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CALEDON HAWK forwards coverage on the Acton net in Minor Bantam acton Saturday. The Hawks chalked up a 4-1 margin before the Tanners responded with three goals in nine minutes to tie the score. - Chuck Tysoe photo

Minor Bantams storm back to tie Caledon Hawks, 4-4

By Chuck Tysoe

Not to quit under adversity is the mark of a winner, and the Minor Bantam Tanners showed they have it in them here Saturday night, scoring three times in nine minutes, the last with 1:01 on the clock, to nullify a 4-1 deficit and tie the Caledon Hawks at four. However, they may have been feeling let-down Sunday night in Flamborough, as they were bounced 3-2 for their only loss so far in their divisional round-robin.

At Acton, following a time out, versatile Greg Boughton replaced Goalie Jordan Guindon, reaching the net in time to slot home Kurtis McArthur's pass. Eric Goll also assisted, responding for a defence corps treated with less than respect this night by the hungry Hawks.

Caledon's netminder held off an early flurry by the Acton forwards to keep his team in the game. Mark Boycott from Mike Kuiper and Pat Collins opened the scoring early in the second. However, Caledon was clearly not the team Acton bested twice in league play. Out-playing the Tanners in every phase of the game, they stunned the home side with four goals in less than a period, two 22 seconds apart late in the second, for the 4-1 lead. Matt Bronziewski made it 4-2 from a goal-mouth scrum with Acton a man up. Kurtis McArthur, stung earlier by a brutal slash, ended a brilliant shift scoring from Collins and Boycott to set the stage for Boughton.

Collins, with a dozen seconds left, drove the net but his high, short side backhand hit outside the post.

Jon Tysoe had a strong game, being barely denied on several close-in chances. Alex Dube was his usual energetic presence, while sparkplug forward Jason Beatty, out for some time with a broken finger, was clearly missed.

Senior boys' cager season over

A 71-61 loss to Toronto's People's Christian school last Tuesday ended the Acton High School senior boys' basketball team's hopes of heading to the provincial championships.

Acton was within one win of advancing to the Ontario Federation of Schools Athletic Association (OFSSA) basketball championships after taking the first qualifier 52-38 from Brampton Christian Academy.

Accurate shooting from People's Christian spelled trouble for Acton players who were stalled, despite a strong offensive game.

Midgets out of OMHA - goal league title

By JIMMONAGHAN

Unfortunately, there is no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow for the Midget Tanners this year. With a 6-3 loss to Port Colborne in game four of their OMHA quarter-finals, Acton was eliminated from further action in the Ontario playdowns.

With a must win situation facing the Midgets on home ice, the Tanners were unable to answer the speed of the Port Colborne squad. Thanks to the acrobatics of goalie Mark Finnie, the game stayed close for two periods. However, the flood gates opened in the third and with it drowned any OMHA title aspirations for the Tanners.

Matt Wolfer, Ryan Weatherall and Tyler Thompson did provide some highlights for the local side as each buried a marker. Steve Barends and John Field were credited with single helpers in the losing cause.

Despite the loss, the Tanners still have the league playoffs to set their sights on. They started that run off in grand style with an 8-2 shellacking of Guelph a few weeks ago. More recently, they beat up the always tough Woolwich team 6-3.

Steve Barends was the star of that game as the speedy winger had a hat trick of goals and an assist. Right behind him was centre man Ryan Weatherall, who had a pair of markers and helpers. Call up, Sean Kirk, rounded out the scoring. Other assists went to Peter Clatt, Darren Selihar, Adam Brouillard, Tyler Thompson, Tyler Chapman, and Bantam AP Ryan Hirtle.

Game three in their playoff run turned into a penalty-filled affair against the Hespeler Shamrocks. As a result the game was curfewed in the third period with nine minutes still remaining and the Shamrocks holding to a slim lead 3-2 lead. Despite protests from the Tanners, the outcome was upheld and Acton suffered the loss.

Tyler Thompson and Andrew Pembleton were Acton's marksmen, while Steve Atkinson and Andrew Forbes chipped in with an assist each. The Tanners have a busy 10 days as the drive to be one of the top two teams to advance from the round robin into the league finals.

House League Hockey

- TYKE**
A&S Engraving 3
Jescan Power 3
 A&S goals: Christopher Azzopardi (3). Assists: Holden Carachi, Adrian Thomson, Connor Brown. Jescan goals: Mitchell Brake (2), Kyle Rodd. Assists: Aaron Weaver, Tanner Rodd, Clayton Black.

- Acton Auto Tech 5**
Hogarth Printing 3
 AAT goals: Jonathan Porty, Brandon Lockyer (2), James Begg, Cody Fry. Assists: Kirin Rice, Damian Ewing, Matthew Stubbington, Porty, Begg, Lockyer, Dylan Britton. Hogarth goals: Roger Kirkness, Walter Kirkness (2). Assist: Scott Morris.

- Flyers 6**
Mighty Ducks 1
 Flyer goals: Jake Lewis (4), Devon Wylde (2). Assists: Brian Taylor (2), Ryan Dunlevy (2), Joshua Campbell, Derek Thomas (2), Christopher Roach, David Sargent, Adam McKinnon. Duck goal: Cameron Hryciw. Assists: Shane Findlay, Eric Butson.

