



# SPORTS

## Minor PeeWees top Elora advance to league finals

By Kathrine Ceccotti

Acton's Minor PeeWee Tanners advanced to the Tri-County League finals with a tie and a resounding win over Elora in the semi-finals.

Elora tied the Tanners 6-6 in the first game on February 27 in Elora but succumbed 12-4 when the series returned to Acton ice on March 13.

Elora opened the scoring in the first game midway through the first period but the Tanners tied it up on a goal by David Moore assisted by Thomas Glassford. Elora went ahead again in the see-saw battle early in the second and banged in another for a 3-1 lead before Josh Essiembre scored on a pass from James Reid to shave the lead to 3-2 with only 1:07 left in the second.

Not to be outdone, with only 15 seconds left in the period Josh Ceccotti passes in front to Elias Frechette who made no mistake and tied the game at 3-3. Still not finished, the Tanners rang up another marker by Jordan Kuenzig assisted by Braedon Halls, to go ahead 4-3 with only 2 seconds left.

Elora came back to tie the game early in the third and took the lead again, 5-4, at the midway mark of the third. The Tanners tied it again

when Kuenzig pulled the string on a pass from Essiembre.

With only 5 minutes remaining Elora took the lead again but Matt Angell pulled the Tanners even with an assist from David Moore. And the game ended, 6-6.

Easy Tanner win

The return game in Acton, March 13 was close until the second and third periods when the Tanners blew the game open.

Ken Wenzel put Acton ahead at the 4 minute mark unassisted only to have Elora tie it. In a three way passing play involving Josh Ceccotti, Ken Wenzel and Daniel Kearns, Kearns potted the goal that put the Tanners ahead again.

Ceccotti scored to put Acton ahead 3-1 in the second period on a rebound from Daniel Kearns. Elora drew to within one goal with 8:00 left in the second but Kuenzig popped in number four from Anthony Kri and Ken Wenzel.

The Tanners were hot in the second period, Kearns scoring from Kuenzig and Kri. Eleven seconds later Kearns bagged another one from Ceccotti and Kri scored number 7 late in the period from Wenzel and Kuenzig for a 7-2 margin as Elora scored with 8 seconds left in the sec-

ond.

Thomas Glassford stretched the Tanner margin early in the third from James Reid and Kearns. Thirty seconds later Reid scored as the Tanners pulled away. Assist to Essiembre who a few seconds later sent the puck home with help from Glassford and Wenzel.

Elora managed to score again but the Tanners potted their eleventh goal as Frechette drilled a puck in on passes from Halls and Ceccotti. Kuenzig got the final Acton goal from Essiembre to make the final score 12-4.

## PeeWees in Tri-County finals

By Kathrine Ceccotti

Acton Minor PeeWees are on the road to the Tri-County playoffs following wins over Milton and Woolwich and a loss to the latter team.

On March 14 the Tanners hosted Milton and took a 3-1 decision. Milton scored the first goal of the game three seconds into the second period, their only goal as it turns out. Daniel Kearns tied it for Acton from Jordan Kuenzig and Clark Buchanan.

Elias Frechette put the Tanners one up from Josh Ceccotti at the three minute mark of the second but it wasn't until the last two minutes of the third period that Acton bagged a shorthanded

goal to sew the game up. Kearns bagged the goal from David Moore.

Acton hosted Woolwich on March 16 and again registered a 3-1 decision as Anthony Kri set them on the path to victory from Josh Essiembre with 9:15 on the clock. Less than a minute later Thomas Glassford passed to James Reid and he passed to Dan Kearns, who made no mistake.

There was no scoring in the second period but with 12:57

remaining in the game Essiembre scored from Moore to make it 3-0. Woolwich got their only marker with 12:40 remaining and Acton held on for a 3-1 win.

The next day in Woolwich the score was reversed as Woolwich pulled off a 4-1 victory. Dan Kearns drilled the lone Acton goal in the second from Ken Wenzel.

