

Stouffville trophy firm scores touchdown with Grey Cup

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A Stouffville business owner had a chance to get up close and personal to the Grey Cup long before CFL championship fever hit Toronto last week.

The 95-year-old trophy was brought to Stouffville Trophy and Awards, owned by Chris Brown and Mario Fiorino, to be measured for a specially-designed display case.

It was used to keep the Grey Cup safe while it was transported to the Grey Cup game from the Canadian Football League Hall of Fame in Hamilton.

The cherrywood and Lexan display case housed the trophy during the game and the

tailgate party outside Rogers Centre.

The Canadian Armed Forces, which have partnered with the CFL for five years, had the Grey Cup at their extensive display during the Grey Cup festivities.

ARMED FORCES CONNECTION

Members of the Armed Forces carried the cup out on the field during the national anthem on Grey Cup Sunday.

The case was made by master craftsman Bob Geddes in Zephyr. The cup, which weighs 12 pounds and is about three feet tall, nestles snugly into the base. The 22-inch-wide display case on top is removable.

The cup, attached to the base, was car-

ried around Toronto on several occasions last week during the football festivities.

The 18-inch-wide Lexan windows on the display case are several times stronger and clearer than glass.

The Grey Cup and Stouffville Trophy connected after the company made a retirement plaque for a member of the Armed Forces. It wasn't too long afterwards that Mr. Brown received a phone call from the military.

The voice at the other end of the line inquired whether his company could make a display case for a large trophy.

When Mr. Brown asked how big the trophy would be, he was told it would be "like the Grey Cup".

The fabled trophy was brought to Mr. Brown's premises to be measured before work on the case started.

