

Maloney gets an education at Tiger-Cats training camp

Stouffville resident employs new ideas to BA football spring practices

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Brother Andre Catholic High School Cardinals head football coach Rick Maloney recently went back to school.

The 48-year-old Stouffville resident didn't pick up any credits.

But he did acquire a few pointers which he feels will be valuable once his senior football team kicks off the York Region Athletic Association regular season this fall.

The veteran head coach recently made a trip to his old stomping grounds in Hamilton where he was a guest of Tiger-Cats head coach Greg Marshall during the Canadian Football League club's preseason training camp.

A friend of Marshall's from their collegiate gridiron days at the University of Western Ontario in London, Maloney spent eight days at the Tiger-Cats camp where he took in practices and was allowed to attend coaches' meetings.

For Maloney, it was an eye opening experience.

"I got to see what they do at the professional level. I went and upgraded my abilities. I might have put in around



RICK MALONEY: Brother Andre CHS head football coach was a guest at Hamilton Tiger-Cats spring training camp this year.

100 hours being around people who are at a higher level," he said.

After attending the camp, Maloney said he incorporated a few things that he learned with his Cardinals' football club when they ran their recent spring practice.

"The kids were pretty excited with some of the stuff that I brought back," Maloney said.

While not revealing full details of what he installed, Maloney hinted his offence might show some new wrinkles.

"Next year we might want to throw the ball a bit more," he said.

Maloney was relatively pleased with the performance from the 56 players at the club's annual two-week camp.

Noting that he could have as many as eight returning fifth-year players in the lineup, Maloney anticipates his club could be one of the contenders for the YRAA title.

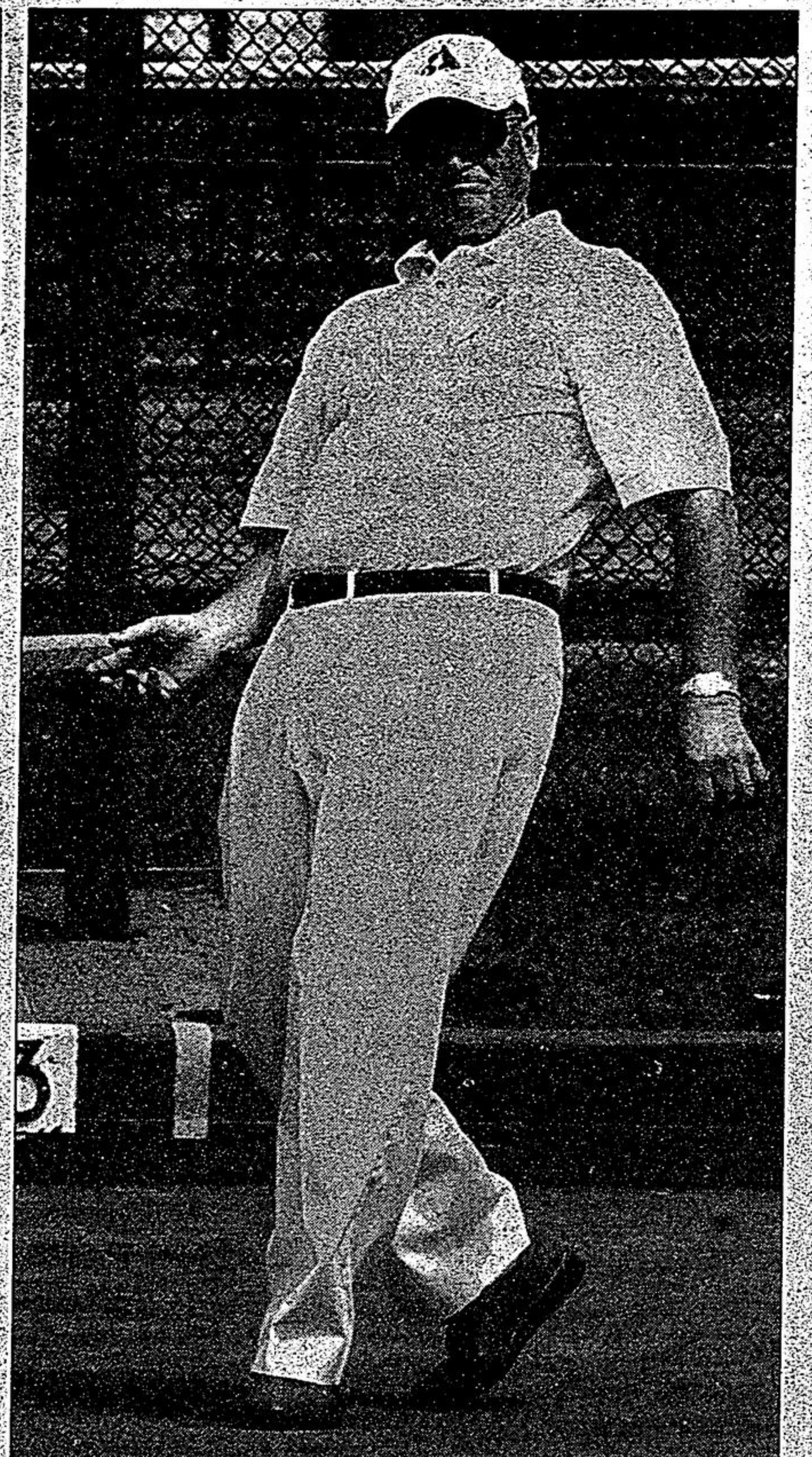
"We have three of five starters back on the offensive line including Damien Kudelski and John Felix and two guys moving up from our juniors who are good. And we've got Paul Lefaive back at either quarterback or running back, depending where we use him.

