

SPORTS

Tanners lose to Hespeler 4-3

Hespeler edged the Acton Tanner R&M Construction AE Peewee squad 4-3 in a match on January 31.

Acton looked sharp early in the first period, going ahead 1-0.

On a powerplay, John White dumped one past the Hespeler goalie with help

from Aaron Hillier and Aedan Flynn. Unfortunately, the lead was short lived as Hespeler came back with a quick goal to tie things up with a screen shot to the net.

Hespeler's second goal was unearned as it deflected off an Acton player in front of the Acton net. Near the end of the

second period, with Acton's defence tiring, Hespeler put a third shot into the net making it ringing the score 3-1. Hespeler's fourth and final goal came in the third period when Hespeler dug the puck out from the front goalie and dumped it high into the net. This is when Acton came alive - not wanting to go down without a fight, Brandon Lockyer took a bullet shot from the blue line that appeared to go in under the cross bar. The referee waved it off but Jesse Spurrell tipped it back into the net to be sure it counted for Acton's second goal. Great persistence by the Tanners proved fruitful as, with a timely pass from Lockyer, marked up yet another well-earned goal for Acton. Acton kept the pressure on Hespeler in the final seconds of the game, resulting in a few unsportsmanlike moves by a few of the Hespeler players.



CONSOLATION FINAL: Acton House League Peewee team, R&M Construction, downed Acton Subway 4-2 to take the consolation final at the 35th annual Peewee hockey tournament in Acton on the weekend. - Submitted photo

One win and two loses for Atom AE Tanners

By Monica Galway

The Acton Tanners Atom squad got a rough ride from Fergus in a series of games last week - coming away with a win and two losses.

In the first game at home last Wednesday, Carter Ebbinge opened the scoring in the first period with help from Greg Wells, followed by a goal from Nick Vanderachen, with help from Ebbinge and Adam Duval. Fergus tied it up by the end of the first.

Going into the second period, Acton's Vanderachen scored for his team's third goal, with help from Ebbinge. That score held into the third period, with Acton going short-handed.

Vanderachen found himself in the penalty box for slashing.

Fergus managed to get 3-2 win.

In an away game on Saturday, Acton held Fergus to a scoreless tie at the end of the first period. The only goal was scored by Vanderachen, assisted by Wells, in the second period.

The only penalty of the game was to Vanderachen for roughing. Acton out shot Fergus 30 to 16, but couldn't buy a goal with the results being a disappointing 5-1 loss.

Back in Fergus on Monday night, Acton was ready and although Fergus opened the scoring in the first, Acton responded with a

goal from Vanderachen, assisted by Ebbinge and Wells.

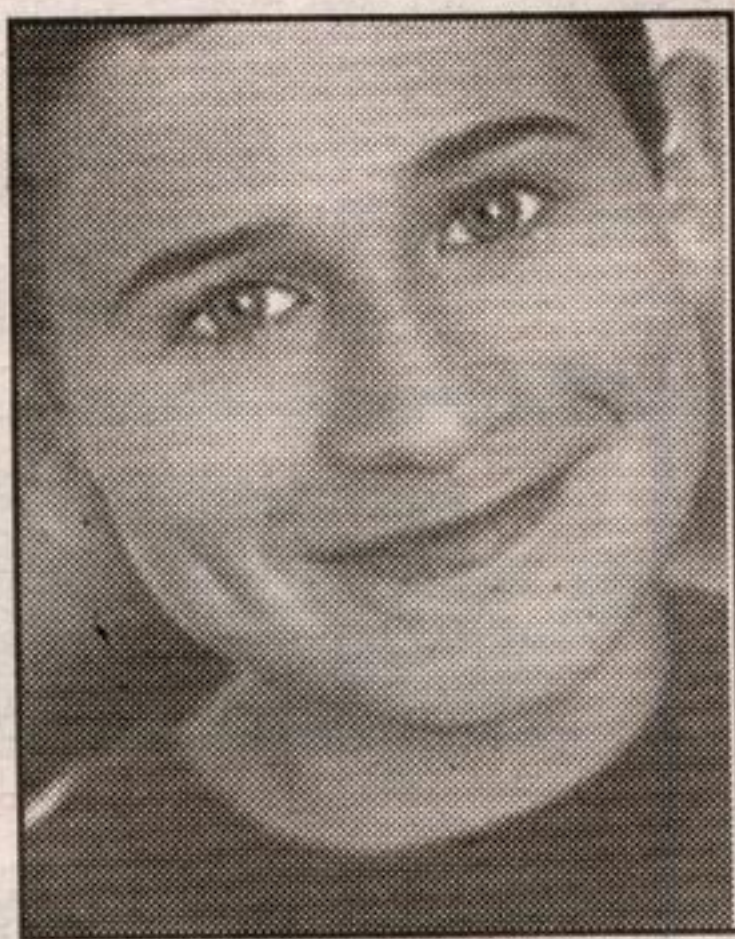
Wells came back to make it 3-2 as Acton inched their way back into the game with assists from Billy Mowat and Ebbinge.

Then Mowat, frustrated by the roughing going on

in the game, took a minor for hooking.

Vanderachen scored his second goal of the night with help from Duval and Wells, but it just wasn't enough. Mason Galway took a seat for two for tripping and Acton had to settle for a 6-3 loss.

