

## Minor PeeWees top Hespeler

By Kathrine Ceccotti

Acton Minor PeeWees chalked up a 9-2 win over Hespeler in the first Tri-County League playoff game on home

ice, last Wednesday, Jan. 16. Acton struck early in the first period when Josh Ceccotti set up Elias Freschette right in front of the net and Elias scored to set the

pace. However, three minutes later Hespeler tied it until Daniel Kearns bagged the go-ahead goal assisted by Thomas Glassford. The Tanners never looked back.

Josh Essimare made it 3-1 for Acton at the 12 minute mark of the second period assisted by Ken Wentzel and Braedon Halls. The Tanners made it 4-1 with 1:19 left in the period when Josh Ceccotti converted Elias Freschette's nice pass.

The third period was all Acton as Josh Ceccotti started the scoring at the 11 minute mark, assisted by Ken Wentzel. Dan Kearns made it 6-1 on a three way passing play with Clark Buchanan and Anthony Kri.

With seven minutes left in the game Jordan Kuenzig bagged No. 7 assisted by Matt Angell and Josh Essimare. Angell made it 8-1 on an unassisted effort with 4:20 left and Josh Ceccotti completed a hat trick with three minutes left, assisted by Clark Buchanan.

Hespeler bagged its second goal with 2:29 left in the third and the Heartland Shipping Tanners skated off with a 9-2 victory.

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## SPORTS

### Minor Bantams edge Fergus in first game of playoffs

By Kathrine Ceccotti

Acton Minor Bantams Tanners, edged Fergus 4-3 in the first game of the OMHA playoffs last Saturday, Jan. 19.

Tyler Holmes broke a 3-3 tie by scoring the winning goal on a play with Matt Bronazewski with only 1:21 left in regulation time in an exciting and what promises to be a tough best of five series for the Firefighter Minor Bantams.

Fergus stymied the Acton

shooters until the last minute of the first period when Jim Berry let a ripper of a shot go from just inside the blue line to beat the Fergus goalie. Kyle McDonald earned the assist.

Fergus got back in the game at the 12-minute mark of the second period but the Tanners took the lead again with only 39 seconds left in the period. Neil Armstrong scored the goal assisted by Troy Ethier and Brandon Ceccotti. But the Fergus team

bounced right back with a goal 17 seconds later to deadlock the count again at 2-2.

Trailing most of the game, Fergus took the lead for the first time at the 9:40 mark of the third but the determined Tanners tied it up at 3-3 on a goal by Nick Ridler with 2:30 left on the clock. Neil Armstrong and Brandon Ceccotti collected the assists.

That goal set the Tanners on fire and resulted in the winner with only a minute and 2 seconds left in the game.

### Register early for summer soccer

By Ian Watson

There may be snow on the ground, and the indoor season is still going strong, but Acton Soccer Club is already preparing for a new outdoor season. The uniforms are on order, the key dates for the season are chosen, so now all that is needed is some players. And coaches, referees, and team parents. But mostly

players.

Acton Soccer Club runs programs for youth players born 1997 or earlier. In addition, there is a ladies' league that registers through the Club. Under-9 and younger play as a mixed league within Acton, while the older age groups are segregated into boys and girls, and play matches in other towns.

One of the major challenges for recreational sports clubs is knowing how many players will register. Until this is known, the number of teams in each league is unclear. And only once this is fixed can the fields be scheduled.

For some time, Acton Soccer Club has encouraged early registration by lowering prices well before the season starts, and they will do this again for 2002. Those who register before February 24 will save \$25 per player.

It is a fact that Acton is growing, but the number of soccer fields available has not changed in recent years. Several age groups were completely full for the 2001 outdoor season, which is good news for soccer, but bad news for those unable to play in Acton.

One way in which the Club wants to help players to register early is to make it more convenient. For the 2002 season, Acton Soccer Club is delighted that Acton's Time

Out Sports has agreed to take registrations at the store on Mill Street. Registrations will be taken now, so register early and don't be left on the sidelines!

### Cruisers play well but lose in sledge tourney

Acton's Ellen Piehl didn't receive any awards, but her Halton-Peel Cruisers All-Black sledge hockey team put on a satisfying performance at Kitchener's International Sledge Hockey Tournament this past weekend (Jan 18-20).

The scoring system goes like this: if a team scores the most goals in one period they get one point in the standings. If both teams tie the period, both get a half-a-point.

The team which wins the game also gets an extra two points for the win.

In the first game, the Cruisers were defeated 4-0 by Kitchener - White, but managed to pick up a half-a-point for tying the third period.

In the second game against Huron, the Cruisers scored in buckets, as they won 13-1.

The Cruisers needed to win against Ottawa to secure a spot in the medal round, but they only managed to pick up half-a point as they lost big time 9-1, dashing their hopes for a medal.

### Midgets take 2-0...

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duced the margin to 2-1 to close out the second period. Despite the close score the Tanners controlled the game but could not put the puck behind the Fergus goalie. The Tanners put five shots off of the goal posts and crossbar before Thompson finally beat the Fergus goalie midway through the third period with assists going to Wolfer and Mike McDonald. However, Fergus scored with seven minutes remaining in the game to reduce the Tanners lead to one goal.

Two minutes later the Tan-

### SOCCER REPORT

#### UNDER-13

#### Red Team 9

#### Acton Kinettes 6

Red goals: Nils-Olav Stockinger (3), Matthew Pettipher, Mark Wells (5). Kinettes goals: Andrew Tressel (2), Evan Colvin (2), Justine Hazelwood, Chris Gabrielson.



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