- NOVICE**
Berkshire 2
M&M Pro Sports 1
 Berkshire goals: Anastasia Smelsky, Mitchell Webster. Assists: Eric Niblock, Ben Winters. M&M goal: Mark Wells. Assists: Justin Bravo, Cole Brumwell.

- MacMillan's 2**
Time Out Sports 1
 Macmillan's goals: Michael Brown, Taylor Mann. Assists: Michael Lavinge (2). Time Out goal: Monique Lalande. Assist: Philip Conlin.

- Legion 4**
Best Transfer 2
 Legion goals: Ethan Job (3), Daniel Gaeten. Assists: Lucas McIntyre, Zachary Fry (2), Matthew Mills, Cameron Coady. Best goals: Nathan Bennett, Cole Fricker. Assists: Kyle Adams, Megan Evans.

- ATOM**
Georgetown Chrysler 3
Allostra Catering 1
 Chrysler goals: Sean Terry (3). Assists: Thomas Waldie, Haddon Cole, J.T. Cooper. Allostra goal: Tomas Hjelholt.

- Graphic Shoppe 5**
Legion 1
 Graphic goals: James Reid (4), Ritchie Brownlee. Assists: T.J. Ferreira (2), Cody Wilson, Alex Hunak. Legion goal: T.J. Fry.

- Nellis Construction 3**
R/M Construction 3
 Nellis goals: John Traversa (3). Assists: Graham Ragan, Clark Buchanan (2), James Evans (2), Nick Glover. R/M goals: Nathan Howson, Thomas Glassford, Chris Viel. Assists: William Poirier, Colin Adema, Miranda Howson, Garrett Nuttall, Marcel Van Helden, Simon Thompson.

- PEEWEE**
Acton Terminal Warehouse 5
CAW 3
 ATW goals: Ben Ragan (2), Jeremy Stevens, Brendon Pezzack, Josh Stevens. Assists: Pezzack, Jeremy Stevens (2), Jason Darthwright, Ragan, John Stevens. CAW goals: Derek Burton, Melody Edwards, Federico Mena Diaz. Assists: Mena Diaz, Edwards, Dylan McPhail.

- Precast Concrete 4**
Halton Power Line 3
 Precast goals: Brad Near (2), Wade Kuiken-Rogers, Spencer Morrison. Assists: Tim Medland (3), Kuiken-Rogers (3), Near (2). Power Line goals: Richard Island (3). Assists: Davey Forrester, Amanda Schroeder, Luke Hurren, Matthew Eaton-Kent.

- Acton Kinsmen 8**
Daniel Varanelli 1
 Kinsmen goals: Kevin Saelzer (2), Mike Kellas (2), Brendon Moffatt, Dennis Hunak (2), Chris Richard. Assists: Paul Bradley (2), Saelzer, Kellas, Jeremy Cole, Daryl McKnight (2), Hunak. Varanelli goal: Kevin Deforest.

- BANTAM/MIDGET**
Maksteel 11
Hi-Five Photography 4
 Maksteel goals: Darcy O'Driscoll, Shawn Prentice (3), Tim Kirk (3), Sean Kirk, Rob Rolfe (2), Joel Sherwood. Assists: Driscoll (3), Mike VandenHoek, Mike English (2), Brent Chapman. Hi-Five goals: Nick Mastro (4). Assists: Jay Lalande, Dave Lyons, Curtis Pilcher, Brendan Dick.

- St. John's Trophies 4**
Acton Subway 3
 St. John's goals: Jamie Stevenson, Michael Lee, Adam Mills, Shawn Richard. Assists: Jason McGuire (2), Shawn Richard, Jacob Kentner, Matt Dayman. Subway goals: Mitch Moore, David McEnery, Jeff Thompson. Assists: Ryan Stroud, Russell White, Shane Drexler.

Senior girls head to OFSSA

The Acton senior girls' volleyball team will have to keep up the heat for a good showing at the Ontario Federation of Secondary Schools Athletic Association (OFSSA) provincial championships underway yesterday (Wednesday) and today in Chatham.

Despite a 1-7 record, volunteer coach Laura Holms of Acton, said the team had a good season.

"They beat every team they played at least one game, but only won, one match. They'd come out with balls of fire and then they'd slow down in the second and third," Holms said, adding they've been working on holding their intensity up for the entire match.

This is the squad's seventh trip to the provincial high school tournament, which involves round-robin play and championship and consolation playoffs.

"For the past two years they've been second on the consolation side and I'd like to see them make the championship side, not the consolation side, this year."

Junior volleyball
 Holms also coaches the junior girls' volleyball squad, whose season ended in the semi-finals of the Halton Secondary School Athletic Association last week.

The squad headed into the Halton playoffs in fifth position with a 4-4 regular season record and knocked off the fourth place team and then defeated the first place team to get to the semifinals.

In the semifinals they were knocked off by the first place team (St. Thomas Aquinas), a team undefeated in regular season play.

"They (Acton) had played Aquinas previously in a tournament and beat them one game, but they're very strong offensively and we just couldn't keep up to the them in the semifinal game," Holms said, praising the players for their calm, level-headed style.

"They have excellent individual skills and they're very confident - sort of even-keeled - they don't get too excited and they don't get down."