

## HOCKEY: Bill Crothers Colts stampede Stouffville Spartans



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Stouffville Spartan goalie Kyle Pantone makes a save on Bill Crothers (Unionville) Colt Trevor Dicks in York Region high school hockey action at the Stouffville Arena on Thursday. The Colts won 7-2. See story below.

## Spirit, Forfar snap O.T. jinx

Jordan Forfar's goal at the 2:08 mark of sudden-death overtime enabled the Stouffville Spirit to snap a two-game losing streak with a 4-3 win over the Whitby Fury in Central Canadian Hockey League action at the Stouffville Arena Thursday.

The Spirit took a first-period lead on the first of two goals by Greg Whittle.

But the Fury countered with a goal before the period concluded and registered another marker early in the second stanza to take a 2-1 lead.

Presented with a power-play opportunity near the midway point of the period, the Spirit made the most of it when Matt Neal scored to tie the game.

The Spirit regained the lead early in the third period on Whittle's second goal.

The Fury countered with a goal of their own just before the midway point to tie the game and set the stage for Forfar's heroics in the five-minute overtime session.

In winning their first overtime game of the season, the Spirit (11 wins, one overtime win, three shootout wins, one shootout loss and 11 losses) moved into a three-way tie for third place in the East

Division with the Lindsay Muskies and Bowmanville Eagles at 31 points apiece.

Spirit netminder Kori Coelho stopped 29 of 32 shots while Stouffville directed 34 shots on the Fury goal.

After yesterday's road game against Upper Canada, the Spirit will take to the road Monday for a game in Cobourg at 7 p.m.

For more on the Spirit, log on to: [www.stouffvillespirit.com](http://www.stouffvillespirit.com)

### Big night for McNeil

Braydon McNeil scored a pair of goals and added an assist to propel the Stouffville peewee AE Clippers to a 5-3 road win over Newmarket in York Simcoe minor hockey league action Wednesday.

Jake Espey added a goal and two helpers while Nathan Watson and Jackson Newlands scored once for the Clippers, who occupy second place and moved to within two points of first place.

Taylor Peterson, James Merksmer and Tritan Thompson each had one assist for the Clippers, now 14-4-2 on the season.

The win came on the heels of a 3-3 tie against Barrie last

Saturday.

McNeil, Josh Carlin and Justin Pelowich-Pickup each scored once for the Clippers.

Mario Rosano, Newlands, Ryan Daniels and Tyler Wright collected assists. Goaltender B.J. Ivanovski stopped a Barrie penalty shot.

### Senior Spartans iced

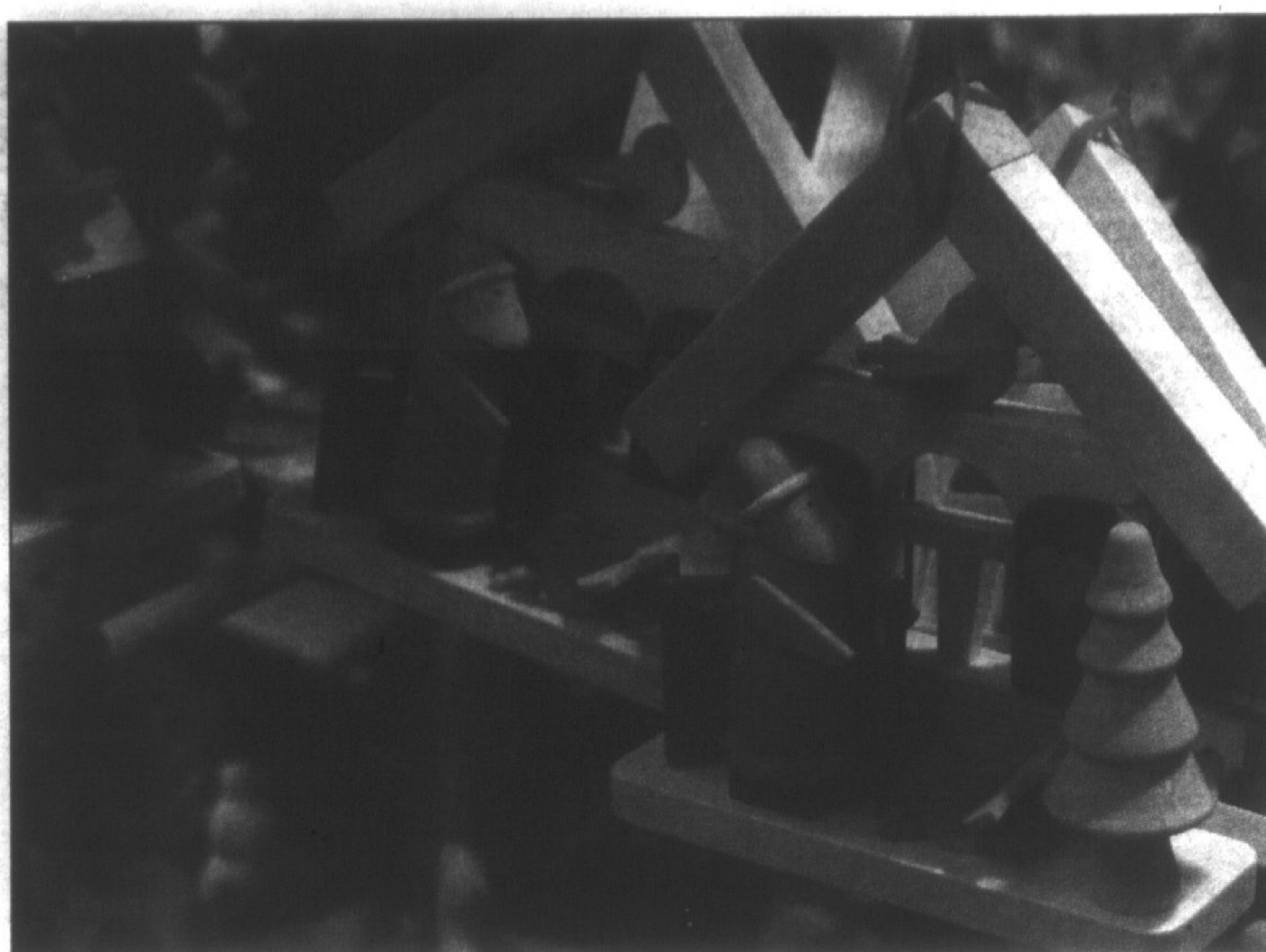
The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans senior boys' hockey team lost their York Region Athletic Association regular season opener against the visiting Bill Crothers Secondary School Colts 7-2 at the Stouffville Arena Thursday.

Brett Hembruff and Peter Lebuffe scored once for the Spartans, who trailed 2-0 after one period and 4-2 through two.

"Our kids played great, we played hard," Spartans head coach Jamie Hewitt said.

"I'm proud of the way they played. Things are coming along slowly."

The Spartans are scheduled to resume league play Tuesday against St. Theresa of Lisieux (Richmond Hill) at Elgin Barrow Arena at 2:30 p.m. The Spartans next home game is against Markham Dec. 3 at 2:30 p.m.



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