

SPORTS

DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT 12 NOON

Minor Novice Tanners 1-1 in Tri-County playoffs

The Minor Novice Tanners lost the first Tri-County playoff game against Caledon on Jan. 17, by the score of 5-2.

Acton goals were scored by Brandon Masini and Bradley Kri. Assists went to Rebecca Traversa, Billy

Burgan, Ellis Lavallee and Bradley Kri.

On Jan. 20, Acton played at home against Fergus and showed their division rivals the Tanners are ready for playoff action with a 7-0 win. Bradley Kri had five goals with singles by Nicolas

Gagan and Billy Burgan. Jesse Spurrell had two assists with Garret Kri and Rebecca Traversa.

Joseph Drexler and Ben Hess shared the shut-out. Acton plays Caledon in their first OMHA playoff game on Jan. 27.

9-4-1 season record Devils post more wins

By SHIRLEY GOLDEN

Erin/Hillsburgh Juveniles went undefeated in the last five games of the regular season. They played in Watford Jan. 15 and came away with a 9-2 win and beat Exeter on Sunday. In the Watford game, Jim Corrigan scored first for the Devils with Jordan Thompson adding one two minutes later. Chad Atkinson added two more in the first, one while on the powerplay before Watford came back with one.

At 12.28 of the second Chad Atkinson got the hat trick while on the powerplay and Darrell Peavoy added his first of the season. In the third Matt Kennedy scored and Jordan Thompson got his second of the game. Watford again came back with one but Matt Kennedy scored on fi-

nal time for the Devils giving them a 9-2 win.

Winning goal was awarded to Chad Atkinson, while assists in the game went to Matt Kennedy (3), John Tummonds (3), Jim Corrigan (3), Loren Bredahl (2), Jordan Thompson (2), Lars Bredahl and Richard Crowe.

The Devils played their final regular season game in Erin on Sunday against Exeter. They took the lead quickly with Ryan Bathgate scoring first, followed by goals from Sandy Chapman of Acton, and Chris Stephens to end the first 3-0. Darrell Peavoy scored on the powerplay half way through the second. Exeter came back with one but 23 seconds later Ryan Bathgate scored his second of the game.

In the third John Tummonds shot one past the

Exeter goalie, and again, despite superb goaltending by Ryan Neil, Exeter scored before Darrell Peavoy scored his second of the game and the Devils won 7-2.

Winning goal went to Chris Stephens, and assists went to Matt Kennedy (2), Loren Bredahl (2), John Tummonds (2), Chad Atkinson (2), Richard Crowe, Sandy Chapman and Lars Bredahl.

The Devils ended their season at 9-4-1, undefeated in their last five. Next weekend they travel to the Juvenile Silver Stick Tournament and they await the beginning of their OMHA playdowns.

Indoor Soccer

UNDER-7
Holland Shop 9
Leathertown Lumber 5
Holland goals: Mitchell Brake (5), Walter Kirkness (3), Erika Stokes. Leathertown goals: Jacob Hazzard (2), Gregory Wells (3).

UNDER-10
Royal Jug City 4
Super Submarine 2
Royal goals: Rylan Parker (2), Connor Tonkin, Zachary Loewen. Super goals: Kyle Tulk, Larissa Shausbreitner.
A&S Engraving 5 — Halton Credit Union 4
A&S goals: Jesse Voelkner (4), Chais Morrison. Credit goals: Matthew George (4).

UNDER-13
Acton Building Contractors 4 — Hi Five Photography 1
ABC goals: Peter Hansen (2), Rebecca MacPherson, Adrian Dragan. Hi Five goals: Alexandra Metelka.

Outdoor Equipment 3 — MacMillan's 1
Outdoor goals: Kyle Nap, Nicole Scott, Nils-Olav Stockinger. MacMillan's goal: Alex Brake.

ADULTS
Teal 12 - Green 7
Teal goals: Todd Schonnop, Marc Vandekakker (6), Gil Douglas, Joanna Miller. Green goals: Mark Tonkin (3), Natalie Tuitman, Steve Burton (2), Niles (no last name provided.)

Villa posts six straight with win over Burlington

Acton Villa men's team pulled off their sixth straight victory on Sunday in the Milton Indoor Soccer League, but not without a fight.

