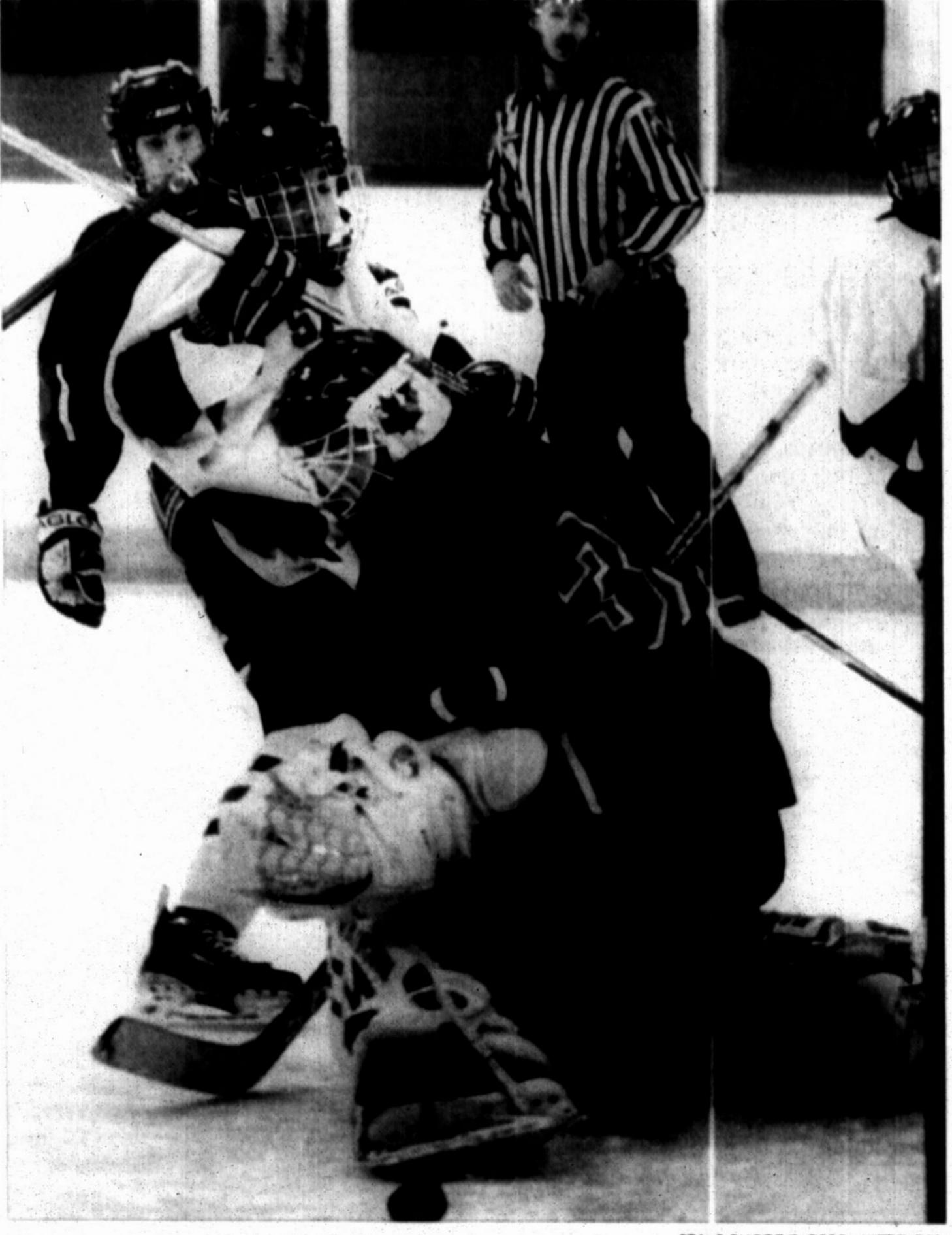
Stouffville Spartan Mark Gavrilov gets his stick lifted in front of Bill Crothers goalie Clint Reid in first period of York Region high school junior boys playoff action at the Clippers Sports Complex Wednesday afternoon. The game ended in a 4-4 tie. Game 2 will be played Monday in Unionville.



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# Girls hockey season ends in consolation final

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The Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans girls varsity hockey team advanced to the consolation final of the York Region Athletic Association's tier two year-end tournament before falling 6-5 to Sir William Mulock (Newmarket) in Newmarket Wednesday.

Melissa Nowikow, Ellen Brown, Brittany Leonard, Abby Bauman and Laura Monk each scored for the Spartans.

The Spartans began the tournament earlier in the day with a heartbreaking 4-3 shootout loss to St. Robert (Thornhill).

With the loss, the Spartans were relegated to the consolation bracket where they proceeded to defeat Langstaff (Richmond Hill) 7-1.

Nowkiow recorded the hat trick while Leonard, Brown, Bauman and Rose Wideman each added single tallies.

The win vaulted the Spartans into the consolation final.

Despite coming up short, Spartans head coach Brian Shankman was pleased with the effort his charges gave.

"All in all, it was a good year,"

he said. "After seven games in the regular season we were 5-2 and tied for second. I thought we got stronger as the season went on."

#### Spartan juniors tie one on thanks to Zambri hat trick

The Spartan junior boys' hockey team battled the topseeded Bill Crothers (Unionville) Colts to a 4-4 tie in the opening game of their YRAA tier one firstto-three-point semfinal series at the Clippers Sports Complex Wednesday.

Eric Zambri scored three goals for the Spartans while Justin Dube added the other goal.

The Colts finished the regular season atop the North-East Division standings with a 9-1-0 mark.

The Spartans were fourth in the North-East Division with a 3-6-1 record.

The series is scheduled to resume at Angus Glen Community Centre in Unionville Monday at 3 p.m.

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