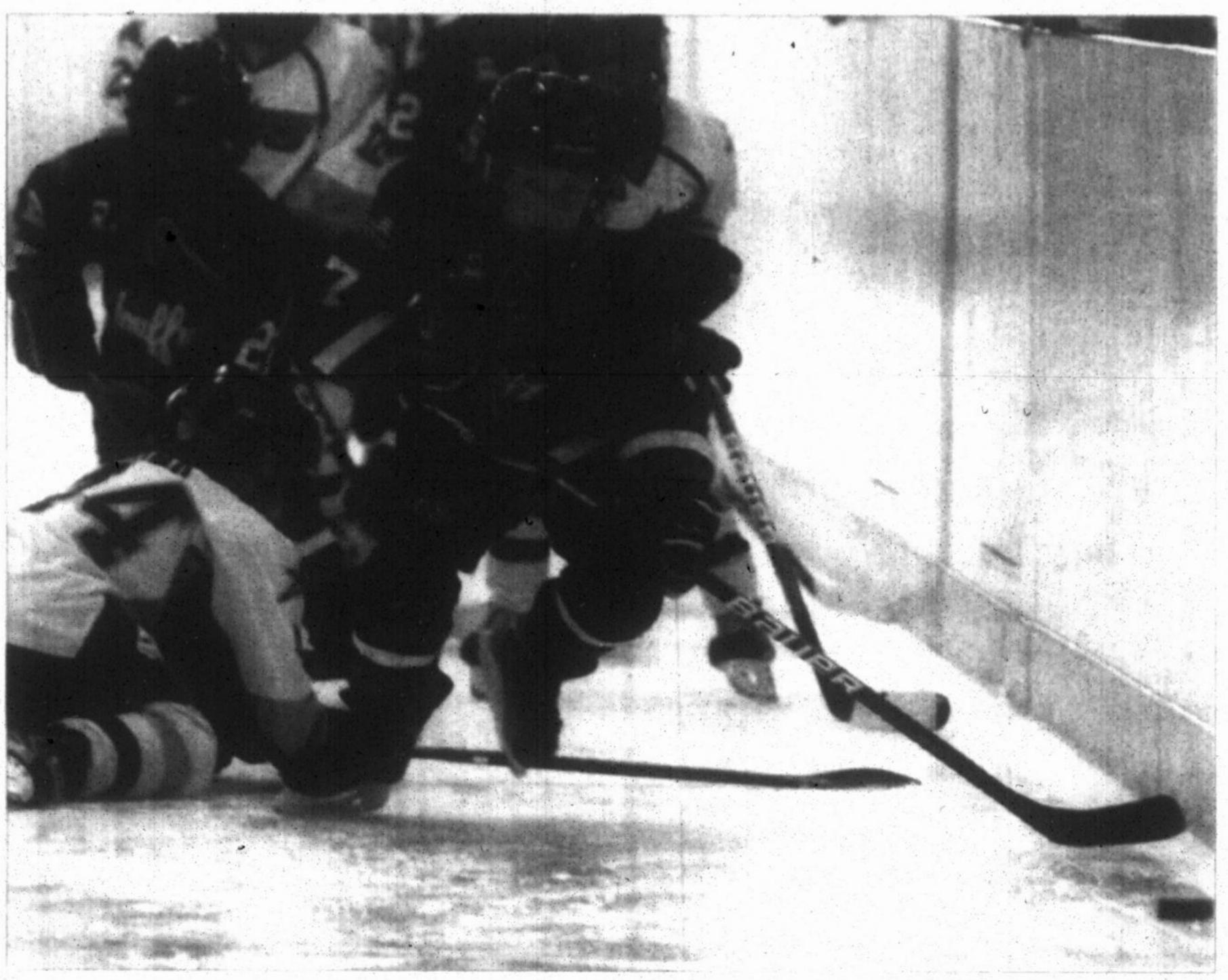
COMING THROUGH



Stouffville Clipper Nolan Turney heads for the net during novice AA rep hockey action at the Stouffville Clippers Complex last Saturday. Richmond Hill won 2-1. For minor hockey schedules and results, go to yorkregion.com and wsmha.com

Werek scores in NHL debut

Ethan Werek didn't waste any time getting noticed in the big leagues.

