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4 planes damaged in student crash

No injuries, wind gust blamed

BY ROGER VARLEY
 Staff Writer

Four aircraft were involved in an accident at Buttonville Airport Thursday when a flight school plane hit a strong crosswind.

Derek Sifton, president of Toronto Airways, the company that operates the airport, said a training flight was coming in to land shortly after 1 p.m. when it encountered the wind. Weather reports were warning of gusts up to 35 km/h at the time.

Mr. Sifton said the training aircraft hit a Cessna 185 and a twin-engine Baron before coming to rest against another plane. He said there were no injuries involved.

He was not able to say if the accident happened after the plane had touched down or what kind of plane was being used.

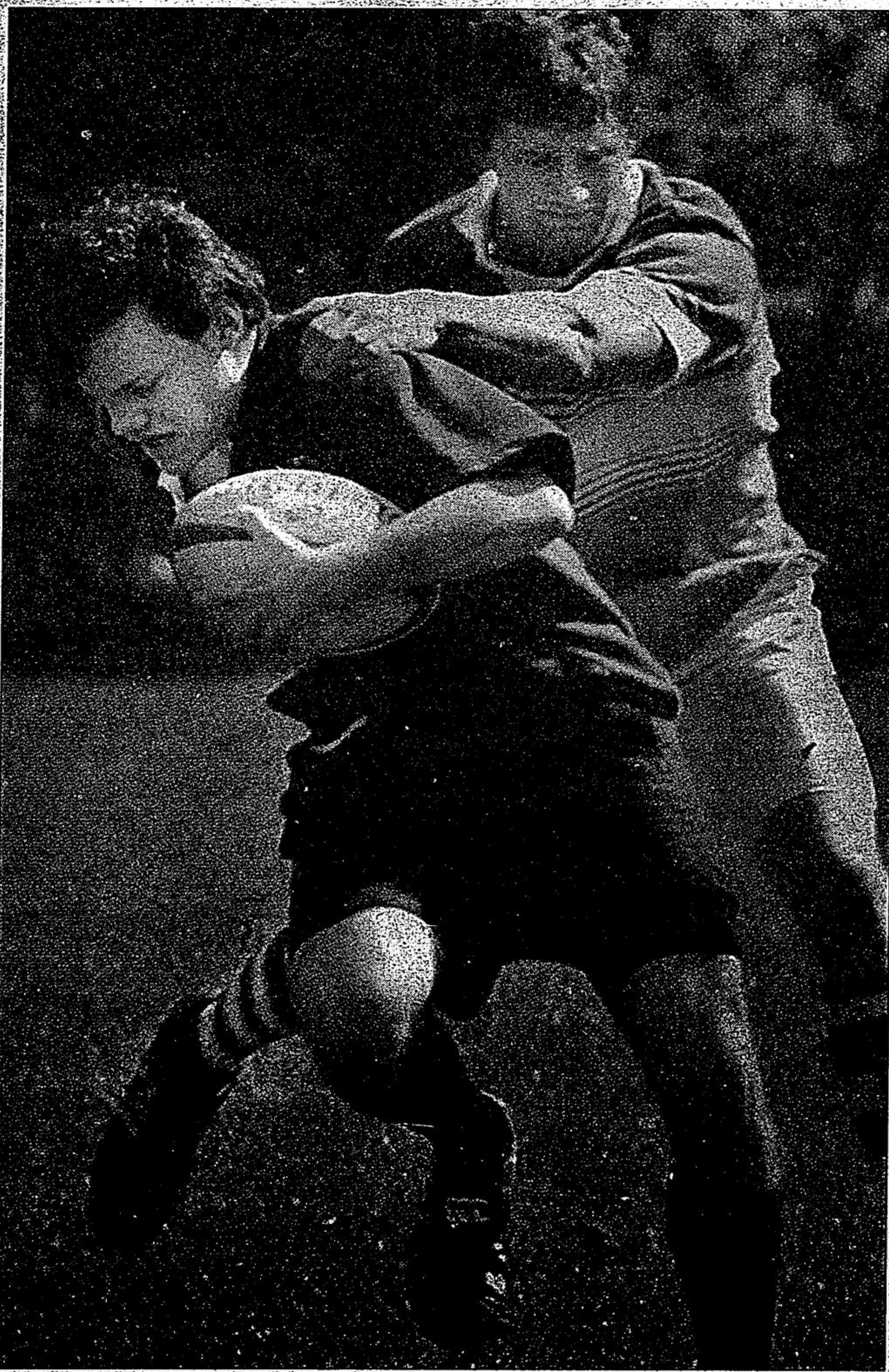
He said the plane was on runway 33, the airport's main runway at the time, but the accident did not hinder operations.

The flight was operated by the Seneca School of Aviation and Flight Technology, located at the airport.

A representative of the school would not comment on the accident.

An inspector with the federal transportation safety board was on the scene to investigate.

Clutch and grab



STAFF PHOTO/MIKE BARRETT

Stouffville District Secondary School's Lewis Lott is grabbed from behind by a player from Wingham's F.E. Madill Secondary School during the Seven Man rugby finals at Fletcher's Fields in northern Markham Thursday. Madill won the match 15-10.

Liberal hopeful gets public job

Dimovski denied nomination process in York Region riding

BY MIKE ADLER
 Staff Reporter

A Unionville man who had hoped to challenge Markham MPP Dave Tsubouchi in the Oct. 2 provincial election instead finds himself appointed a senior member of a provincial government tribunal.

Jim Dimovski, the 30-year-old who had sought the Liberal nomination in Markham, was appointed in July to the Workplace Safety and Insurance Appeals Tribunal, which comes with an annual compensation of \$74,787 to \$95,028.

Before Liberal Leader Dalton McGuinty stepped in to crown Tony Wong the candidate without a nomination vote last February, Mr. Dimovski, a lawyer, had signed up thousands of Markham residents as Liberals.

"I'm hoping nothing in this appointment relates to tacit political support (for Mr. Tsubouchi) in this election," said Liberal Party president Greg Sorbara said in an interview.

Mr. Sorbara, a former provincial Liberal cabinet minister, said while appointments for the tribunal are made by the minister of labour, as local MPP and a member of cabinet, Mr. Tsubouchi would have had to personally promote and approve Mr. Dimovski's appointment.

Mr. Dimovski was appointed to one of nine full-time vice-chairperson positions following

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