A slow start against a scrappy Burlington team saw the locals down by two goals early. Villa's Edmundson Transport players pulled one

back before half with a goal by Peter Wright.

After the break, Villa hit cruise control with three unanswered goals. Finding the net were Tony Wright, Mike Griffin and Kevin Galloway. A well-earned 4-2 victory keeps the team top of the league with a 6-0 record.

AHS girls take win from Milton's E.C. Drury

The Acton High School (AHS) girls' hockey team took a 4-3 decision from E.C. Drury school on Friday, Jan. 19.

Krista Kearns and Laura Anne Sheehan each potted two goals to lead the Acton team to victory. They scored three in the first period and one in the second for the win-

ning margin while the Milton school connected for one goal in each period. Courtney MacGillivray, Kelly Beardall, Meghan Williams and Dawn Stevenson registered assists on the Acton goals.

Bruce Andrews in the AHS coach.

World price of crude oil driving up gas prices

The price of petroleum has raised increasing concern recently. Norman Foote of Acton wrote to the Minister of Finance, the Hon. Paul Martin, to express his concern, and received this letter in reply:

Dear Mr. Foote:

Thank you for contacting the government regarding petroleum product prices and federal taxes. I appreciate this opportunity to address your concerns and regret the delay in doing so.

I would first like to point out that the price increases of petroleum products are attributable to a substantial rise in the world price of crude oil, not federal taxes. The price of crude oil per barrel has increased by two and a half times over the past two years. Federal taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel have remained unchanged during this period of price increases.

It is important to note that revenues from federal taxes - including the excise tax on gasoline and diesel - go into



the Consolidated Revenue Fund. These revenues are used to support a broad range of federal programs that are enjoyed and valued by all Canadians - programs such as health care, post-secondary education, seniors' benefits and national defence.

With respect to suggestions to reduce federal taxes on fuel products, Canadians have told the government that reducing personal income tax should be the government's priority. The government has listened to Canadians.

In total, the tax measures proposed in the October 18, 2000 Economic Statement and Budget Update, combined with those in Budget 2000, will provide \$100 billion of cumulative tax relief by 2004-05.

I would also note the indexation of the personal income tax system announced in Budget 2000 has helped

offset the impact of the price changes of products, such as gasoline and diesel fuel, on taxpayers.

You may be assured that the federal government shares Canadians' concerns with the increases in the prices of petroleum products. In this regard, a study was launched on March 20, 2000 and a report is being prepared. The study was designed to give Canadians and their government a better understanding of how our domestic retail and wholesale gasoline markets work. Industry participants, consumer groups and the public in various regions of Canada were consulted.

Furthermore, Canada, as part of the 24-member International Energy Agency, will work with its international partners to promote stability in international oil markets.

I trust my comments are helpful.

Sincerely,
The Honourable Paul
Martin, P.C., M.P.

Region aids start of small business

Starting a small business? Halton has pro help for you.

Anyone who has made a resolution to start a small business in the New Year should know it is important to have the right information. The Halton Region Business Development Centre is the one location to help.

If you are armed with the right information it can help reduce the risks involved. Sometimes that means talking to a lawyer or accountant

about the business idea. Many entrepreneurs don't seek out professionals until they have a problem. However, the most opportune time to seek out a professional is in the initial start-up phase.

To assist entrepreneurs in finding support to start their business the Halton Business Development Centre has announced the continuation of Access to Professionals program for 2001. Last year Halton area lawyers and accountants donated their time to meet with entrepreneurs. The program was a huge success and clients requested the opportunity to meet with marketing and technology professionals.

The 2001 program has been expanded to offer access to accounting, legal, marketing and technology

professionals.

The program runs on the second Tuesday of each month. Legal and Accounting sessions will run in the morning, Marketing and Technology sessions will run in the afternoon. Consultations are booked for 45 minutes per client, and are held in meeting rooms at our location. Small business clients are charged a \$20 administration fee in advance for their appointment(s).

Over 45 professionals have registered to participate in the program this year.

For more information on how to register for Access to Professionals contact the Halton Region Business Development Centre at 905-825-6300, or toll free at 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866) or visit our website at www.haltonbusiness.com.

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