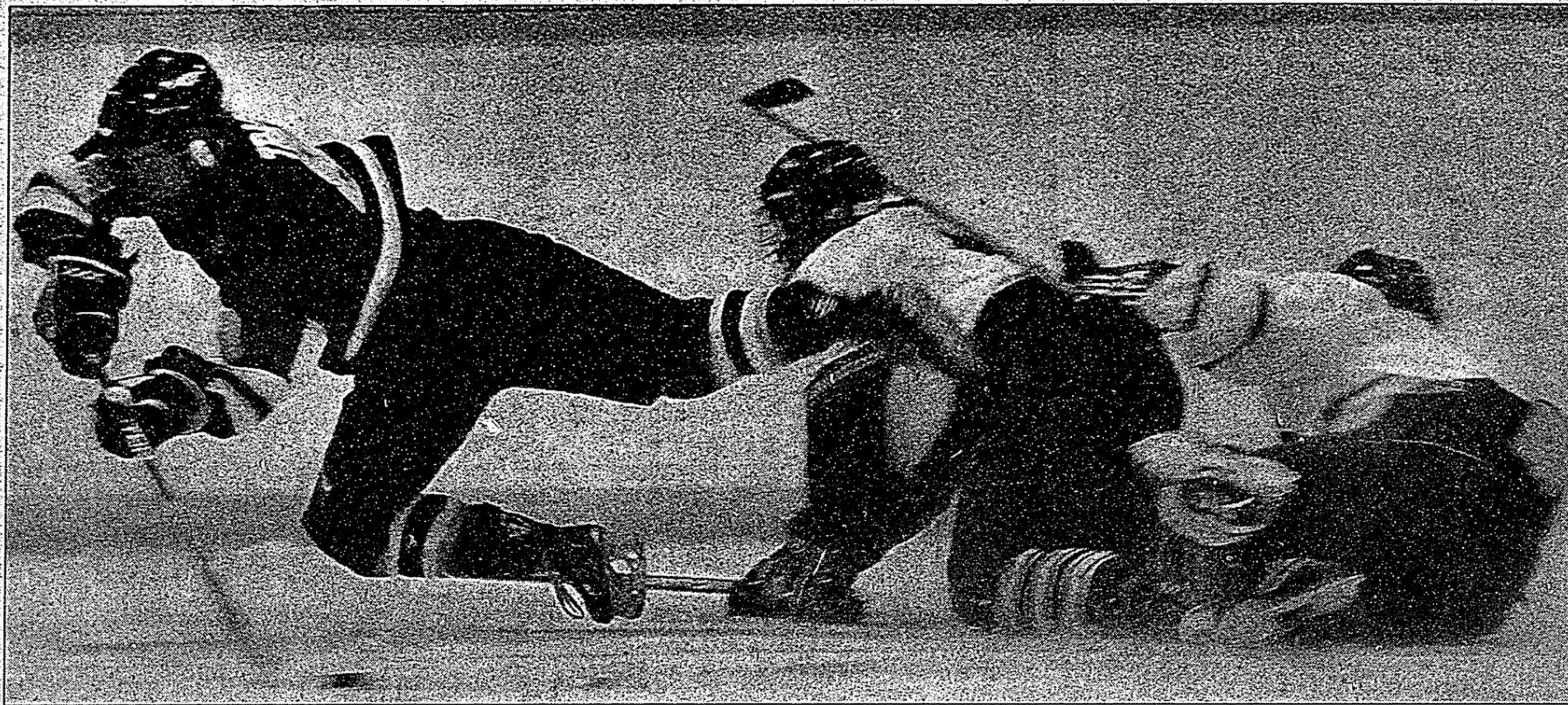


SPORTS

TRICK PLAY

Stouffville District Secondary School Spartan Andrew Tracey passes the puck backwards to the goalmouth while falling to the ice past two fallen Markham Marauders in York Region senior boys high school hockey action at Markham Community Centre arena on Tuesday afternoon. The Spartans lost 7-3. It was their first loss of the regular season. See sports briefs, on this page, for more.



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Mat full of judo medals

Several members of Stouffville's Sheffield Judo Club medalled at the Hatashita International Judo Challenge in Missisauga.

With over 700 competitors taking part in the two-day event that was used as a qualifier by Judo Ontario for the junior and senior nationals, Sheffield students fielded three first-place efforts by Tressa Sheffield in the juvenile girls' 41-kilogram division, Jim Peterkin masters 100 kilograms and up and Lea Sheffield senior women 44 kg.