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Novice Select triumph in Oshawa

The Acton Tanners Clark Industrial Novice Select Chargers travelled to Oshawa on the weekend, and returned Silver medal finalists.

The team's first game was a 7-0 to East York. The unit of Kendra VanderEyken, Steven White, Aaron Stone, Bret Allonby and Harold Kirkness played East York even, allowing no goals against while they were on the ice, though they had help from some spectacular saves by Braidyn Vidler.

The Chargers were outshot 28-4. Kole Simm was named Acton game MVP for his hard work at both ends of the rink. In game two, things turned around as the Chargers overpowered Scarborough 7-2. Connor Maynor and Drake Andrews each scored twice for Acton, with single goals from Kole

Simm, David Lafrance and Bret Allonby.

Assists were earned by Michael Kri, Kyle Crossman and captain Logan McNabb. Defenders Samantha McCarthy and Carl Lindo Jr., both made good plays on the Scarborough attackers. Conor MacLean made some great saves in net for Acton, as he allowed no goals in eighteen minutes of play. Drake Andrews was named Charger's game MVP. The win against Scarborough propelled the Chargers into the Silver medal championship against Leaside, who dominated the Chargers 10-1, out shooting them 29-9. Acton's goal was scored by Steven White, assisted by Kyle Crossman and Avery George. Steven White was named game MVP.

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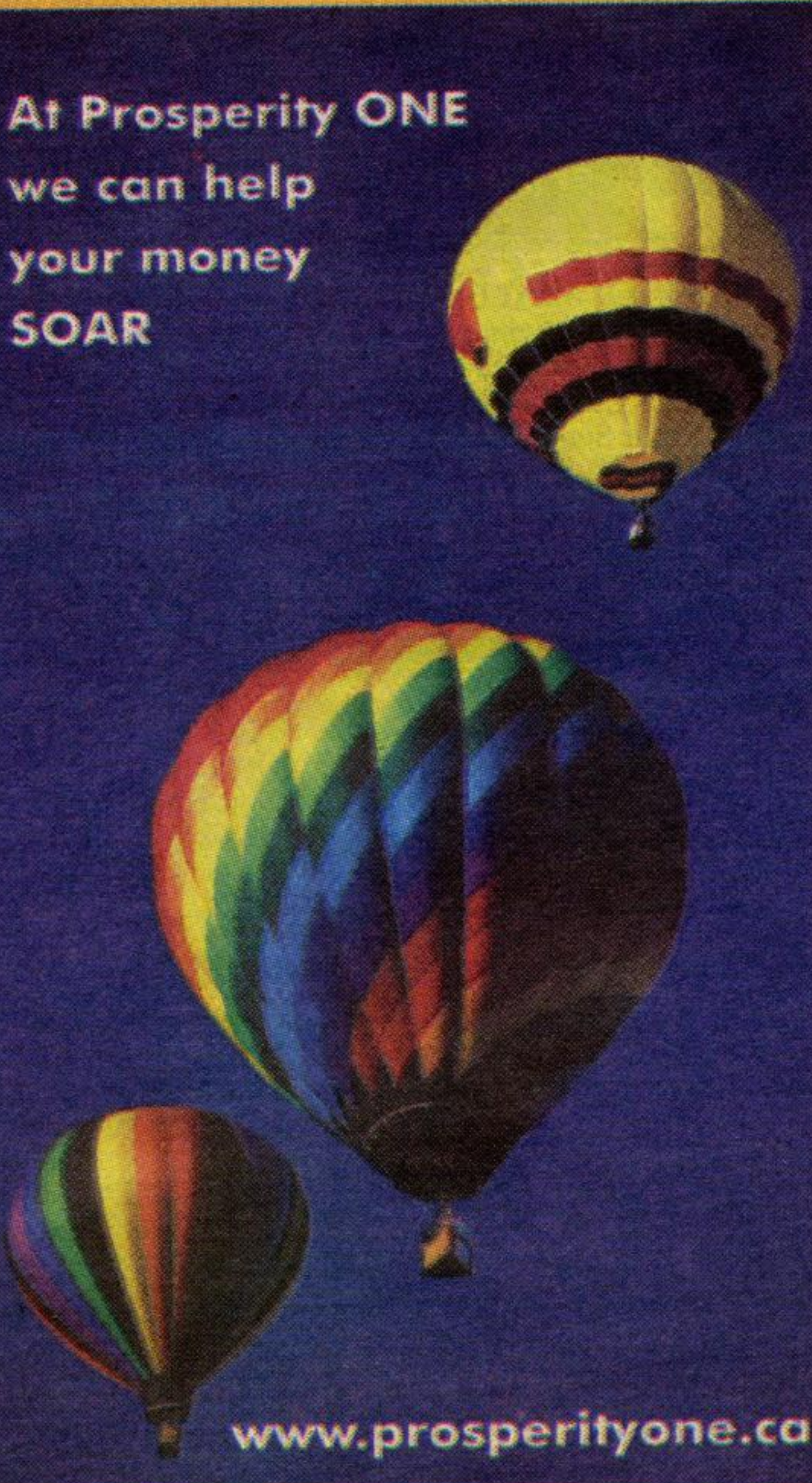
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