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Whitchurch-Stouffville

EDITOR'S PICK



A Yuk Yuk's comedy night at the Markham Fair on Feb. 13 will feature comedians Jo-Anna Downey and Kyle Radke. The fundraiser is in aid of a Stouffville Secondary rugby trip to Great Britain during March.

Rugby boys yuk it up with trip fundraiser

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Local rugby players will be testing their best drop kicks, rucks and mauls against some of the best from England and Wales this March, but in order to cross the pond, the group needs to raise about \$80,000.

From March 10 to 21, 35 boys from Stouffville District Secondary School's senior boys' rugby team will be heading overseas to take part in training sessions at England's Mirfield School and in Brecon, Wales, as well as play six to eight exhibition matches against the home teams.

"They'll come away with an awful lot," said Tom Miller, a member of the fundraising committee. "The life experiences these kids come back with are unbelievable. This is something they will remember for the rest of their lives."

This will be the second time in three years the senior boys' rugby team has gone overseas.

The first trip was in 2007, which resulted in the team finishing their season with Ontario A/AA gold. They repeated that feat in 2008 and in 2009, the team finished second in Ontario.

To help raise money for the trip, they are holding a Yuk Yuk's comedy night at the Markham Fair on Feb. 13, which will feature comedians Jo-Anna Downey, Arthur Simeon and Kyle Radke.

There will also be a silent auction with autographed Leafs' jerseys, an autographed Team Canada rugby jersey, Blue Jays' tickets, golf passes and gift baskets.

Last time around, the comedy night raised between \$15,000 and \$18,000.

The money raised will be used to pay for the boys' flights as well as busing to activities and uniforms. All players will be billeted by hometown rugby players.

"That's part of the rugby experience — to mingle with other players," Mr. Miller said. "It's very sociable despite being so rough."

Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show starts at 8 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 each and available by calling Tom Miller at 904-640-4204 or Joan Hewlett at Stouffville District Secondary School - 905-640-1433. Tables of 10 can be reserved, but they must be filled by 7:30 p.m. Tickets are also available at the door.

Leafs Schenn, Bozak greeting fans

You can meet two of the youngest members of the Toronto Maple Leafs next week in Stouffville.

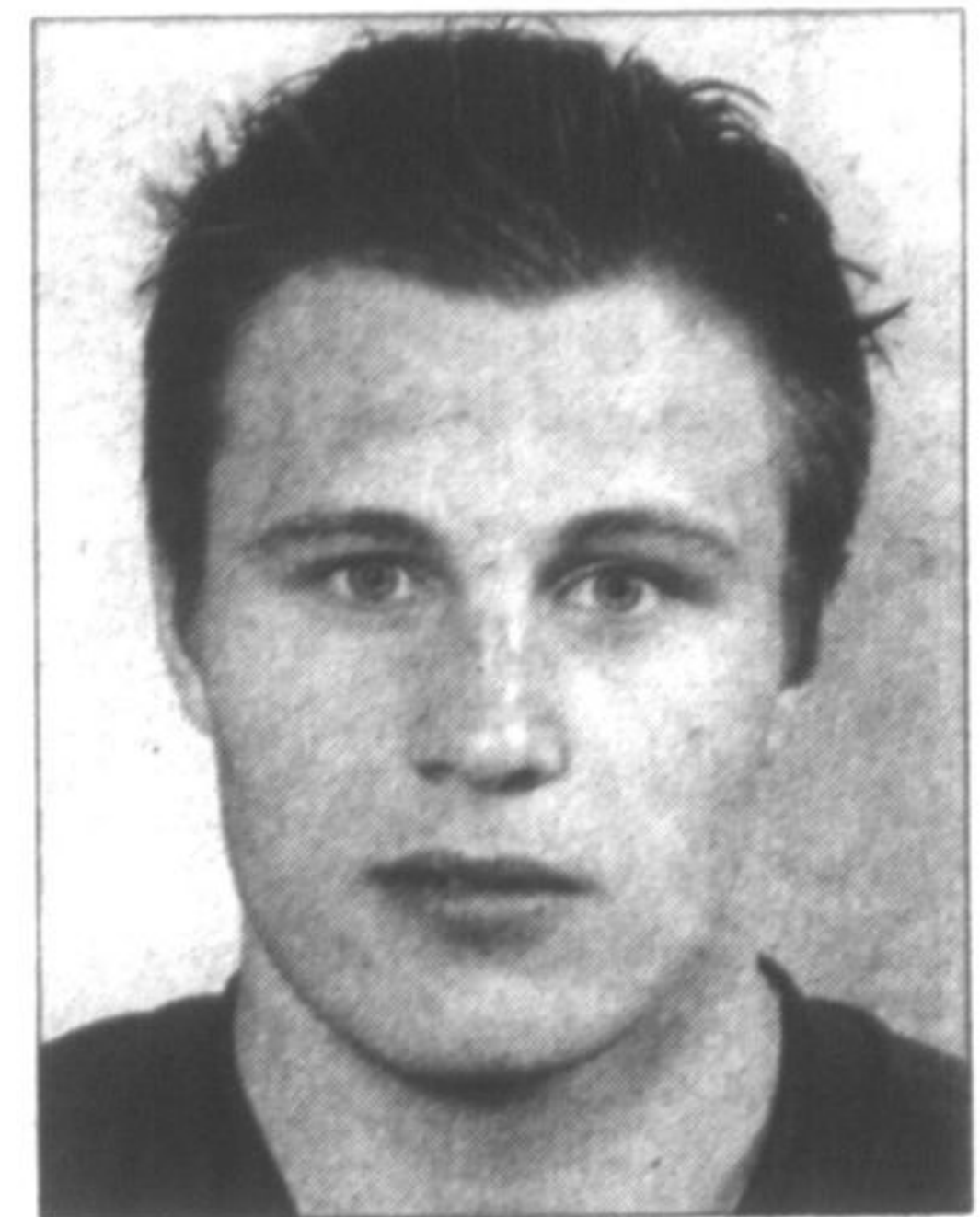
Luke Schenn and Tyler Bozak will sign autographs and meet fans at Boston Pizza on Feb. 3 from 7 to 8 p.m.

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Keith Acton, a Leafs assistant coach and Stouffville hockey legend, is part owner of the restaurant at 1060 Hoover Park Dr.

Last year, Leafs defencemen Tomas Kaberle and Pavel Kubina took part in a similar event.

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