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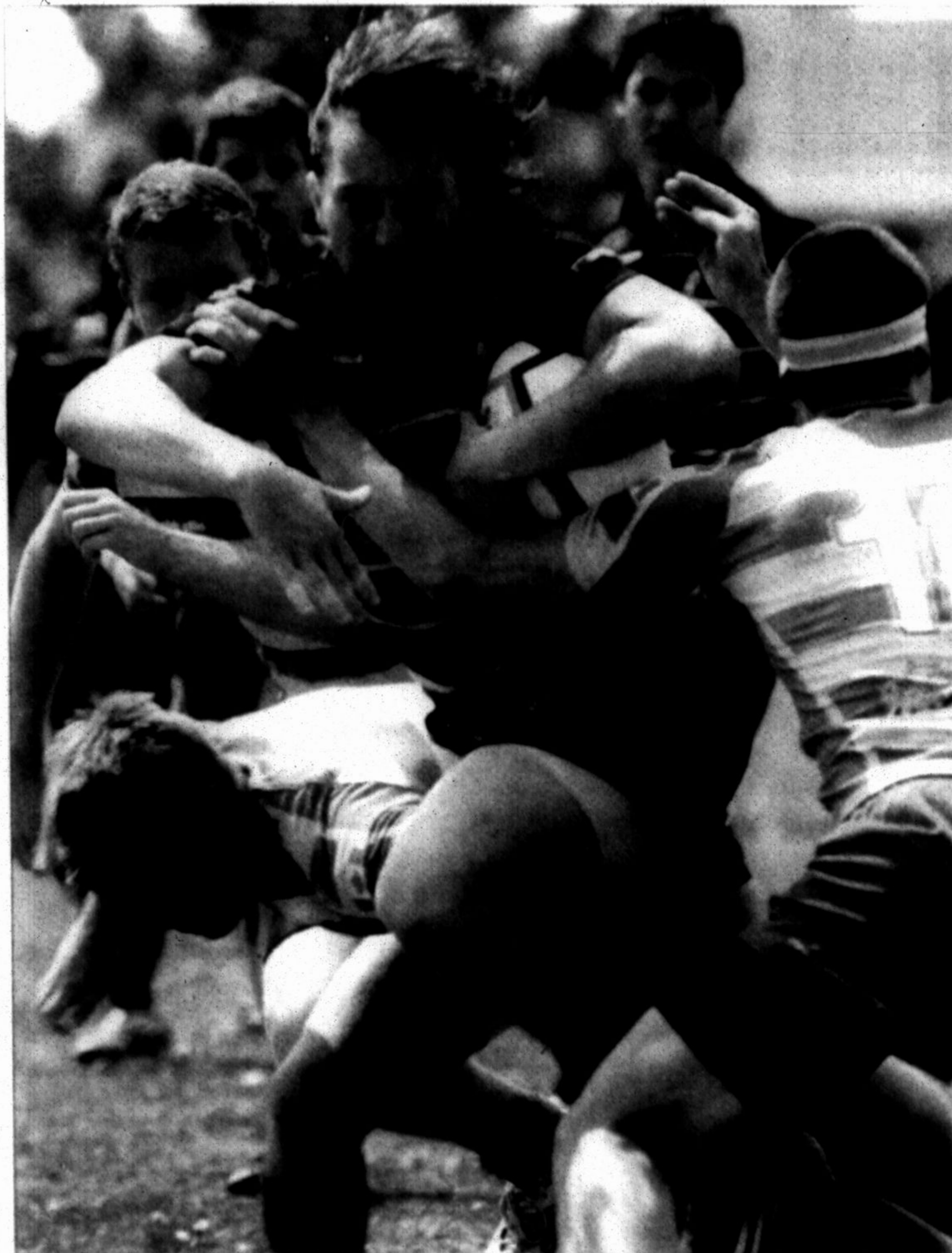
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Stouffville District Secondary School's Pavlos Skarvelis plows through two St. Maximilian Kolbe Mustangs from Aurora in York Region high school rugby semifinal action at Stouffville Monday. Stouffville won 24-22. For more on today's finals, turn to page 28.

Stouffville's Terry Fox Run 4th richest in Ontario

Organizers get 'friendly' with 2012 event plans

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We're No. 4.

Last year's Terry Fox Run in Whitchurch-Stouffville set another mark for the community.

The annual September event raised more than \$122,000 – the fourth highest amount of all 220 communities that took part across Ontario.

Only two Toronto events and Ottawa's raised more. Stouffville finished fifth the previous three years. It surpassed London this time.

"It's an amazing achievement, considering the number of cities and towns across Ontario that are far larger than Stouffville," said local run co-ordinator Sandy Schell Kennedy. "People in our town care and they want to help others."

More than 1,200 people took part last year.

This year's run — Sept. 16 from the Lebovic Leisure Centre — will carry the theme: "Be a Friend, Bring a Friend"

"The idea is be a great friend or neighbour and introduce them to Stouffville's best community event," said Mrs. Schell Kennedy. "and be a friend to

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2011 CENSUS

BOOM TOWN

Seniors, babies ballooned, but most growth in 20-somethings

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With more people getting ready to retire than entering the workforce, providing programs and services for seniors will be a major challenge, York Region Community and Health Services Commissioner Adelina Urbanski said.

Senior citizens now account for a record 14.8 per cent of Canada's population, according to 2011 census data released Tuesday.

In Whitchurch-Stouffville, children aged zero to 14 increased by 64 per cent from 2006 to 2011, while those 55 and over jumped by 43.85 per cent from the previous census.

But the biggest increase came in the 25 to 29-year-olds. Those residents went from 935 in 2006 to 2,145 in 2011, which amounts to a 129-per-cent increase.

For the first time, there were more people aged 55 to 64, the age when people typically quit jobs, than aged 15 to 24, when people join the work force.

There are now five million Canadian seniors, a 14-per-cent spike since the last Statistics Canada census in 2006. More than 130,000 of them live in York Region, where 12.4 per cent of the population is 65 and older.

The first of four census data installments to be released in 2012 didn't surprise Ms Urbanski.

In fact, the numbers confirm what the

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