The PeeWees now go on to the finals in the Tri-County League.

## Minor PeeWees blank Milton

By Kathrine Ceccotti

The Minor PeeWee Tanners travelled to Milton for their first of two Tri-County

games to be played vs. Milton.

Acton goalie, William Kirby suppressed every shot coming his way on Saturday, February 23. Thomas Glassford scored the first goal of the game, assisted by defenceman Matt Angell. Later on defenceman, David Moore knocked in goal number two, assists going to Jordan Kuenzig and Elias Frechette. Acton now led 2-0.

Later in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Josh Essiembre sent a pass to Braedon Halls, Braedon scoring goal number three and Acton wins, 3-0 in their first of two games vs. Milton in Tri-County.

### Tyke Selects Lose

The St. Andrew Poultry Acton Tyke Selects traveled to Hamilton on the 16th to take on the Dofasco Tyke Select team. The Dofasco team was made up of very large players, who played well in earning a 4-1 victory.

Dofasco scored twice in the first period to take the lead, but Acton cut the lead to 2-1 on a goal by Ryan Dunlevy halfway through the third. Eric Victoria drew the assist for his third point in the teams last two games.

Unfortunately, Dofasco answered with two goals of their own later in the third to earn the 4-1 victory.

Coach Dave Morris praised the players for their effort against the big Dofasco team.

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The higher water levels mean increased water flow, and stronger currents. The combination of muddy, slippery riverbanks and fast flowing rivers makes for dangerous situations.

Acton is fortunate in having many streams and ponds close-by, but everyone must be careful when venturing near them. Especially during springtime.

Anyone slipping into the frigid, fast-flowing waters could fall victim of hypothermia in as little as two minutes.

Parents, please take the time to warn your children about the dangers posed by streams and ponds.

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A quick reminder:

On 10th April 2002 from 7 to 9pm at the Georgetown District High School cafeteria there will be a free presentation about "Bullying: Backyard to Schoolyard".

The panel discussion is being hosted by the Parent Education Network and will include presentations by educators, social workers and the Police.

They will talk about how one school is dealing with bullying, how family relationships may affect bullying behaviour and resources available locally to deal with the issue.

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## Minor Novice Tanners split two in OMHA finals

By Judith Kirkness

The Carquest Acton Minor Novice Tanners opened their OMHA best of five game final against Caledon by splitting the first two games.

The first game was on the 16th in Acton, and it was all Acton, as they won 4-0. Nicholas Eagan led the way for Acton, as he has done all season, with two goals and an assist. Roger Kirkness also scored twice for the second straight game, and Captain Jesse Spurrell rounded out the scoring with two assists.

Jesse Harris shut Caledon out for two periods while Zachary Payne handled the third, also not allowing a goal. The game was marred by numerous penalties, including a five on three for Caledon that Acton killed off successfully.

Shade Tanners Game two was played in Caledon on the 17th, and this time Caledon prevailed, by a score of 5-4.

Caledon opened the scoring late in the first, and added a short-handed goal to start

the second and take the 2-0 lead. Acton then scored two quick powerplay goals to tie it, the first by Nicholas Eagan from Jesse Spurrell, the second by Spurrell from Eagan and Roger Kirkness.

Caledon scored two more goals to go up 4-2, but Acton immediately came back to tie it, with Nicholas Eagan scoring both goals, assists going to John White, Brandan Lockyer, and James Begg. Eagan's three goals give him 11 in the team's last five games, of the 17 the team has scored in that span. The other six were all scored by Spurrell and Kirkness.

Unfortunately Caledon took a 5-4 lead two minutes into the third, and they made it stand up to earn the 5-4 victory, and tie the series at one.

Jesse Harris went the distance for the Tanners in net, and had to make some difficult saves, as the puck took numerous unpredictable bounces in the Acton zone.

Game 3 is Wednesday the 20th in Caledon (Mayfield), then back to Acton this Saturday at 4:30 for Game 4.