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Andrew Doyle,
Stouffville Spirit captain

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However, after an opening-minute breakaway miss on an open net by Phil Grainger, captain Matt Dineen put a point shot past Jon Hall at 6:45 for a spark. Morgan Bonner made it a two-goal game at 10:53 as he picked a lower corner after cruising uncontested into the slot, setting off a three-goal spree in just over three minutes. Tyson LeBlanc and Jake Weidner connected 18 seconds apart to send the Newmarket supporters into a tizzy.

On the winner, Chick was parked at the edge of the Spirit goal when he redirected a point shot from defenceman Austen Rigney. Chick's initial shot was blocked but the puck bounced to Rigney, who snapped a shot that caromed off the shaft of Chick's stick into the top of the net past Spirit netminder Jon Hall.

"It got through," Chick said with a chuckle. "I think it's good for the boys to get some confidence going into Game 6. The whole demeanour of the team was down. Not much was said in the dressing room, everyone knew what we had to do."

Stouffville's best opportunity, in an overtime dominated by Newmarket, came in the fifth minute when netminder Wintjes stabbed a Christian Powers shot on a three-on-one break for the visitors.

"After that three-on-one save I had a gut feeling we were going to win," said Perrin.

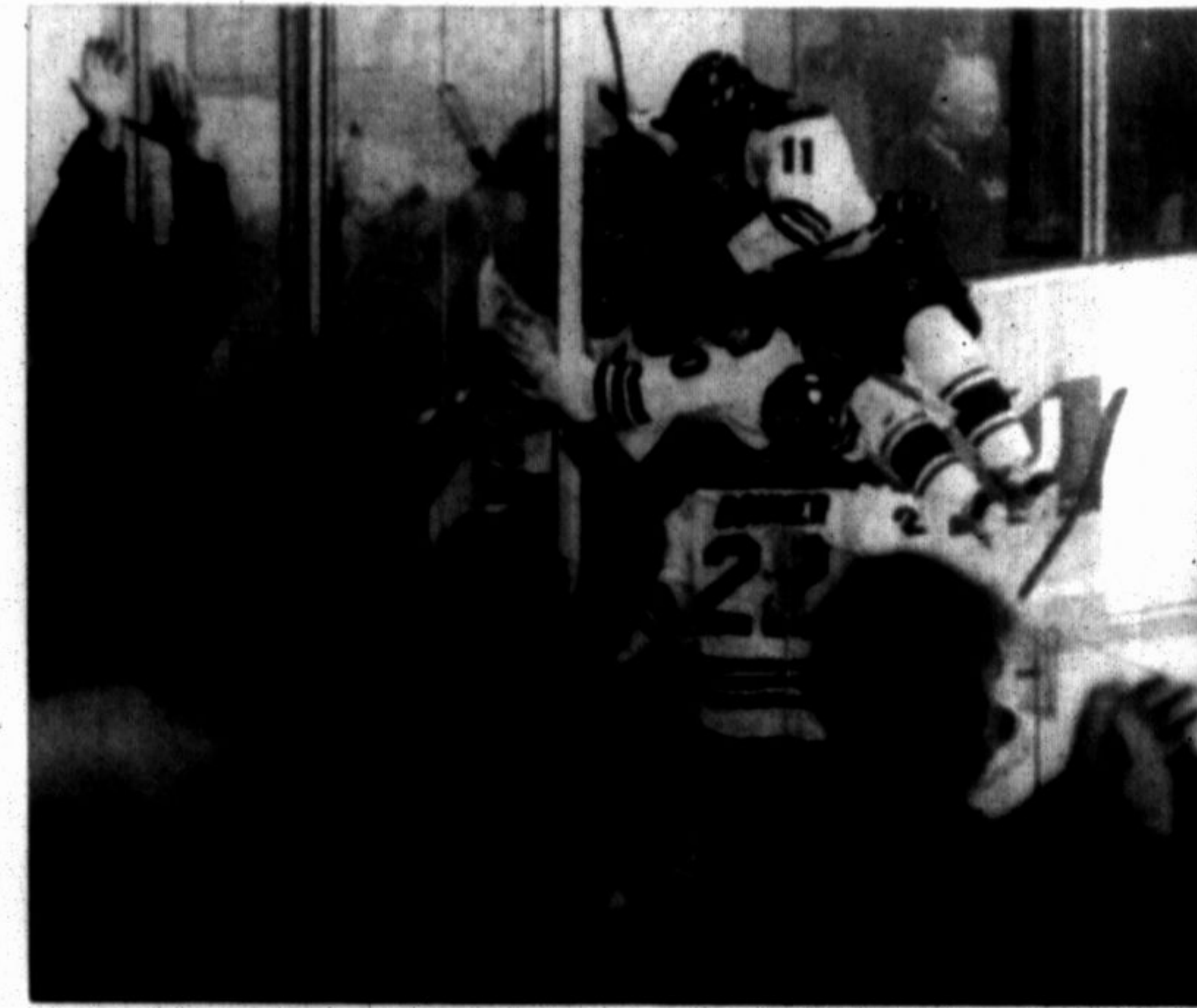
Add this game to a long collection of wild and wacky things that happen when teenagers and pucks are thrown out onto the ice.

"That's junior hockey and anything can happen," said Perrin. "That's what it's about. It is what it is. It's a win for us and we're up 3-2."

There was little Spirit head coach Craig Donovan could do but grin and bear it.

"That's the gods evening things out when it comes to seeing-eye goals," he offered, likely alluding to Game 7 of last season's league quarter-final in which his side erased a late three-goal deficit to steal an overtime triumph. "Hey, if we can score four goals in a period, they sure can."

Spirit captain Andrew Doyle is hoping it is a hard lesson



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Newmarket Hurricane players and fans celebrate their come-from-behind overtime victory Thursday. The Stouffville Spirit must win tonight to extend the best-of-seven series.

learned.

"It just goes to show you can't take any time off," said Doyle whose goal late in the second period might have been the nail in the Hurricanes' coffin. "We got a bit down after their first goal and started running around. We started over-compensating and doing other guys' jobs."

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