

Bantam AE Tanners win two

BY HAL AITKEN

The Bantam AE Tanners scored victories against Elora and Orangeville in last weeks action.

TANNERS 5 ELORA 4

The Tanners won their home opener by a score of 5 - 4 over the visitors from Elora on Tuesday, October 5.

The Tanners opened a 3-0 lead in the 2nd period on two goals by Gordy McKeon and a single by Michael McKeon. Both of Gordy's goals came on hard slap shots, the first goal assisted by defencemen Scott Hofland the second by Bryan Curry. Sandwiched between McKeon's goals was a score by brother Michael assisted by Gordy. Throughout the 1st period the Tanners defense of David Elop, Taylor McNabb, Scott Hofland, Tyler Bandy and Luca Mazzucco easily handled Elora's offense stopping rushes and moving the puck up the ice with ease.

Elora scored late in the 2nd period then added two more to even the score at 3-3 with just less than 5 minutes left in the game. At this point the Tanners seemed to be taken off their game by Elora's aggressive approach and the game looked in doubt. The boys got things going shortly after the tying goal when Luca Mazzucco scored on a hard slapshot from outside Elora's blueline. Curry assisted on Luca's goal.

The Tanners fifth goal and eventual winner was scored by Nik Aitken with 2:43 left to play. David Elop and Dylan Creasey combined to hold the puck in Elora's end, Aitken picked up Creasey's pass, made a deft move to get past the defender then sent a hard accurate wrist shot into the top corner of the net over the goaltenders glove.

The Tanners worked hard to extend their lead but were held off the scoreboard. Elora pulled their goaltender and scored with 33 seconds remaining to make it close. The Tanners controlled the puck and ran out the clock for the victory.

TANNERS 9 ORANGEVILLE 5

The Tanners travelled to Orangeville on Oct. 8 and came up with 9-5 victory to remain undefeated in league play with two wins and a tie. The Tanners balanced attack produced goals from all line combinations and from the defense. The game featured two goal performances by Michael McKeon, Nik Aitken, Luca Mazzucco, and Gordy McKeon. Strong goaltending from Adrian Eppinger and Dirk Van Soelen helped secure the win.

The 1st period ended 2-2 on Tanner goals by Michael McKeon assisted by Bryan Curry and Dylan Creasey's unassisted with just 18 second remaining in the period.

In the 2nd period the Tanners added four more goals while allowing only one

Orangeville goal. The first goal of the period came from Gordy McKeon assisted by Taylor McNabb. Luca Mazzucco powered his way through Orangeville defenders to scored two goals in a row both unassisted. Nik Aitken scored his first of the night with 9 seconds remaining in the period off a strong play by Tyler Bandy who earned the only assist giving the Tanners a 6-3 lead.

Early in the third period the Tanners had difficulty handling Orangeville's determined forecheckers resulting in two goals for the home side. Tanner goaltender Dirk Van Soelen made some key saves before team got back on track scoring three times to secure the victory. Third period goals came from Michael McKeon assisted by Scot Hofland and Aitken, Aitken got his second assisted by Michael McKeon and lastly Gordy McKeon scored from Mazzucco and Alex Wenzel.

The Tanners displayed strong team play and hard work from all. A rare scoring outburst and robust play highlighted this game. Defencemen Dave Elop although held off the score sheet played a strong game keeping Orangeville attackers from setting near the Tanners goal with some hard hits.

Up next is a road game in Milton on Monday, Oct. 18. Hespeler visits Acton on Tuesday, Oct. 19 at 7pm.

Tanners split weekend games

The Acton Novice Tanners were home to Elora and won with a score of 5 to 2 on Saturday, October 9.

The Tanners had Elora's number and were able to out play them. The goals were scored by: Josh Kalbhenn with assists to Jasson Lockyer and Connor Jean; Quinn Harding with assists to Jake Corpe and Bradley Bollert; Quinn Harding with an assist to Jake Corpe; Josh Kalbhenn with an assist to Taylor Pickering; Quinn Harding with assists to Jasson Lockyer and Travis Baker.

The Tanners kept most of

the play in Elora's end with the other team getting few chances. Special mention to the defensive core of Angus Agnew and Dylan Schouten for their work in front of their goalie. Also, to Quinn Harding who managed his first hat trick of the season.

ACTON TANNERS LOSE

The Acton Novice Tanners travelled to Oakville for their second road game and were defeated by a score 6 to 1 on October 10. The Tanners had chances to score but the puck hit the

post or missed going in by inches. The only Tanner goal was scored by Bradley Bollert with an assist to Ian Thompson.

The Oakville Rangers were on their game and that made it difficult for the Tanners to put constant pressure on the Oakville goalie. Special mention to Tanners goalie Joe Romhanyi who made some fine stops.

The Acton Novice Tanners will be on the road again until October 30, when they will host Guelph in Acton at 4:30pm

Mayor's Corner

By Rick Bonnette



The Greater Toronto Area Countryside Mayor's Alliance, of which I am a member, met with the Minister of Municipal Affairs on October 7.

The Countryside Mayor's Alliance is comprised of the smaller municipalities within the GTA that make up 60% of the land mass. This includes Milton, Halton Hills, to Scugog. We discussed many issues with Minister John Gerretsen, including Mississauga's request to dissolve Peel Regional Government. In the long term, this could have a negative impact on Halton Hills. We also discussed the preservation of agricultural lands and discussed the Minister supporting the draft GTA Agriculture Plan.

The Minister is still going over the document.