"I feel we'll be better than last year. If we don't average 45 points a game, something is wrong with our coaching staff," he said.

About the only disappointment, Maloney said, was in not having the opportunity to conduct a controlled scrimmage against an opponent. This would have given Maloney a better indication of where his club stands entering fall practice.

The annual spring game with Markham District High School was cancelled since the Marauders elected not to run a spring camp this year.

"I even called up some Ontario Varsity Football League teams and some private schools but we couldn't get any games," Maloney said. "It's unfortunate because you want to build up camp and create some excitement during spring practice by having a game."



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DOING THE LAWN BOWL SHUFFLE

Markham Lawn Bowling Club skip Don Garland tries to add a little extra body language as he reacts to where his ball landed during a match in last Wednesday's Derek Houghton Remax Classic Properties mixed trebles tournament at the Markham Lawn Bowling Club. Jim Gibson's Willowdale Lawn Bowling Club team captured the main event.

National junior development camp invites de Gray

Markham resident and Brampton Battalion defenceman John de Gray, 18, was one of 44 players recently invited to attend the Canadian national junior team's summer development camp in Calgary from

July 23-28.

Ranked 68th among North American skaters by the National Hockey League's Central Scouting Service for today's NHL entry draft in Vancouver, de Gray was also a member of

the Ontario team at the World Under-17 Challenge in January, 2005.

In addition, he was part of Team Canada at the under-18 Junior World Cup in Slovakia last August that won the gold medal.

Men's rugby teams tackle first victory

SPORTS DIGEST

The Markham Rugby Football Club men's firsts and seconds recorded their first Ontario Rugby Union victories of the season last Saturday against the York Yeomen at Austin Park.

Travis McMaster, Larry Boice and Andy Williams each scored one try and Alex Koppel booted a penalty goal and three converts to lead the Markham firsts to a 24-0 victory.

In the seconds match, Jimmy Leech scored two tries and booted two converts and a penalty goal while James Doorenspleet and Steve Orbin each had one try to propel Markham to a 27-5 win.

Both Markham clubs resume league play today in London.

In women's action, Markham posted two Toronto Rugby Union victories in its last two matches and have won four straight with a 22-17 decision over visiting Oshawa June 11 and 47-15 over visiting Belleville last Saturday.

Now 4-2-1 and in second place in the B Division, Markham will play today in Cobourg.

For more on the Markham Rugby Football Club, log on to: www.markhamrugbyclub.com

Menos tame Aurora

Scott Evans struck out eight batters and scattered six hits and helped his own

cause at the plate by smashing a fifth-inning inside-the-park home run to ignite the Stouffville Menos to a 3-1 win over Aurora Shoeless Joes in Oshawa City and District Fastball League action Thursday at Memorial Park.

Evans, Byron Baranieski and Shawn Bowdway each had two hits off national team pitcher Todd Martin.

Anchoring the club's win was its infield defence with shortstop Jeff Bowdway, first baseman Chris Burkholder and third baseman Scott Eyre all making key plays to snuff out Aurora uprisings.

The win by the Menos atoned for a 5-3 road loss Tuesday against the defending Canadian junior (under 23) champion Scarborough Wolverines.

Baranieski went five innings and gave up nine hits and five runs to take the loss.

Last weekend, the Menos travelled to Fitzroy Harbour near Amprior to take part in the International Softball Congress II qualifying championships.

Taking to the diamond for four games in the double knockout event, the Menos won two games and lost two that concluded with a 1-0 loss last Saturday to host Fitzroy Harbour.

Reesor generated the only hit for the Menos in the contest.

Paul Boynton tossed five scoreless innings, only to surrender an unearned run in the sixth inning on two infield errors.

Now 7-3 on the season, the Menos resume league play June 29 when they host the Oshawa Ravens at 8:45 p.m.

Race teams earn top 10 finishes

The Stouffville-based Team 3 Red/EHR Racing team made its presence felt at last Sunday's CASCAR Super Series Clarington 200 race at Mosport International Raceway near Bowmanville.

With Jason Hathaway behind the steering wheel of the Snap-on Tools Dodge, the Team 3 Red/EHR team began the 51-lap race on the 2,459-mile road course in 31st spot before advancing 23 positions to finish in eighth place.

With that huge move up, the Team 3 Red/EHR team earned the Fast Eddie Hard Charger Award.

Among other local competitors that took to the track, Peter Gibbons drove his Canadian Tire/Monroe Brakes Chevrolet to a ninth-place finish.

Gibbons began the race from the fifth position and took the lead on lap 21 and through laps 28 to 31.

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