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# Minor Atoms Tanners lose, tie with Lightning

By Dianne Mellon

The Minor Atom Tanners played Elora Lightning in Acton Jan. 2. The game was played at a slow pace with Elora being able to take the game by a score of 4-3.

# Yaks tie one on

Acton Yaks Under 11's soccer team resume their indoor soccer schedule with a 2-2 tie versus Woodbridge Strikers on Saturday. Acton started slowly falling behind 1-0 to host Woodbridge.

In the second half Talon Sasek opened the scoring for the Yaks. Acton fell behind 2-1 but constant pressure by the Yaks resulted in a tying goal by Tyler Hillhouse. The Yaks' record now stands at one win, one loss and two ties for 5 points.

Tanner goals were scored by Tyler McNiven (2), Kevin Vickery (1). Assists went to David Gardner (2), Stephen Bennett (2) and Alexander Brake (1).

The Tanners played their last league game in Elora on Jan. 4 and came home with a tie

Alexander Brake scored early in the first period from David Gardner and Stephen Bennett to take a 1-0 lead.

They opened up a 2-0 lead on a goal from Zack Woolford, assisted by David Gardner and Alexander Brake.

Elora also scored in the second period making it 2-1.

In the third period the Tanners and Lightning played even, but Lightning scored the tying goal with 6 seconds left in the game for a 2-2 tie.

The Tanners finished the regular schedule with 12 wins, 10 losses and 2 ties.

# Undefeated Villa bounces Georgetown

Acton Villa Men's Indoor Soccer team retained their perfect record this past weekend with a 9-4 victory over Georgetown.

The season's performance improves to 4 and 0, good enough for a first place tie with Bayren Hotspur of Milton. Both these teams meet next

week for 1st place bragging rights.

Acton Soccer Club (Men's Section) holds a scrimmage night every Wednesday at Acton High School from 8:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Players of all skill levels are invited to attend. Call Dave Banks 853-0423 for details.

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### OPP seize \$87.8 million in marijuana plants in 3 months

The Ontario Provincial Police seized a total of \$87.8 million worth of marijuana plants during its three-month eradication program in the year 2000. The program operated in conjunction with the RCMP, local police forces and Crime Stoppers.

The largest hauls were taken in Central and Eastern Ontario (29,678 and 29,688 plants respectively, valued at \$1,000 each) which accounted for approximately 68 per cent of the province's total.

In addition, a total of \$385,425 worth of property was seized - \$200,000 of which was confiscated in Eastern Ontario, and \$165,925 in the North West region. In all, 41 persons were charged.

Investigators are crediting a large part of this year's success to a \$313,000 grant for the full-time use of a leased helicopter dedicated to aerial detection of the least visible growing locations and obscure marijuana plots around the province. In fact, the final

tally indicates that for every hour flown by the helicopter, \$241,000 worth of drugs was located.

Funding, provided through the Criminal Intelligence Service of Ontario, supported the crime prevention initiative with the assets of criminal organizations seized as a result of police investigations. So, the 'Eye in the Sky' was paid for by criminals.

The leasing of a helicopter dedicated to drug eradication allowed the OPP's two permanent helicopters to continue to focus on search and rescue services throughout Ontario.

Total figures for 2000 eradication are down from the 1999 total of \$120.7 million but police attribute the drop to a poor growing season and to growers "getting the message."

Despite the success, police found the number of booby-trapped plantations to be disturbing. "This illustrates the lengths to which the growers of illegal drugs will go to protect their plots," D/Insp. Elbers said.

A break down of the overall count is as follows: West Region - 13,975 plants, 19 plots, Greater Toronto Region - 10,400 plants, 14 plots, Central Region - 29,678 plants, 44 plots, East Region - 29,688 plants, 57 plots, Northeast Region - 4,036 plants, 7 plots, Northwest Region - 106 plants, 3 plots.

