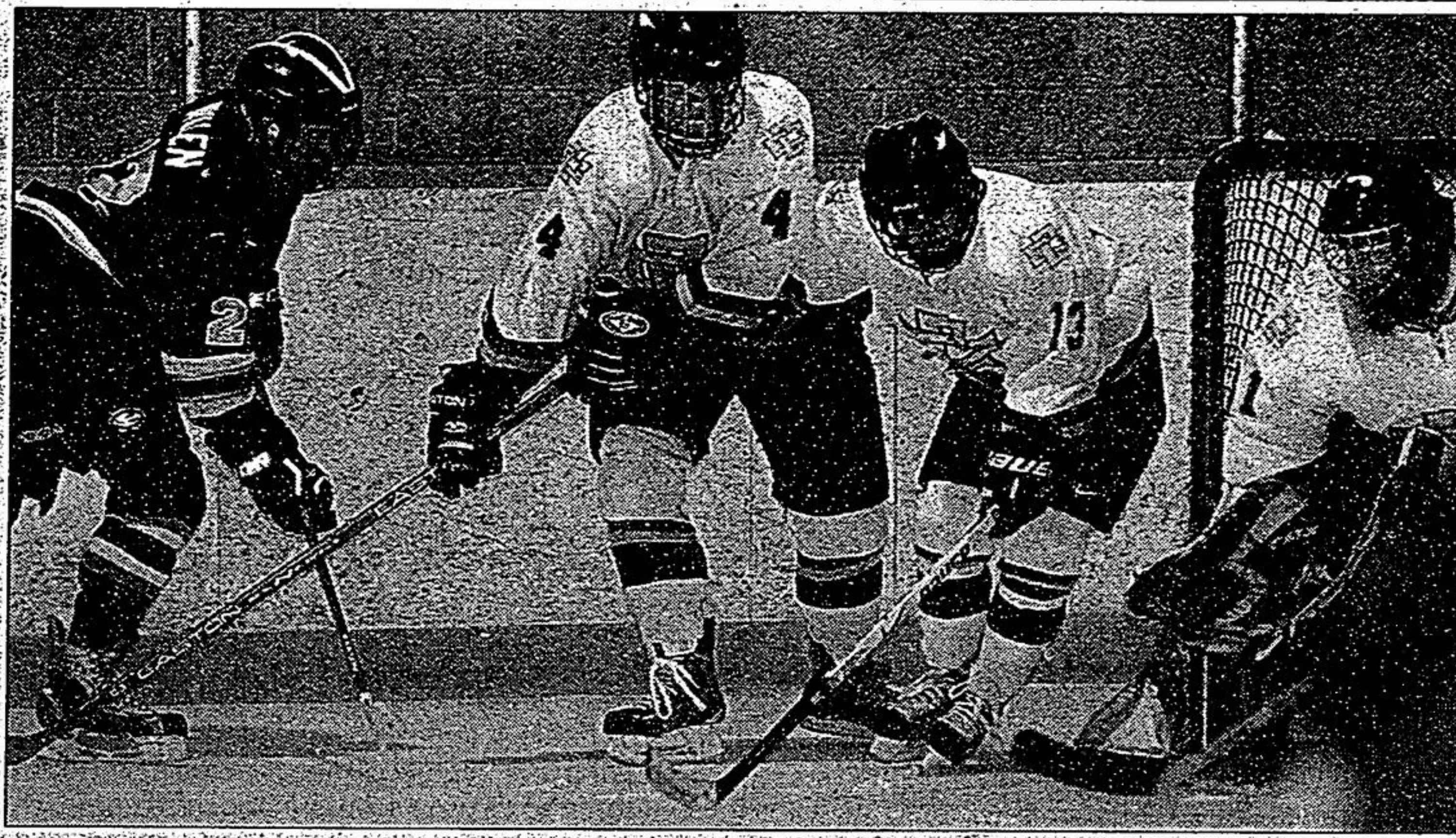


Stouffville Spartan Scott Van Allen (left) tries to squeeze the puck past Cardinal Carter Celtics defencemen Chad Johnson and Drew Jenkins and goalie Ryan Daggart, but the puck gets stuck in the mesh. Stouffville won the game 4-1, at Elgin Barrow arena in Richmond Hill Thursday, and the series.



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Spartans advance in dramatic fashion

The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans varsity boys' hockey team exhibited a flair for the dramatic during its first-to-three point series against the Cardinal Carter Catholic High School Celtics.

After losing the opening game Monday 7-2, the Spartans required a victory in Thursday's second game at the Elgin Barrow Arena in Richmond Hill just to even the series.

And if they accomplished that, another victory would be required in the sudden-death overtime session to win

the series.

Leave it to the Spartans who skated off with a 4-1 victory to force a sudden-death.

Cue Sam Carrick who scored just two minutes into the session to skate off with the series win.

Carrick also scored once in the regulation contest while his brother, Jake added two goals and Jamie Wise one.

Brad Whittingstall played a solid game in net during the regulation contest and overtime to help preserve the win, including a huge stop with 10 sec-

onds remaining in the second period.

"You just never know when you get into overtime. Anything can happen. But we did what we had to do," said Spartans head coach Jamie Hewitt.

The Spartans face the Markham District High School Marauders in a best-of-three semifinal series that begins Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Stouffville Arena. The Marauders eliminated Huron Heights of Newmarket. The other semifinal series has Brother Andre Catholic of Markham against Emily Carr Secondary School of Vaughan.

Wolves eat up SDSS in playoff game

The Spartans senior boys' basketball team saw its season come to an end Tuesday with a 53-29 loss to the host Unionville High School Wolves in a York Region Athletic Association quarter-final tier two contest.

The teams exchanged the lead on several occasions until just before the half, when the Wolves opened a 27-20 lead.

The Wolves ran away with the game in the second half.

"It just wasn't our night," Spartans assistant coach Andy Cherkas said.

"We did play them close in the first half but in the second half, our shooting was cold. Even when we got the rebound and tried to put the ball in, it wouldn't go in. Anything Unionville put up went in. It was just one of those things that happened."

Matt Briggs was high scorer for the Spartans with 11 points.



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