

Bantam Tanners notch two more playoff wins

By Hal Aitken

Acton Home Hardware Bantam AE Tanners completed the Tri-County round-robin play-off with victories over Elora on March 2 and Hespeler on March 4. With the victories the Tanners are likely to advance to the Tri-County championship final with a record of 4 wins and one loss.

Acton 5 Elora 3

The Tanners took an early 3-0 lead with two unassisted goals by Michael McKeon and a single by Luca Mazzucco from David Tysoe and Gordy McKeon, before allowing Elora to tie the match with three consecutive goals in the second period.

During the second period the Tanners stopped skating hard, something they do often

against aggressive hitting teams like Elora. In the third period after the game remained tied for a long time the Tanners began to skate hard and pressed for an advantage. After missing several opportunities to score the Tanners allowed Elora's most dangerous player to break away alone on Adrian Eppinger in the Acton goal. With spectators holding their breath Adrian made a great save giving himself and his team a chance to win.

Frustrated by the Tanners strong defence (David Tysoe, Luca Mazzucco and Scott Hofland in particular) two Elora forwards took penalties giving the Tanners a two man advantage. On the power play the Tanners scored their most important goal of the season to take the lead and gain the victory.

On the decisive goal Nik Aitken won the face off to Gordy McKeon, McKeon passed

to defencemen Tysoe whose hard low shot beat the Elora goaltender, Mazzucco providing the screen. Shortly after the winning goal a hustling Gordy McKeon skated past several Elora defenders before scoring the insurance goal.

This great comeback victory should provide ample confidence and team spirit for the remainder of the 2004-2005 season.

Acton 7 Hespeler 2

Needing a victory to keep their hopes to advance to the Tri-county final alive the Tanners outplayed their hosts and recorded a 7-2 victory.

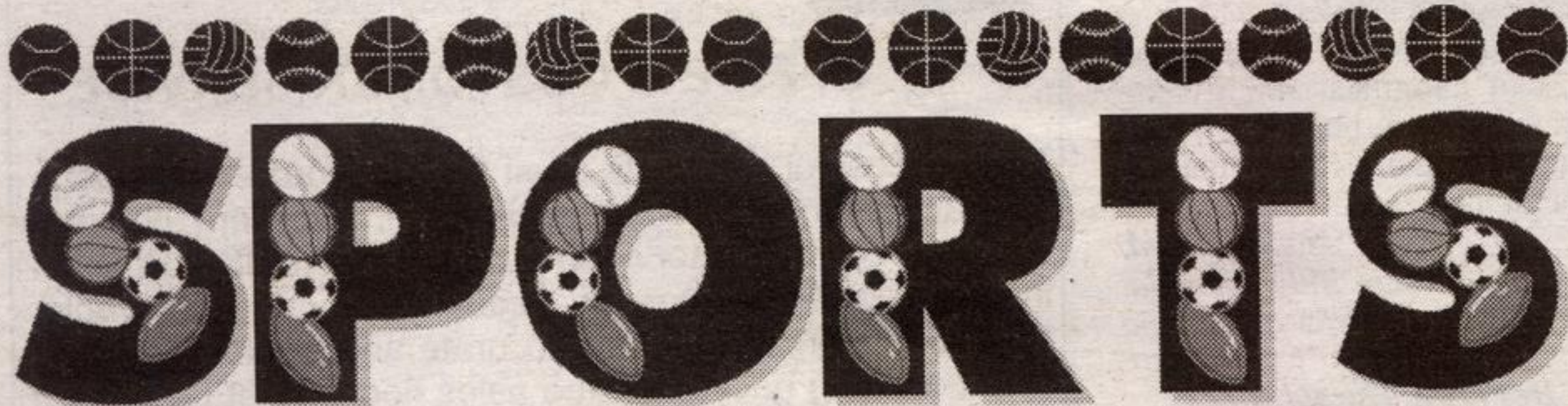
The Tanners scored four goals in the first period by combining team play and hustle with accurate passing and sharp shooting. The strong play carried over to the second

and third periods as the team earned a convincing victory.

Offensively, the team was led by Gordy McKeon's three goals, Taylor McNabb with one goal and one assist, David Tysoe with a goal and two assists and Luca Mazzucco's two assists. Everyone played well defensively allowing few scoring chances.

