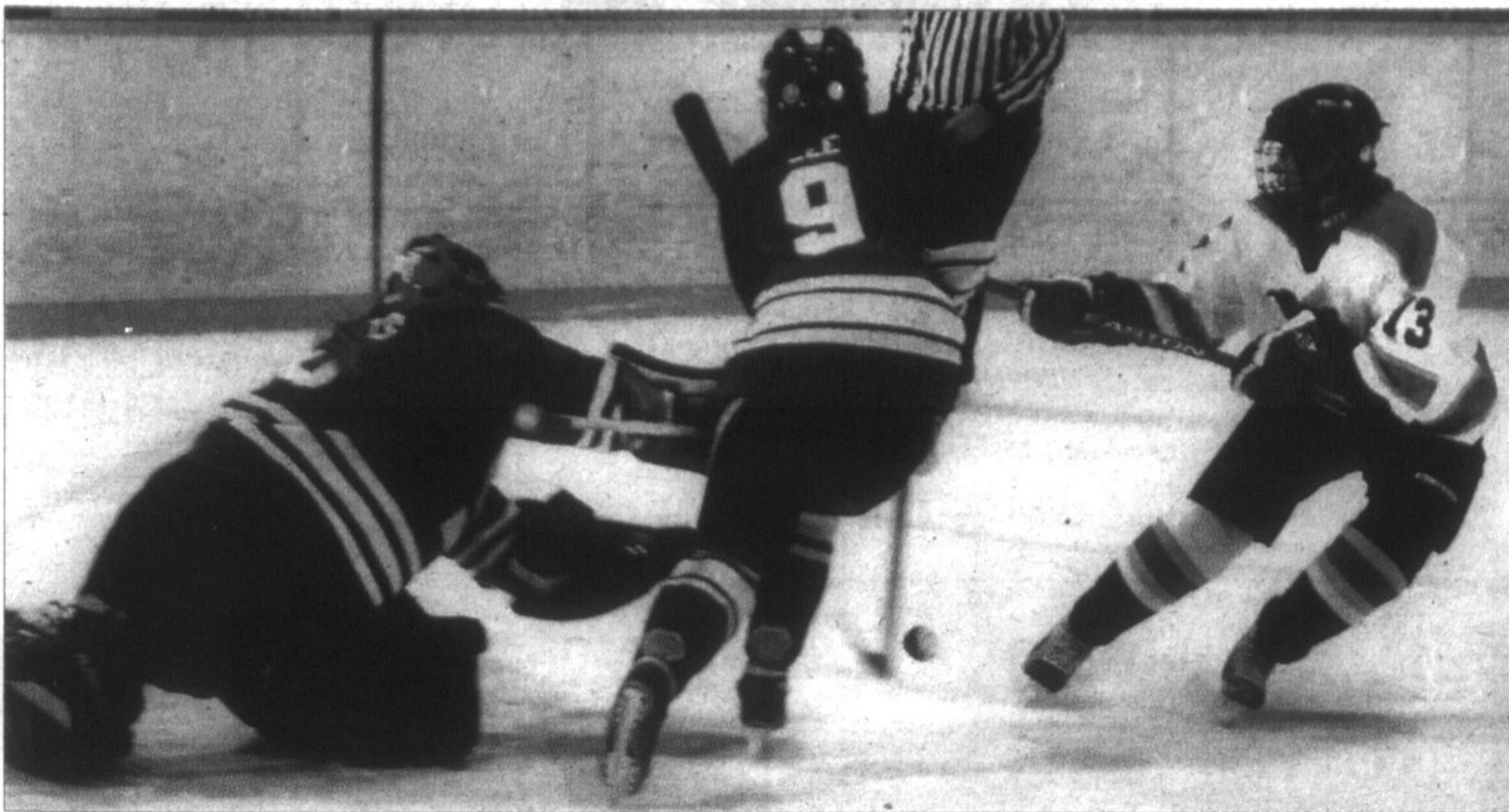


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Markham Brother Andre Cardinal Lisa King is thwarted by Stouffville Spartans goalie Courtney Humphreys and Jennifer Lee in York Region high school action at the Stouffville Arena Monday. The Cardinals won 6-2.

12th straight loss has Spirit at 3-25

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In most of its Ontario Junior Hockey League games, the Stouffville Spirit has stayed in contention thanks to solid work in its own end.

Ten of their first 19 losses this season were by one goal.

But Thursday against the Markham Waxers, the back end had an off night as the Spirit suffered its 12th straight loss, 9-2 at the Stouffville Arena.

It's a disturbing trend. The Spirit has been outscored 39-11 in its last six games. They are 3-25 and in last place in the Central Division.

In front of 178 fans Thursday, Craig McDowell and Matt McCann scored for the Spirit, which trailed 4-1 after one period and 8-1 through two.

Kori Coelho and Michael D'Angelo played musical goaltenders for the Spirit during the night.

"For most of the year, our goaltending and defence have been our saviour," said Spirit general manager and head coach Mark Joslin. "But they were awful. We tried to do too much at the back end. Our defence made the wrong decisions and didn't get the saves when we needed it."

The Spirit is at Newmarket Sunday at 3:30 p.m. and hosts St. Michael's Thursday.

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Minor bantam AEs take two

The Stouffville minor bantam AE Clippers snapped a four-game losing streak last week by winning their last two Ontario Minor Hockey Association outings.

Playing Aurora, the Clippers received a balanced attack with four different players scoring in a 4-3 win.

Zack McMahon, Carson Nelson, John Anthony Coscarella and Stephen Schweighardt accounted for the Clippers' goals.

Curtis Davis earned two assists

while Anthony Barresi, Matt Renzoni and Coscarella each had one.

Alex McKean earned the win.

Facing East Gwillimbury, the Clippers got a hat trick from Nick Hancock and one goal from Nelson in a 4-1 victory.

Schweighardt was credited with two assists while Connor Allen, Chance Rodin, Coscarella and Robert Riopel each had one.

Austin Porter handled netminding chores for the Clippers.

Now 7-10-1 on the season, the Clippers will host Markham today at 4:40 p.m.



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