



GOLDEN ATOM AE TANNERS: The Acton Atom AE Tanners earned a Gold medal with a 1-0 O/T win in the championship game at the recent Hespeler Olympics. The team includes, front from left: Braedan Lazenby, Owen Kennedy, Michael Haggett, Mike Jankowski and Thomas Holmes. Middle: Zach Timbers, Logyn Nyitrai, Laek Swain, Matthew Geim, Evan Ashe, Jaret Rosenburg, Riley Drexler, Aydin Reddeman, Kevin Reppar, Chris Harriott and Cale McWilliams. Back: Andrew Reddeman (trainer), Colin Ashe (head coach), Greg Geim and Gary Rosenburg (asst. coaches.) – Submitted photo

Atom AE Tanners stike gold at tournament

The Acton Atom AE Tanners brought home a Gold medal after a thrilling 1-0 O/T win in the championship game.

The Tanners, sponsored by Drexler Construction and Chudleigh's, opened against Hespeler. The hosts stunned the Tanners with a goal just a minute in but Acton rebounded as Evan Ashe picked up a loose puck and buried it before Michael Haggett and Mike Jankowski scored to put the game away in the second, with assists to Kevin Reppar (2) and Laek Swain.

Ashe picked up Player of the Game honours.

Next, Acton came out flying against Erin-Hillsburgh and Aydin Reddeman opened the scoring sending a wicked wrister five-hole. Jaret Rosenburg and Jankowski added first period scores assisted by Jankowski, Reddeman, Riley Drexler and Owen Kennedy. Erin clawed back with a goal but the Tanners put the 6-1 win away on goals by Reppar, Haggett and Kennedy from Ashe and Rosenburg who was awarded Player of the Game.

In the semi-final, Acton met the Belle River Canadiens. From the opening draw, the Tanners dominated but the stingy Canadiens goaltender held their offence at bay until Rosenburg and Drexler combined to setup Kennedy who fired it in for the lead with seconds left in the first. With three minutes left, Haggett danced out of

the corner and went top shelf to widen the lead but Belle River clawed back within one a minute later. Haggett, the Player of the Game, added an empty netter and completed the natural hat trick with 0.1 seconds left on a nifty pass from Ashe.

The gold medal championship had the Tanners square off again with home-

town Hespeler. The goalies stole the show during regulation with Acton's Chris Harriott and Cale McWilliams matching the Hespeler tender save for save on the way to a 0-0 score after three. Then just 43 seconds into overtime, Ashe and Haggett battled for a loose puck in front with Haggett finally getting a handle on it

and lifted it over the goalie for the victory. Swain was Player of the Game.

Tenacious checking by wingers Logyn Nyitrai, Braedan Lazenby and defence men Matthew Geim, Thomas Holmes, Zach Timbers, Reppar and Swain had the Tanners give up only three goals in four games on their way to gold.

Nytraai scores winner

In Acton Ladies Hockey, Active Choice won a squeaker with a 1-0 win over Tanner's Pub & Grill. Kim Nytraai scored on a one-timer

mid-way in the second period from Janet Gar-

ton and Barb Redford. Kristy Hayward earned the shutout for Active Choice.

In the second game, Smooth & Trendzy defeated Acton Optical 4-1. Tammy Flute paced

Smooth & Trendzy with two goals and an assist. Four goals were scored in the second period after a scoreless first period.

Christine Robertson scored the lone marker for Acton Optical from Dawn Civiero and Mary Joosten. Lori McIntyre and Flute replied for Smooth & Trendzy. Trendzy added two more in the third to put

the game out of reach. Annette Kroezen also scored for the victors. Assists went to Linda Vickery with two and Nicholl Spence, Becky Kaye and Diane Blazenko.

Tomorrow night, Acton Optical faces Active Choice at 10 p.m., and Tanner's Pub & Grill visit Smooth & Trendzy at 11 p.m.

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