The Stouffville Spirit and local minor hockey grad scored at 8:21 of the first period in his NHL debut, a 2-1 preseason win for his Phoenix Coyotes over the Los Angeles Kings in Los Angeles Wednesday.

Still, Werek was sent down to the Portland Pirates of the American Hockey League Thursday.

Werek, 20, was a second-round pick of the New York Rangers in the 2009 NHL draft. He was traded to Phoenix in the off-season.

Werek played the last three seasons for the Kingston Frontenacs of the Ontario Hockey League.

Leafs demote Acton, Carrick

Two Stouffville residents vying for berths on the Toronto Maple Leafs' roster were among 23 cuts the National Hockey League club made at its main camp Wednesday.

Forward Will Acton was assigned to the Leafs' American Hockey League club, the Toronto Marlies.

The son of former Leafs' assistant coach Keith Acton and a member of the Stouffville Spirit from 2003 to 2007, Will, 24, graduated last year from Lake Superior State University and played five games last season with the Marlies.

Sam Carrick, a 19-year-old for-

ward and the Maple Leafs' fifth round selection in the 2010 draft from the Brampton Battalion, was returned to his Ontario Hockey League club.

Carrick, who also starred at Stouffville District Secondary School, had 16 goals and 23 assists in 59 OHL tilts last year.

Simon Gysbers, a defenceman with the Spirit from 2003 to 2006, remained on the Leafs' training camp roster as of press deadline. He saw game action this week.

A teammate of Acton's at Lake Superior State, the 24-year-old Gysbers had seven goals and 24 assists in 60 regular season contests last season with the Marlies.

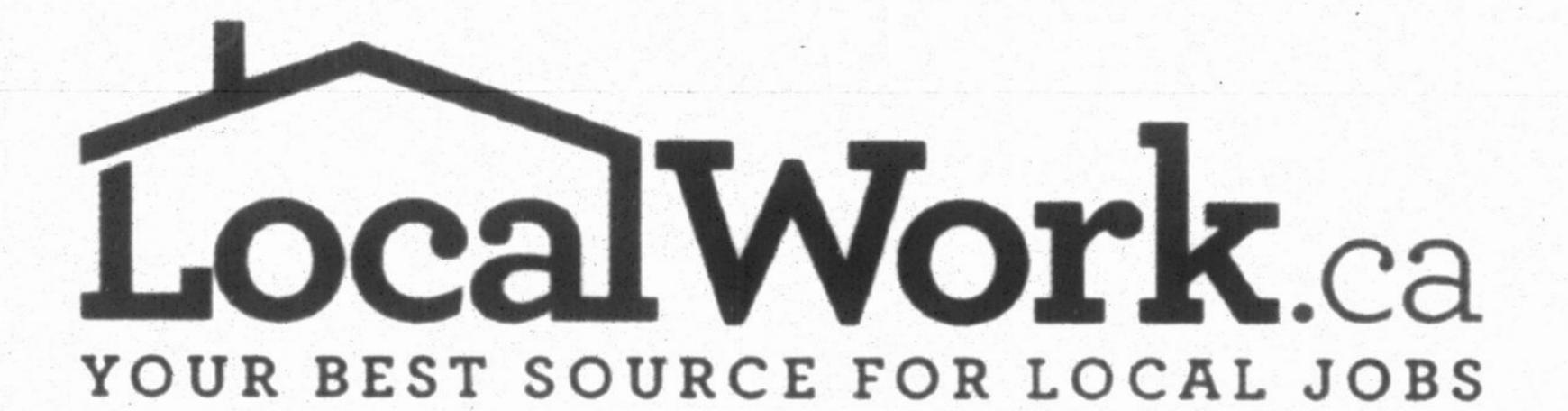
Scholarship for McEachen

Stouffville's Patrick McEachen has been named the recipient of the Lou-Jefferies scholarship at Queen's University in Kingston.

The \$3,500 scholarship is awarded to a hockey player who stands out in academics and athletics.

A Jr. A star with the Stouffville Spirit and Wellington Dukes, McEachen, 20, played seven games with the Mississauga St. Michael's Majors of the Ontario Hockey League last season before enrolling at Queen's.

He had six points in 13 games with the Golden Gaels last year.



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