

SPORTS

Traub working seventh OHL championship

Matt Traub's work in patrolling the lines in Ontario Hockey League contests hasn't gone unnoticed.

The Stouffville resident was named one of five linesman scheduled to work the 2012 Rogers OHL Championship Series between the London Knights and Niagara IceDogs, the OHL announced Thursday.

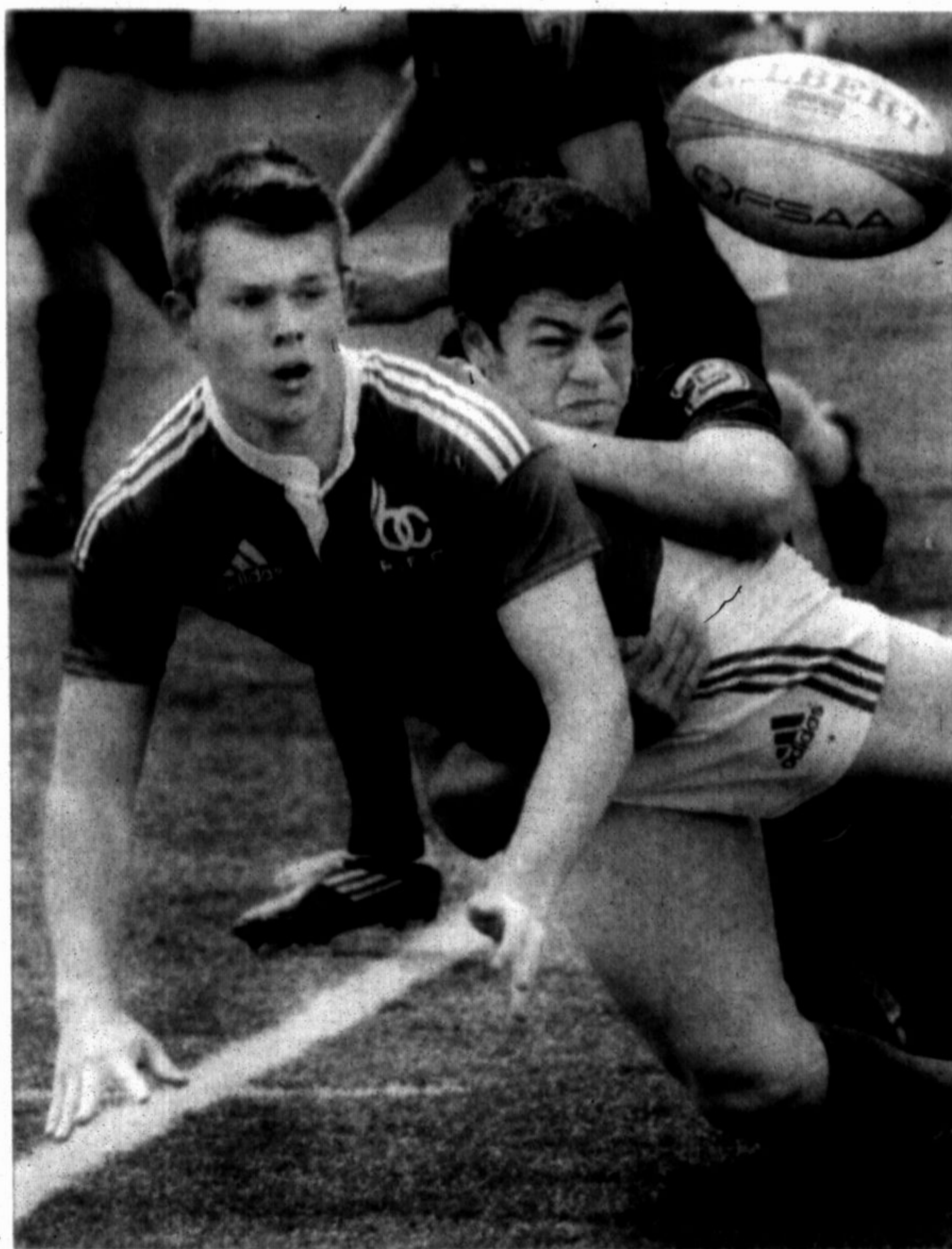
VETERAN LINESMAN

For Traub, it will mark the seventh time in his OHL officiating career he will work an OHL Championship Series.

The best-of-seven series began Thursday in London with Niagara winning 3-2 in double overtime and Traub part of the four-man officiating crew.

The series resumes tonight in St. Catharines.

- Michael Hayakawa



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Crothers Colt Brian Duncan pitches the ball while in the grasp of Stouffville's Chris Matsoukas during Crothers' 52-5 win at the Unionville School Thursday, snapping Stouffville's 10-year unbeaten streak in York Region high school regular season play.

10-year streak ends with thud

All good things must come to an end.

In the case of the Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans, their winning ways in the York Region Athletic Association regular season senior boys' rugby circuit came to a halt after 10 years.

It came with a resounding thud, a 52-5 drubbing at the hands of host Bill Crothers Colts in Unionville Thursday.

J.R. Newlands scored the lone try for the defending YRAA champion Spartans with around five minutes remaining in the match.

Spartans' head coach Jamie Hewitt offered no excuses and acknowledged the Colts were by far the better team.

Especially since the school is an elite athlete institution and attracts students from within and outside York Region.

"They're good and they have so many athletes, it was just a matter of time (before they would dominate the league)," Hewitt said. "They have a lot of kids on their team who come from outside of the board to play."

The Colts have five players who are on the provincial team and one

at the national level.

Despite the loss, Hewitt felt his club gave it their best.

Especially since they did not know prior to the start of the regular season if they would even field a senior team this year.

"Our kids played hard, but what can you do. I'm proud of them."

In the junior' contest, the Spartans allowed a try just 25 seconds into the match but did not allow anything further against the Colts.

The Spartans, however, were stymied on offence and failed to score in a 7-0 loss.

As the final score indicated, Hewitt felt the Spartans held the upper hand in play but failed to capitalize on what scoring opportunities they had.

The Spartans' next action is scheduled to take place next week when the seniors, juniors and bantams play in the Red Hot regional qualifiers.

The Spartan seniors will play in Peterborough Thursday while the juniors will serve as hosts Wednesday and the bantams will go to Humber College Tuesday.

- Michael Hayakawa

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