When Hespeler did break through goaltender Dirk Van Soelen held the opposition off the scoreboard until the game was decided.

Tanners Scoring Summary: Eric Neely from Colin Adema and Taylor McNabb. Gordy McKeon from Luca Mazzucco. Gordy McKeon from David Tysoe and Mazzucco. Taylor McNabb from Scott Hofland, David Tysoe unassisted. David Elop from Tysoe. Gordy McKeon unassisted to complete the hat trick.



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House League Playoffs

TYKE

MK Masonry - 4
A&S Engraving - 1

MK goals: Noah McNabb (2), Bradley Corpe, Bradley Koperdraad. Assists: Corpe, Alex MacCallum (2), Brennan Mitchell, Maddison Armstrong, Nicholas Cole, Melora Andrews, Chase Foster. A&S goal: Neil Mowat. Assist: Rilee Brown.

Jescan Power - 2
Select Trailer - 1

Jescan goals: Jason Goodfellow, Brendin Shannon. Assists: Drake Slater, Jillian Banks, Carter Kavaner, Shannon Oulton. Select goal: Trevor Haines. Assists: Garrett MacMillan, Matthew Moore.

NOVICE

Daniel Varanelli - 8
Yourway Auto - 1

Varanelli goals: Stephen White (2), Jesse Keough, Harold Kirkness, Logan McNabb (2), Matthew Tomlinson (2). Assists: Taylor Parker (2), Tomlinson, Zachary Ross, White, Keough (4), Patrick Scoria, Mark Chra. Yourway goal: Alexander Guoth.

Hot Line Electric - 3
End Zone Sports - 1

Hot Line goals: Drake Andrews (2), Billy Barnes. Assists: Matt Fields, Tyler Tremblay (2), Colin McDonald, Barnes. End Zone goal: Aaron Stone. Assist: Theo Warren.

MacMillans - 4
Giant Tiger - 1

MacMillans goals: Michael Kri, Brett Allonby, Jordan Percy, Kendra Vander Eyken. Assists: Kri, Vander Eyken, Kevin Giordano, Allonby. Tiger goal: Mitchell Weber. Assists: Matthew Grabauskas, Graham Collins.

ATOM

Best Transfer - 3
Halton Power Line - 2

Best goals: Nick Vander Eyken (3). Assists: Jonathan Stone, Josh Martin, Cody Croft McLeod. Mitchell Grendron. Power Line goals: Justin Giordano, Malcolm Eppinger. Assists: Jesse Hill, Neil Campbell, Chris Purdy, Clayton Black.

Sobeys - 6
Georgetown Chrysler - 2

Sobeys goals: Connor Hitchcock (6). Assists: Cameron Slessor, Nicholas Hansen (3), Andrew Taylor, Matthew Goodfellow, Joseph Landry, Steven Weaver. Chrysler goals: Eric Victoria, Mitchell Griffiths. Assists: Eric Vlasic, Travis Tancoo, David Borg (2).

Ron's Burner - 3
City Limits - 2

Ron's goals: Indiana White, Jeff Mah, Paul Kutasienski. Assists: Vincent Marciano, Josh Doucette, Mah, Ryan Millington, Jan Willem Lamberink, Tyler Gallant.

PEEWEE

Acton Precast - 3
Nellis Construction - 0

Precast goals: Mitchell Webster, Jacob Dougan (2). Assists: Tyler Bell, Cameron Erb, Webster. Shutout: Alex Johnson.

R&M Construction - 3
Acton Subway - 2

R&M goals: Cameron Coady, George Kennedy, Matthew Kutasienski. Assists: Tom Rivers, Tyler Townsley. Subway goals: Kyle Adema, Taylor Buchanan. Assists: Bradley Dawe, Adema, Dayne Black.

Lincoln Freight - 5
Berkshire - 4

Lincoln goals: Cameron Carr, Matthew Stiehl, Gregory Wells (2), MacKenzie Morrison. Assists: Wells (2), Carr, Mykael Maida, Tyler Watson, Michael Shortt, Morrison.

Berkshire goals: Luke Van Dinther (3), Danielle Cooper. Assists: Emily Karat, Evan McMeekin, Cooper.

