

# SPORTS

## Minor Novices tie, lose weekend games

Goalie Jesse Harris recorded consecutive half-game shutouts as the Acton Minor Novice Tanners tied and lost games on the weekend.

The first game was on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> against Flamborough, who beat the Tanners 10-1 last time they met. This time the game was much closer, as the teams were still tied 0-0 with two minutes left in the second period.

Acton played well, including killing a minute and a half of a two man advantage for Flamborough. Flamborough struck for three quick goals in the last two minutes of the second, and another in the third to go up 4-0.

Acton struck back in the third as Basil Payne, taking a rare turn at forward, took a pass from Cameron Carr and carried the puck into the Flamborough zone, with winger Mitchell brake on a 2 on 1.

Payne deked the defenceman and fired the puck past the Flamborough goalie for his first goal of the season and second point in three games.

The game ended 4-1 for Flamborough.

**Trip to Fergus**  
Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> was the team's first trip to Fergus, after tying Fergus twice in Acton. The Tanners started the day with a 7am practice, then headed to Fergus shortly thereafter.

This time, Acton scored first, as defenceman Jake Lewis took a pass in his own zone and skated the length of the ice before shooting the puck past the Fergus goalie. Brandon Lockyer and Captain Jesse Spurrell drew the assists, with Lockyer regain-

ing the tie for a team lead in assists with seven.

Fergus tied it up soon after, and though Acton had some good chances, they could not regain the lead, so the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

The shutouts lowered Jesse Harris' goals against average to 3.24, as he has now recorded half-game shutouts in five of his last six games. Next home games are on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, then off to a tournament in Bradford on the weekend.

### Indoor Soccer

#### December 15 results

**UNDER-9**  
**Ron's Burner Service 10**  
**Outdoor Power 3**

Ron's goals: Jessie Yoelkner (7), James MacDonald, Emily Vickery, Joey Dominelli. Outdoor goals: Nick Dunne (2), Justin McKeon.

**UNDER-13**  
**Empress Communications 11**  
**Red 1**

Empress goals & assists: Alex Brake (5, 1), Nicole Scott (3,2), Cody Rowsell (2,1), Johnathan Derouchie (1,3). No name submitted for Red's goal.

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**Kinettes 7**  
**Team Two 3**

Kinettes goals: Andrew Tressel (4), Evan Colvin, Chris Gabrielson, Bill Watterson. Team Two goals: Jeffrey Becker (3).

## Minor Peewees...

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Moore to give Acton a 5-1 lead and with 2:54 left in the 2<sup>nd</sup> period, Jordan Kuenzig sent a beaut pass to Matt Angell and Matt put the sixth goal in for Acton.

Elias Freschette played a very strong game on the Acton defense in the game. With 1:03 left in the 2<sup>nd</sup> period, Josh Ceccotti scored Acton's seventh goal unassisted and the third period was scoreless, giving Acton a 7-1 victory.

The Minor Peewees hosted Guelph on Dec. 23 but the Royal City crew took a 6-1 win.

Guelph scored the first

goal at 3:55 of the 1<sup>st</sup> and never looked back. With 35.8 left in the 1<sup>st</sup>, Guelph pulled ahead 2-0. Guelph banged another one in at the 9 minute mark of the second to make it 3-0.

Less than 20 seconds later Guelph scored another and were leading 4-0. However with 6:29 left in the second Daniel Kearns scored the first and only goal for Acton, assisted by Jordan Kuenzig.

Guelph scored again late in the second, then they dumped another one in early in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, making it 6-1.

Acton had many shots on goal in the third, but just couldn't get through.

## Major Novices win; lose at New Hamburg tourney

by Chris Kutasienski

Acton Major Novice Tanners travelled to New Hamburg on Fri. Jan 4 to participate in a one day tournament and came away with a win and a loss. The loss came in the second game eliminating them from a berth in the final.

The Tanners' first game

saw them matched up against a very strong skating Paris Wolfpack squad.

