

Two of three for Atom AE Tanners

The getconnected.ca Atom AE Acton Tanners started the first round of the OMHA Playdowns on the weekend with back-to-back home games against the Erin-Hillsburgh Devils and the Dundas Blues. The first game was a shut out on Saturday for Tanner goalie Owen Ferguson with a 2-0 score over the Devils. Jack Kennedy scored both goals for the Tanners, one half-way through the first period, and the other was early in the third. Assists went to linemates Brian Secord and Luke Miehm (2).

The next day, the Tanners hosted the Blues in what turned out to be a real barn burner that went into overtime. Both teams were battling for the puck and the game was scoreless going into the third thanks to some stellar saves from Tanner goalie Mathew Adkins, as well as some great back up by the Tanners defence

helping to clear the puck. After some intense rallying by both teams, the Blues put themselves on the scoreboard at 5:01 in the third. Fighting hard to get that one back, Tanners defenceman Jon Bydevaate went in on a rush and evened the score with only 1:51 remaining on the clock. Assists were credited to Dylan Palmer and Cameron Shoebridge. Ending regulation time in a 1-1 tie, they went into a 10-minute overtime period, but the Blues managed to get a breakaway only three minutes into OT and landed another goal, for a 2-1 loss for the Tanners.

On Monday night, the Tanners travelled to Erin to play the second of their two round-robin games against the Devils. Knowing that they had to win this one if they had any hope of continuing in the first round, the Tanners came out strong right from the

start. Devin Muise opened the scoring with only 1:46 left in the first period with an unassisted goal. That got the momentum going, and Kennedy followed suit with another goal only 15 seconds later off a pass from Miehm. The Tanners continued to dominate the second period with some hard work by defencemen Joshua Hamilton, Ben Gray, Ryan McAskill and Bydevaate. The E/H goalie was forced to make many saves to keep the Tanners offence at bay, but that changed five minutes into the third when Muise netted his second goal of the game. This time, it was Shoebridge who scored, only 21 seconds later, after a pass from behind the net from Palmer to make it 4-0 Tanners. The Tanners continued to work hard, denying the Devils any goals to give Ferguson his second shut out of the series with the 4-0 win.



Novice Chargers blanked

The Acton The Doctor's Office Novice Select Chargers travelled to Georgetown to face the Major Novice Select Raiders in the Chargers' first game of the season last weekend. The Charger had been champing at the bit to finally play a game and came out of the gate all fired up against the older, seasoned Raiders team.

The first period was very tight with each team mustering just a few shots. The Chargers defence was solid and goalie Christopher Harriott made some big saves for the Chargers to keep the game scoreless after one period. In the second period, the Raiders came out firing and managed to go up by 2-0 by the end of the period. In the third period, the Raiders con-

tinued their attack, but Chargers goalie Mathew Lantz made some huge saves on the Raiders shooters to keep the score close. At the other end, the Chargers offense came alive and started to get more pucks on the Raiders goalie but were unable to find the net. As the Charger's legs seemed to wear down towards the end of the game, the Raiders managed a couple of late tallies to make the final score 5-0.

Regardless of the outcome, the coaches were very proud of the team's effort as they worked very hard and played exceptionally well considering it was their first game of the season together against the veteran Georgetown squad. The team travels to Oakville on January 30 to face the Wranglers, and will try to bring home the gold at the Scarborough Valentines Select Tournament the weekend of February 4-6.

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