Marcus Chan had a second in the juvenile boys' 42 kg.

Third-place efforts were recorded by: Lea Sheffield juvenile girls 44 kg, Jill Pirrie senior women 78 kg, and Kathy Mishan masters women middleweight. Clint Moxley finished fifth in the senior men's 100 kg.

Clippers ice two wins

The Stouffville atom AE Clippers skated off with two wins in York Simcoe minor hockey action last weekend.

Playing host to Innisfil last Saturday, the Clippers got a superb netminding effort from Trevor Beaudoin and goals from Josh Carlin, Quintin Volpe and Jackson Newlands in a 3-0 win. Luke Burkholder, Newlands, Tritan Thompson and Liam Timewell each had one assist.

The Clippers then travelled to Barrie Sunday and received single tallies from Tyler Moffat, Newlands and Volpe to earn a 3-1 win.

Volpe, Moffat, Newlands and Sean McSwiggan each had one assist.

The Clippers host Markham Saturday at 3 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Peewee AEs gain first victory

Supported with a solid netminding effort from Austin Porter and single goals from Jamie O'Halloran and Matt Doren, the Stouffville peewee AE Clippers skated off with a 2-0 win over Orillia in York Simcoe Hockey League action at the Stouffville Arena Sunday.

Chris Ebanks, Carson Nelson, Riley Sulman and Stephen Schweighardt each collected assists.

Spartans suffer first league loss

The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans senior boys' hockey team suffered its first loss of the York Region Athletic Association season Monday when they fell 7-3 to host Markham District High School.

Jamie Wise scored twice for the Spartans while Scott Van Allen added the other goal.

Now 2-1 on the season, the Spartans host Markville Secondary School today at 2:30 p.m.

Stouffville is rated eighth in the GTA in this week's Toronto Star rankings.

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Spirit veterans demand trades

LAST WEEK: Friday - lost 5-3 against Aurora Tigers. Now 13-8-3-29 on season, fifth place in North Conference.

COMING UP: Today vs Couchiching Terriers at Stouffville Arena, 7:35 p.m.; Saturday vs Newmarket Hurricanes, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at Aurora Tigers, 2:30 p.m.

GAME NOTES: Stouffville Spirit head coach Dave D'Amazio felt his club played two good periods in Friday's road contest against the Aurora Tigers. But that wasn't enough in a 5-3 loss. Trailing 2-1 through 20 minutes, the Spirit dug themselves into a deep hole in the second period when the Tigers scored two unanswered goals to take a 4-1 lead through 40 minutes. The Spirit made a late rally when Ethan Werek and Daniel Spivak scored back-to-back power-play goals. But that would be as close as they would get as the Tigers scored an insurance goal before the game concluded. Corey Trivino scored the Spirit's first goal after they fell behind 2-0 in the opening frame. The Tigers outshot the Spirit 31-28.

NOTEBOOK: The last few days haven't been exactly happy for Spirit GM Tom Milne. Veteran forwards Mike Foy and Donovan Munro have left the team and demanded trades. With a Dec. 1 deadline approaching, Provincial Junior A Hockey League clubs have to get down to 25 players. Milne is confident he can get something done. Both 20-year-olds were on the Spirit's 2006 North and North/West championship team. Spirit defenceman Jarred Seymour, 17, has committed to Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. for 2009. Through 20 regular season games this season, the six-foot, three-inch, 195-pound native of Australia had a goal and four assists.



GENERALLY SPEAKING: "We had a bit of a lapse in second period," Spirit head coach Dave D'Amazio said of his club's setback that snapped a modest two-game winning streak. "It was just a matter of our discipline and focus that got us back in during the third period."

D'Amazio didn't blame the letdown on inexperience or injuries as much as not having the luxury of a stable roster to go with.

"We've had a lot of new players on our roster recently and we've been juggling our roster for the first part of the season. We haven't had a consistent roster for a consistent period."

Milne feels the club's next three contests, all against rivals occupying higher positions in the North standings, will be a true test.

"These next three games will be a good test. Right now I think we're underachieving. Our special teams aren't good. We should be much better in this area with the players we have. The playoffs are won with good special teams play. And we're tied right now in the league for the most penalty minutes. We've got to improve on special team areas and discipline," Milne said.

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