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Welcome to Canada's duck capital

*2.5 million birds a year
processed at local plant*

BY CHRIS TRABER
Staff Writer

If you're a fan of Jeopardy!, it could happen.

"I'll take World Wide Webbed Feet for \$2,000, Alex."

"The answer is, It's the duck processing capital of Canada."

"What is York Region?"

"Correct!"

Then, host Alex Trebek explains King Cole Ducks in Whitchurch-Stouffville, a fourth generation family-owned business, processes 2.5 million ducks annually and distributes products globally.

While the enterprise, about to celebrate its 60th anniversary, would make for interesting trivia, there's nothing trivial about the 120-employee, 1,000-acre operation.

Patriarch James Murby, 95, continues his daily ritual of checking in on the 14-farm operation which continues to grow, most recently with a new cook plant, sales manager Patricia Thompson said.

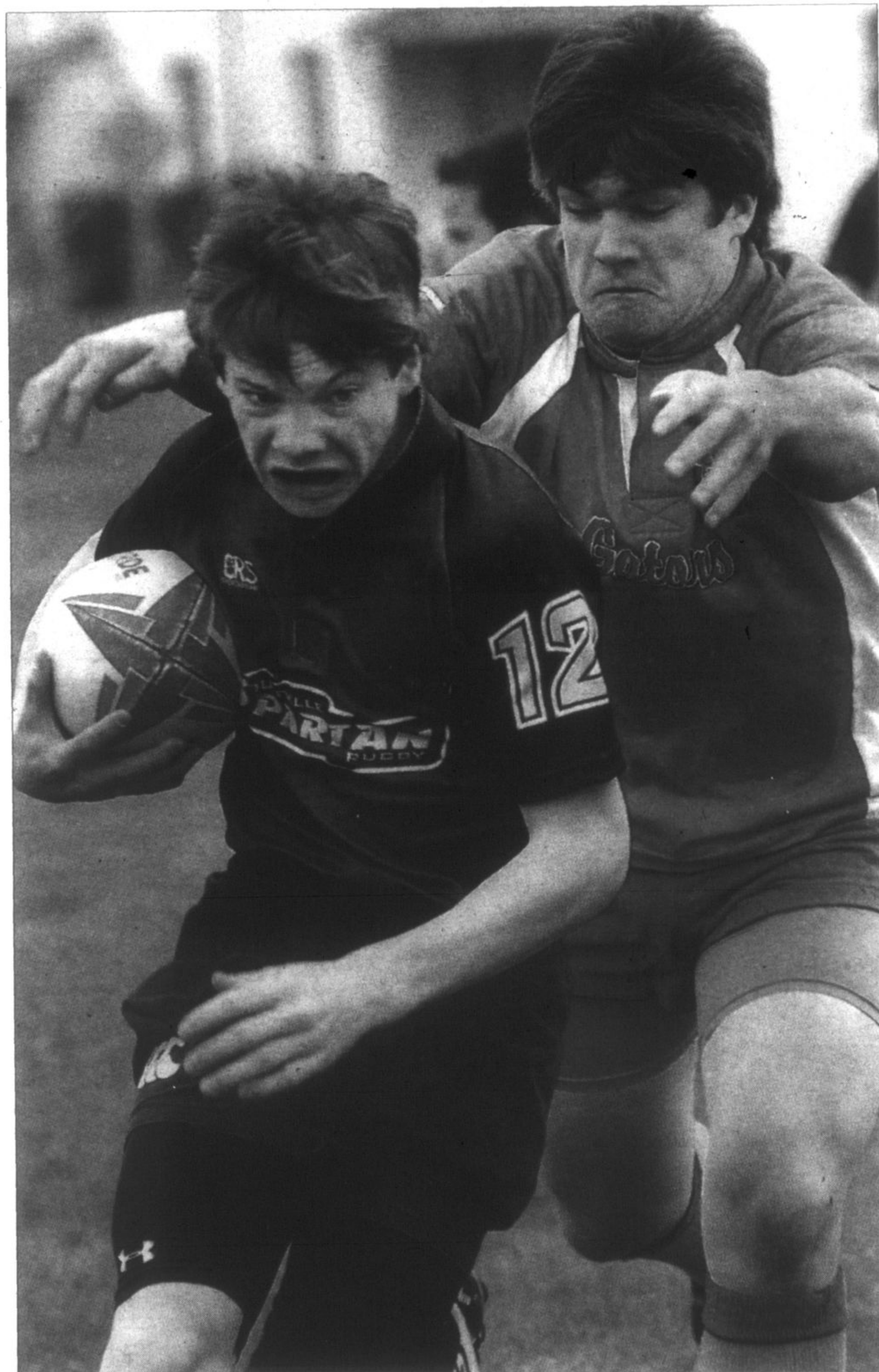
The operation, with its own breeding, hatching, growing, processing and shipping divisions, may not be on the local culinary radar, but international chefs working the world's best cruise lines, first class air, spas, restaurants and resorts are familiar with the King Cole brand.

The company's products are favoured and savoured from Iceland to South America and from Russia to Tahiti, she said.

Now, with its cook plant, King Cole is serving up nine-hour,

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DON'T LOOK BACK, BUDDY



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

Stouffville District Secondary School bantam Spartan Kurt Batty appears unaware of the claws of impending doom at the hands of Tanner Bull of Donald A. Wilson Gators of Whitby in a pre-season high school rugby match in Stouffville Thursday.

Residents applaud barge removal

*Musselman's Lake cleanup
to continue: councillor*

BY ALYSHIA HIGGINS

Musselman's Lake residents applauded the removal of a large and controversial watercraft from their lake Wednesday.

The barge, hand-built and owned by lake resident Neil Swanson, was pulled from the south side of the Ninth Line lake by the Ministry of Environment and moved to a Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville yard where it will be stored.

"This is just such a moment of satisfaction," said resident Charlene Jones, who witnessed the removal with several neighbours.

Mrs. Jones and others applauded and hooted as the boat was being dismantled and removed.

*Town, region will go after boat owner
for cleanup costs/page 8.*

According to residents, the boat has been in the water for 10 years, and sank about a year ago.

Shortly after the boat was pulled from the water, workers began cutting away at the railings so the boat could be transferred, when Mr. Swanson appeared.

"This is my private property, you can't just destroy it," he said to workers.

He then climbed aboard the large boat and began removing items including bins, life jackets and pieces of metal.

Police were called shortly after and Mr. Swanson was told to stay away from the barge.

The bid to remove the barge has been a

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