The first two periods were very tight checking with the majority of chances coming off the Wolfpack's sticks, but strong play by the defensive pairing of Mathew Kutasienski and Luke Van Dinther stumped Paris's attempts.

The third period began with the score knotted at 0-0 and stayed tied until midway through when Cole Fricker won a face off in the Paris end, sending the puck back to the point where Steven Wolstenholm teed off and fired it through everyone to make it 1-0 Acton.

The game ended 1-0, rewarding the Tanners with a win and a shutout shared by Joseph Drexler and Ben Hess.

In the second game the Tanners were not so fortunate. They faced off against the host team, New Hamburg Huskies, a skilled hockey club with strong skating and crisp passes. The jumped ahead to a quick 4-0 lead.

Acton was able to collect themselves and were successful in slowing New Hamburg's pace down in the second period. Strong play by the Tanners started to pay off as Mitchell Webster skated end to end and, as the last Huskie back knocked him off balance, he blew the puck past the goalie to make the score 4-1.

This, unfortunately, was as close as the Tanners would get. The Huskies won dashing Actons hope at a chance in the final.

### Major Novices lose 5-2

Acton Major Novice Tanners visited Brampton on Sat. Jan 5 to play a game filled with opportunities but ended up coming up short in a 5-2 loss.

The Tanners opened the scoring in the first period when Billy Burgan sent a shot towards the net, allowing Jamie Campbell the opportunity to stuff the puck in the back of the net. Brampton came back to score two of their own, the second when Acton failed on several attempts to clear the puck out of their zone.

Acton fought back, and while pressing Brampton in their end, Cole Fricker dug the puck out of the corner, fed a perfect pass onto the stick of Jake Hnatiw who lifted it up over the goalie to tie the game at 2-2.

Brampton was able to rebound and with Acton showing signs of fatigue, scored three unanswered goals sending the Tanner squad home with a 5-2 loss.

Acton's next game and last of the regular schedule, is at home Jan. 12 versus Burlington.

## Minor Bantams tie 5-5 Knot with Ancaster

by Kathrine Ceccotti

Acton Minor Bantams and Ancaster played to a 5-5 tie in a Tri-County league game at Acton December 22.

Pat Collins put Acton ahead early in the first period, assisted by Kyle McDonald, but less than three minutes later Ancaster tied it up and it was a back and forth game from that point on.

Brendon Pezzack scored the second for Acton while they played shorthanded, assisted by Brandon Ceccotti but the visitors tied it up with only 37 seconds left in the

second period.

Ancaster pulled ahead at the 13 minute mark of the third but Tyler Holmes pulled the Tanners even at 3-3 with 8:15 left on the clock. Ancaster regained the lead with less than three minutes left on the clock only to have Kyle McDonald send a neat pass to Tyler Holmes and he scored to tie it again at 4-4.

With less than two minutes left Pezzack sent a pass to Troy Ethier and Troy scored to put the Tanners ahead 5-4. But Ancaster tied it again with only 23.6 seconds left and it remained 5-5.

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These areas provide year round enjoyment for outdoors enthusiasts.

Now that winter has a firm grip on the landscape most people assume that Acton's rivers and streams are solidly frozen over.

I want to remind everyone that the formation of ice depends on what's happening above, and below, the ice surface.



Just because the ice looks safe or you saw someone walking on it yesterday, doesn't mean it's still safe to walk on today. It's important to remember that ice conditions can change dramatically, over a very short period of time.

We've all seen people playing "Shinny" hockey or taking a shortcut across the ice.

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Tai Chi is starting up again on January 10 from 10:00 - 11:30 am at Rockwood library Seniors are \$45.00 and non-seniors are \$50.00.

Interested in Memoir Writing? Nora Savage is back to help you bring up those

memories and preserve them for future generations. Nora may be doing the course as an oral story telling instead of actually writing it all down, as many people find it hard to do a lot of writing. If you are interested please call Lynn for more information.

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