BANTAM

Acton Terminal Warehouse - 2

ST. John's Trophies - 2
ATW goals: Ian Reid, Nathan Howson. Assists: Tyler Kruk, Chris Legge, Ryan Horricks, Reid. St. John's goals: JT Cooper, Brandon Bennett. Assists: Anastasia Smelsky, Cody Rowsell, Bennett, Matt MacMillan.

Acton Kinsmen - 3
MAD Air - 1

Kinsmen goals: Kyle Payne, Curtis Marcoux. Assists: Chris Wilkinson (2). MAD goal: Shane Carr. Assist: Taylor Mann.

High Five Photography - 3
Gibbons Painting - 3

High Five goals: Michael Lavigne (2), Jessy Kuenzig. Assists: Kuenzig (2), Garrett Nuttall, Scott Worthnan, Hayley Halls, Matthew Caverly. Gibbons goals: Drew Backman, Ethan Job, Mark Wells. Assists: Daniel Azzopardi, Wells, Eric Small, Conor Gibbons.



FROZEN FUNDRAISER: Georgetown's David Craig picked up some of the goodies he ordered from MacMillan's in a fundraiser organized by the Acton House League Hockey Association. Volunteers Sue Hunak (left) and Paula and Diane Chadwick helped him with his order at Acton arena recently. - Frances Niblock photo

Novice Tanners trim Elora advance to OMHA finals

By Phil Karat

Acton Novice Tanners were in Elora Thursday, March 3 and played one of their best games of the season to beat Elora handily 6-1 and advance to the OMHA finals.

There was some awesome forechecking and backchecking by the forwards and the defencemen were also on their game. It was a total team effort and was evident when they kept breaking up Elora's attack at Elora's own blue line. Tanners goals were scored by Josh Kelbhenn assisted by Jacob Lehmann and Brodie MacFarlane; Brodie MacFarlane with an assist to Ian Thompson; Brodie MacFarlane with assists to Connor Jean and Ian Thompson; Ian Thompson with an assist to Jacob Lehmann; Jacob Lehmann with assists to Jasson Lockyer and Ian Thompson and Josh Kalbhenn assisted by Taylor Pickering and Liam McNaul.

On ice contributions go to Angus Agnew, Jake Corpe, Travis Baker, Quinn Harding, Dylan Schouten, Bradley Bollert and Goalie Joshua Karat.

The Novice Tanners will

now play Erin/Hillsburgh March 11 in Erin, at 6:30p.m.; in the best three out of five March 13 in Acton, 12:30p.m.; series in the OMHA Finals: March 22 in Erin, 7:15p.m. and March 23 in Acton, 7:30p.m.

Aqua Ducks rack up medals at Regional meet

Aqua Ducks Ashton Roza and Mackenzie Kimm led the digging for medals at a recent Regional swim meet. Ashton collected four Golds, a Silver and one Bronze medal and Mackenzie dug up a pair of Golds, a pair of Silvers and a pair of Bronzes.

Following close behind to add to the collection, were Victoria Fritz with a Gold and Silver, TJ Waldie with two Silvers and a Bronze, Jennifer Kroezen with a Silver and a Bronze, and Jordan Dunn with a pair of Bronzes.

Coach Ockenden was very pleased with the outcome of the meet which had 18 teams competing, mostly with between 20 to 40 swimmers on their roster. Every one of the 12 Aqua Duck swimmers swam their best this year and managed to place 6th overall, an excellent effort by the whole team.

Results as follows:

14 & over Girls:

Mackenzie Kimm - 100 back-Gold, 100 I.M.-Gold, 100 breast-Silver, 50 back-Silver, 100 free-Bronze, 50 breast-Bronze.

Victoria Fritz - 50 back-Gold, 100 back-Silver, 50 breast-8th.

Jennifer Kroezen - 50 free-Silver, 100 I.M.-Bronze, 100 free-4th, 50 fly-4th.

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Girls' hockey team wraps up best season

The Acton High School girls' hockey team finished their season as the Halton Double A semi-finalists with a loss to Aldershot.

The team had a terrific season with two tournament wins and a semi-final position. This is a first time accomplishment for a girls' hockey team from Acton. The team was appreciative of the students, staff and administration for their support at the Acton arena. Team members include Heidi Andrew, Jody Howard, Amy De La Franier, Ceili Andrew, Jenn Essiembre, Amanda Schroeder, Gabby Kosziwka, Breanna Campbell, Evan Martin, Crystal Mercer and Kaitlyn Andrews.