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Criminal charges pending in SARS case

Man misled officials about quarantine

BY LISA QUEEN
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Criminal charges may be laid against a Hewlett-Packard employee who infected a co-worker with SARS and forced almost 200 employees to go into quarantine, York Region's medical officer of health says.

Dr. Hanif Kassam said York Regional Police Chief Armand La Barge has directed officers to investigate the case.

Dr. Kassam said the worker misled public health authorities into believing he was at home under quarantine when, in fact, he was going to work from March 29 to April 1 while displaying symptoms of the contagious and potentially fatal respiratory disease.

"They (the man) actually ignored the directive given by the health department and provided some misinformation to the health department," Dr. Kassam said.

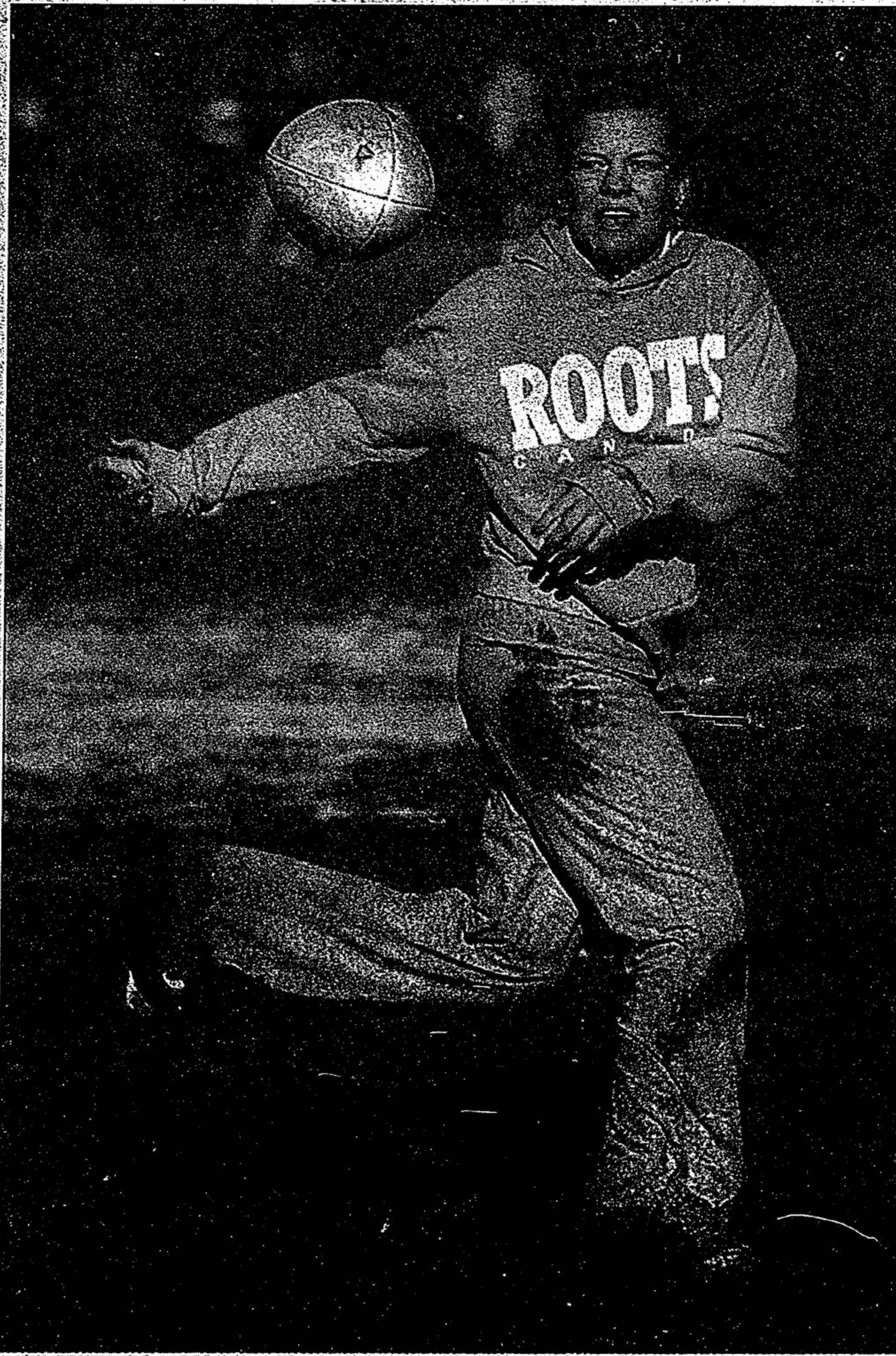
Police investigators could not be reached Friday.

However, Ontario's commissioner of public security Dr. James Young said it may take a while before results of the investigation are known.

"I believe the investigation will take some time," he told a news conference Friday afternoon.

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Stouffville spring training



STAFF PHOTO/BILL ROBERTS

Amber Muir, 15, prepares to make a catch during Stouffville District Secondary School girls rugby practice at the school. Warmer spring weather has allowed school teams to move outside in preparation for spring schedules.

Gormley gun club busted in raids

Bazooka, machine-guns seized in York police sweep

BY JEFF MITCHELL
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Three York Region residents and a man who is reputed to have been a soldier in a prominent crime family are among the suspects swept up in a massive illegal weapons sting this week by police.

A series of early morning raids Thursday capped a 14-month undercover operation that tracked the sale of illegal handguns and machine-guns through the United Sports Shooting Range in Gormley, said Det. Insp. Al Bush, unit commander with the Provincial Weapons Enforcement Unit.

Bomb squads and members of the armed forces joined police tactical units in collected a startling array of armaments seized from homes Thursday — including machine guns, loaded handguns, a bazooka and a rocket-propelled grenade launcher.

One suspect busted Thursday was wearing a loaded handgun, another had a handgun nearby when police arrived at 7 a.m., Det. Insp. Bush said.

Among the homes raided was that of Leon Kruger, 34, on Northern Prospect Crescent in Newmarket; he is a partner in the ownership of the United Sports gun club.

His partner, 40-year-old Robert Weinburg, of Los Alamos Drive in Richmond

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