

**HIGH SCHOOLS:** Postseason time for Stouffville Spartans

# Hockey playoffs take late turn

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The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans senior boys' hockey team appeared to have a victory well in hand when they faced the St. Theresa of Lisieux Lions (Richmond Hill) in the first game of their York Region Athletic Association tier one first-to-three-point series at the Clippers Sports Complex Tuesday.

Nursing what had the makings of a comfortable 5-3 lead with just 56 seconds remaining in the contest, the Spartans let the game slip away.

The Lions roared back with a pair of goals, including one with one-tenth of a second remaining in regulation time to salvage a 5-5 tie.

With the series tied at one point apiece, that will set the stage for Friday's deciding game, to be played at Tom Graham Arena in Richmond Hill at 2 p.m.

The winner of contest will advance to the semifinals. Chad Burrows scored twice and added a pair of helpers for the Spartans, who battled the Lions to a 1-1 tie after one period before seizing a 3-2 lead through two.

After the Lions battled back to tie the game in the third period, the Spartans got unanswered goals from Burrows and Alex Orlandi within a 30-second span with 2:30 remaining to take a 5-3 lead.

That set the stage for the Lions' late heroics. Ryan Kernohan and Jon Colley accounted for the other Spartans' goals.

"We gave the game away," said veteran Spartans' head coach Jamie Hewitt. "We just didn't do a good job in our own end."

"We had five chances to get the puck out of our own end when (St. Theresa) scored the first goal to get back to within a goal.

"And we had two to three chances to get the puck out but didn't when they tied the game."

## Hockey girls end regular season with victory

The Spartan girls' varsity hockey team concluded its YRAA tier two season on a positive note with a 3-1 win over St. Robert Catholic High School at Clatworthy Arena in Thornhill Tuesday.

Brittany Leonard ignited the Spartans' offence with a pair of goals while Abby Bauman added the other marker.

Concluding the regular season with a 5-2-0 mark, the Spartans were tied with Dr. J.M. Denison (Newmarket) for second place.

But the Spartans lost the tiebreaker after losing to Denison during regular season play and settled for third place.

The Spartans' next scheduled outing will take place at the Magna Centre in Newmarket Wednesday during the YRAA tier two championship tournament.

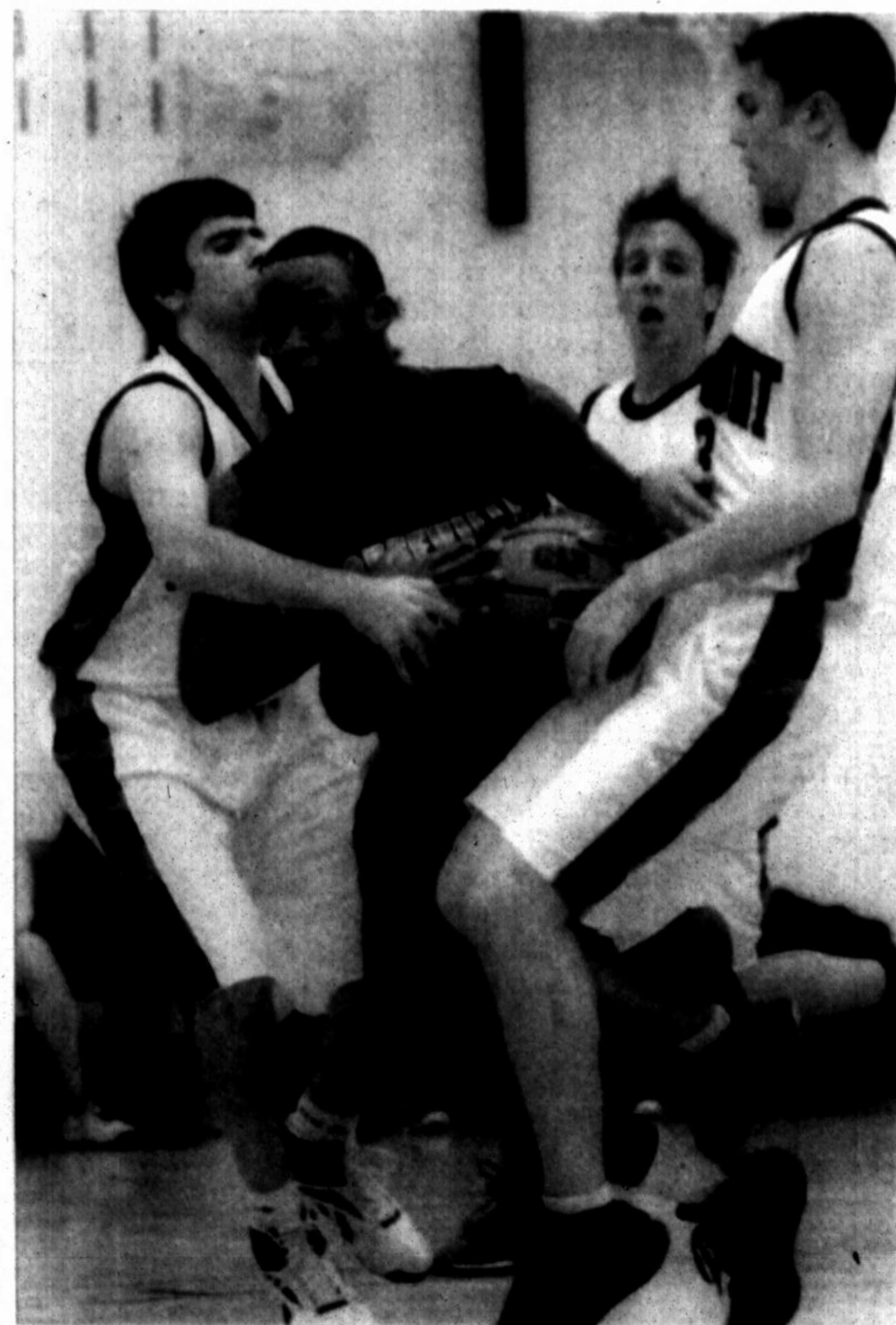
The Spartans will play St. Robert in a first-round game at 7:45 a.m.

## Spartan juniors court win, seniors eliminated

The Spartans junior boys' basketball team advanced to the YRAA tier two quarter-finals after defeating host Markham District High School 62-45 in their round of 16 tilt Friday.

The Spartans were to have played on the road against Emily Carr Secondary School (Vaughan) yesterday.

In senior boys' action, the Spartans were eliminated in their YRAA tier two round of 16 game 62-51 by host Westmount (Thornhill) Monday.



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Stouffville Spartan Jordan Russell tries to get through host Westmount Wolves' defenders Moriel Kalantarov (from left), Guy Meyer and Eugene Lander. Westmount won 62-51 and moved on to the second round in senior boys tier 2 playoffs.

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