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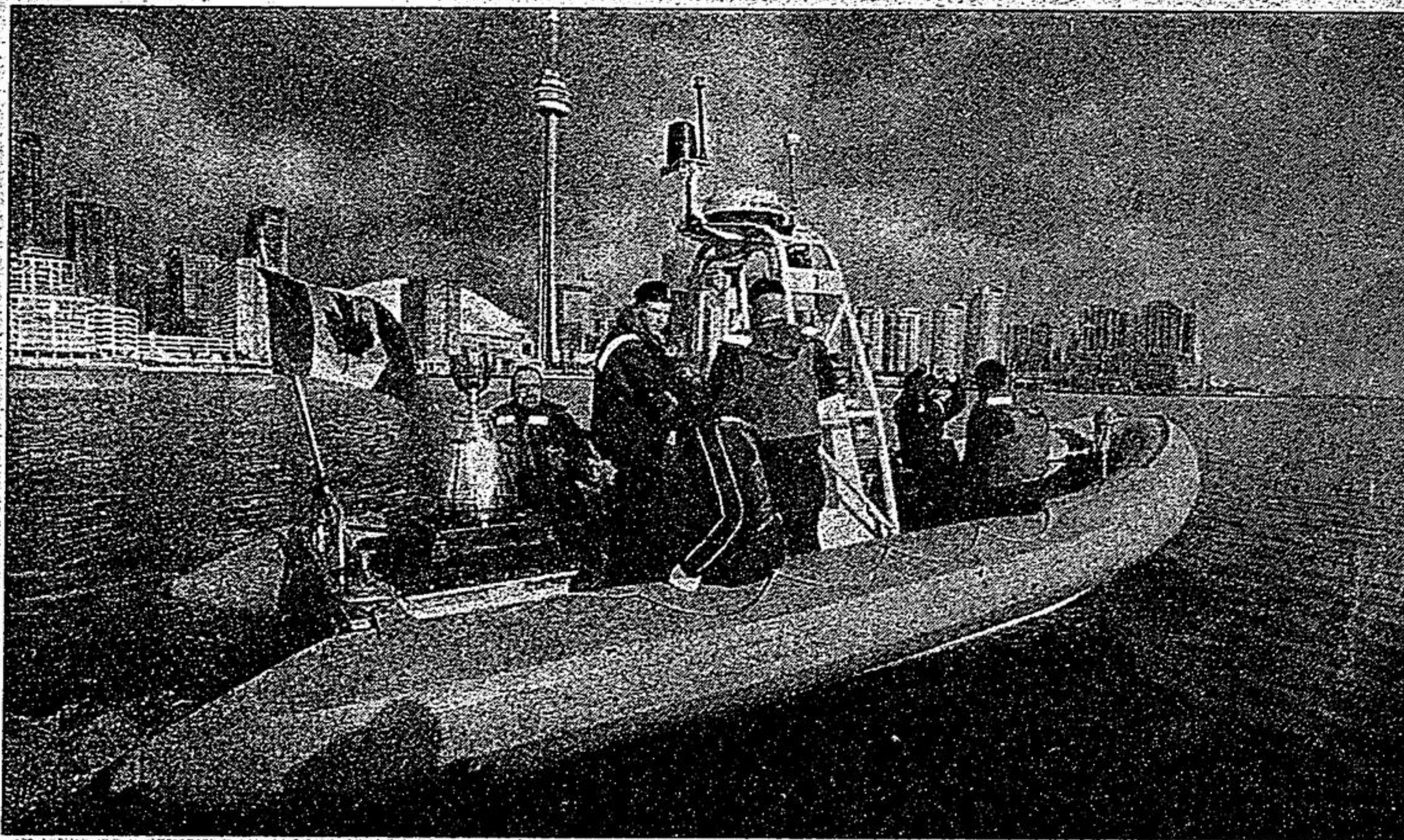
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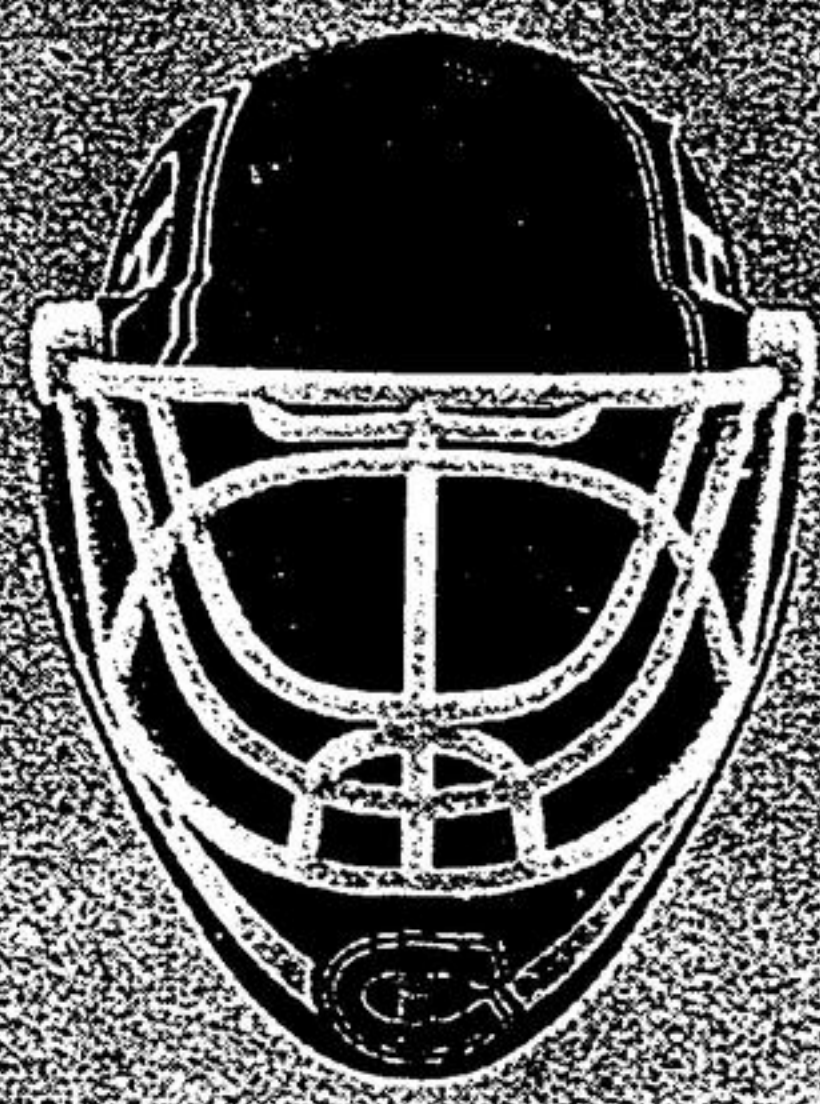
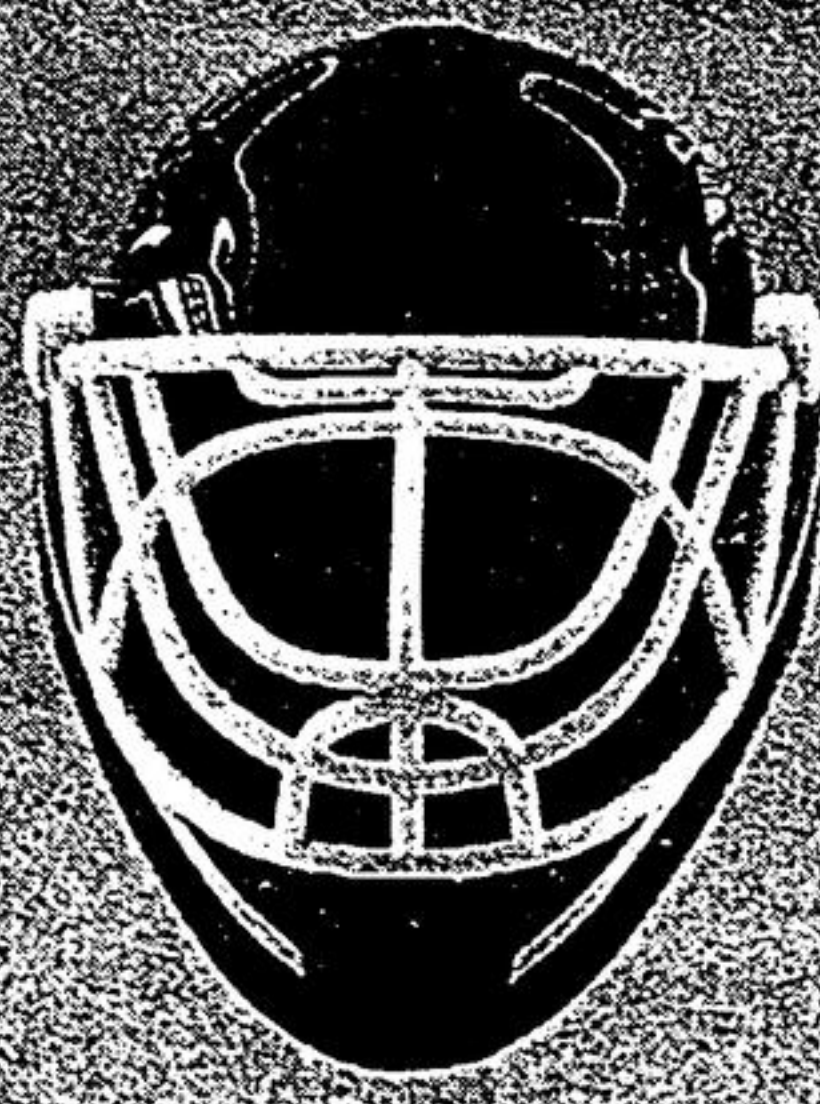
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