All the Mayors raised concerns with respect to the "Places to Grow" Provincial initiative. We all acknowledge that this is the first time in 30 years that the Province has come to the Municipal planning table, but we still have concerns. Ours in Halton Hills is the projected growth that will eventually merge Georgetown to Milton.

Also discussed was the proposed Provincial Gas Tax that may only be going to municipalities with public transit. The Minister was very gracious and listened to the thirteen Mayor's concerns.

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Halton Hills is a community that cares! Throughout the year may citizens of Halton Hills volunteer with organizations to host worthwhile events to make our community a better place. From baseball tournaments to dog walks and special banquets, we have it all.

Speaking of a community that cares, there were so many volunteers from Halton Hills and Milton who came together to search for 9 year old Kate Flanagan on Sunday, October 3.

Little Kate went missing for over nine hours. She was found safe and sound at about 1:20 a.m. by local residents Keith and Sharon Carmen. Councillor Bryan Lewis and myself were on hand to witness over 200 volunteers offering to help search for Kate. Members of Halton Regional Police, area Police Departments, Halton Hills and Milton Fire Departments, Rural Watch, and the Rural Community Consultation Committee all provided assistance. This speaks volumes for our community, and we are very proud of everyone. Thankfully, it was a happy ending for the family.

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Have you taken the "Nature Challenge"? The Dr. David Suzuki Foundation has researched the "ten most effective ways" we can help conserve nature and improve our quality of life. You may try the nature challenge by going to www.davidsuzuki.org

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On behalf of Council, I welcome the following new businesses:

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Congratulations to Purity Life Health Products Ltd. on its 20th anniversary. This local company recently received the 2004 Canadian Health Food Association Spotlight Award.

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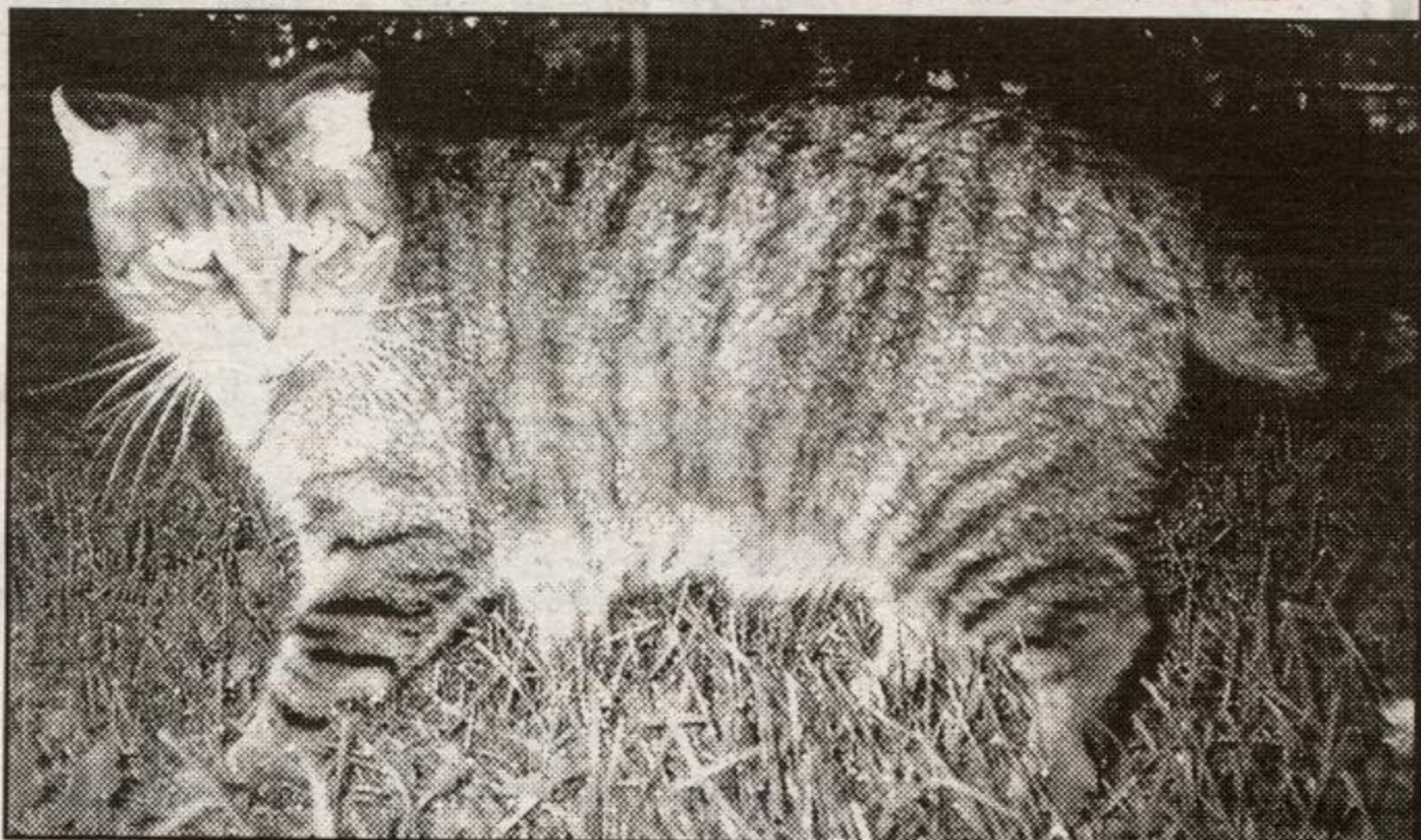
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