left-to-right (front row) - Steve Fronske (manager), Jen Macklin, Ann Baston, Jen Barker, Sue Baston, Terrill Junkin; (back row) - Bill McKnight (coach), Kelly Sheridan, Julie Coleman, Janine Bell, Michelle Hofstee, Doug Walker (coach). Missing from photo is Tammy Grove.