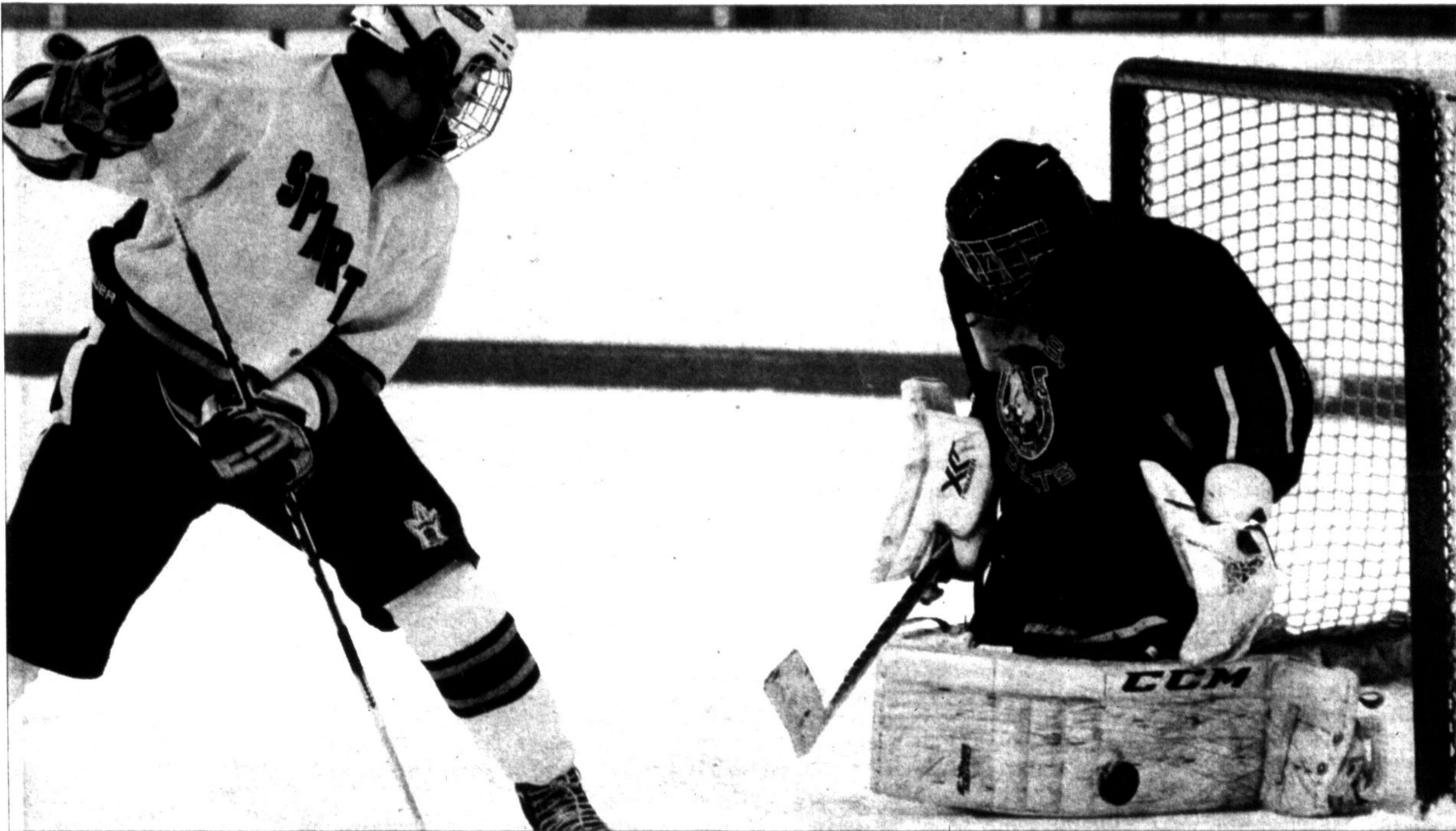


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BIG TIPPER

Stouffville District Secondary School Spartans forward Zach Roberts – the nephew of ex-NHLer Gary Roberts – tips a puck on Unionville Bill Crothers Colts goaltender Ryan Franz during YRAA Tier 1 senior hockey action at the Angus Glen Community Centre Monday. Bill Crothers topped Stouffville 7-2. The Spartans host Markham's St. Brother Andre Cardinals at the Stouffville Clippers Sports Complex Wednesday at 2:30 p.m.

Engineering student will race cars for Andretti team

Stouffville's Dalton Kellett is joining the Andretti family of motorsport racing fame. Andretti Autosport confirmed this week that Kellett has joined its Mazda Road to Indy roster.

The 21-year-old will drive the No. 28 K-Line machine for the Indianapolis-based team during his sophomore season in the Pro Mazda Championship presented by Cooper Tires.

With one podium, two top-five and nine top-10 finishes, Kellett finished 10th in the 2014 season, the Canadian's rookie year.

The Toronto native raced in the Cooper Tires USF2000 Championship powered by Mazda for two years before his graduation to Pro Mazda.

Prior to his involvement in the Mazda Road to Indy, Kellett competed in the Ontario Formula Ford Championship.

During four years of racing karts, he was awarded rookie of the year honours and other scholarships.

Kellett is a busy boy. He plans to graduate with an engineering degree from Queen's University in Kingston in April.

"It's an amazing opportunity to be able to join Andretti Autosport for the 2015 Pro Mazda season," Kellett said. "I anticipate that we will have a successful year, and I am looking forward to the start of the race season."

I was able to get to know the Andretti crew at a post-season test where I immediately felt like we were a good fit. They are a very professional team and I feel like we work well together."

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The Andretti boys have been watching. "We've noticed Dalton as he's been making his way through the Mazda Road to Indy and have been impressed by his work ethic and consistency over the years," added JF Thormann, chief operating officer of Andretti Autosport. "Dalton joined us earlier in the off-season for a test and we were pleased to see how well he fit in with our Pro Mazda team."

Andretti Autosport is entering its fifth year in the Pro Mazda Championship and sixth year in the Mazda Road to Indy.

The Michael Andretti-led outfit is the sole INDYCAR team with squads in Pro Mazda, Indy Lights and the Verizon IndyCar Series.



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