



SANTA'S HELPERS: Over 200 teddy bears and toys were thrown onto the ice during a fundraiser hockey game at Acton arena last week. Some elves including Patrick Conlin (left front), Jamie Campbell, Josh Campbell and Phillip Conlin delivered the toys to Salvation Army Major Margaret Locke on Friday. The toys will be delivered as part of the Acton Christmas Hamper program. — Frances Niblock photo

SPORTS

DEADLINE IS MONDAY AT 12 NOON

Bearcats nudge Rebels 2-1 in cross-town volleyball

The Acton Senior Girls' Bearcat Volleyball team played their first league game of the season at Georgetown High school and came out with a roar. They narrowly defeated their cross-town rivals 26-24 in the first game of the match.

In the second game, the lead seesawed back and forth between the two teams until the Rebels pulled ahead and

won 25-21.

The Bearcat team came out in the third game determined to revenge their second game loss. They led off and finished with a 15-13 score.

Both teams demonstrated a strong offence with Kirsten Lowe and Jen Wieck leading the way. Jesseca Brake, Jaimi Fellows and Missy Rowley were all instrumental in keeping the Rebel attack

in check while Alison Minto and Katy Boychuk rounded out the Acton attack. Melissa Bigg was also instrumental in keeping the play alive with a number of saves at the net in a hard fought competition with both teams evenly matched.

The Bearcats can look forward to an exciting season based on their play in this match.



MATTHEW'S BAND INTERMISSION: Bantam BB Tanners defenceman and co-captain Jack Matthews shares a few words with goalie Joss Warren in recent game at Brampton. Matthews' relentless competitiveness has led his team with remarkably two visits to the "sin bin". — Chuck Tysoe photo

Atom BB Tanners tie Hespeler, dunk Dundas

Fresh off their tournament victory in Wallaceburg, the Atom BB Tanners hosted the Hespeler Shamrocks on Sunday, December 11, in an afternoon game of hockey which wound up in a 2-2 tie. The next night the Tanners posted an 8-1 win over Dundas.

The scoreboard remained blank until the second period in the game against Hespeler when Michael Evans put them on the scoreboard. He drilled the puck in the Shamrock net, on a slick pass from Ryan Dunlevy. The Tanners continued to challenge this top calibre opponent. Hespeler then managed to tie it up.

In the third period, Michael Evans fired the rubber in to advance the Atom BB's, this time with TJ Baker setting him up. The Tanners welcomed back Dylan Schouten into the line-up, and the lines of: Bradley Bollert, Carter Ebbinge, Walter Kirkness, Billy Mowat, Evan Oulton, Brodie MacFarlane, Matt Fritz and Michael Fatrdla joined with their team-mates, keeping the pressure on offensively and defensively.

The Tanners had 23 shots

on net, during this action-packed game. Mason Overland stood his ground between the pipes and the Shamrocks kept him busy with 17 shots.

Final score: Acton 2-Hespeler 2

Play the Storm

On Monday the Tanners travelled to Dundas to play the Dundas Storm and went on a scoring rampage.

The Tanners were quickly on the scoreboard when Carter Ebbinge received the puck from Evan Oulton and Walter Kirkness, and found the score zone. The Tanners second goal came at 4:34 when David Bickers and Michael Evans shot the puck up to Billy Mowat who beat the Blues goalie. At 3:57, Michael Evans scored the third goal on a clear pass from David Bickers. The Tanners closed the first period with another goal at 2:37 when Matt Fritz helped Carter Ebbinge get his second goal of the game and establish a 4-0 lead.

Halfway through the second period Walter Kirkness dazzled the hockey crowd when he made his way past and through the Blues defence, drilling the puck in the Dundas net for an

unassisted goal. As 1:99 remained, Kirkness fired in his second goal of the game on a great pass from Carter Ebbinge. The sounds of the mighty Tanners horn echoed throughout the arena.

At 8:30 in the third period, with Dundas players on both sides challenging him on every move, Kirkness chalked up a hat trick. The final Tanners' goal came at 6:22, when Evan Oulton beat the Dundas goalie to score, on a clear pass from David Bickers and Michael Fatrdla as the Tanners hammered the Dundas Blues goalies with 35 shots on net. Ryan Dunlevy, Bradley Bollert, Dylan Schouten, Brodie MacFarlane and TJ Baker did their part to keep the puck in the Dundas end and to make this game another Atom success!

Goalie Billy Reid faced only 6 shots on net as the Tanner offence and defence shut down the Dundas Blues.

Final Score: Acton 8-Dundas 1

The Atom BB Tanners head to Fergus on Saturday afternoon then host the Guelph Storm on Sunday, December 18, at 12:50. Hope to see you at the rink!

Atom AE Tanners reach semis at Haliburton tourney

Acton Atom AE Tanners travelled to Haliburton last weekend to participate in their Regional Silver Stick Tournament and got to the semi-finals. Tournament organizers had eight teams split into two divisions. The Atom AE Tanners were in the Orr division along with teams from Oro, Belleville, and Stirling. The Tanners' first game was against a strong team from Oro which they won in a very close game, 3 to 2. Tanners goals were scored by Quinn Harding (2) and Kole Simm with assists to Ian Thompson (2) and Angus Agnew. Goalie Joshua Karat played well along with solid defence from McNabb, Agnew, Lafrance, Vandereyken and Jean. The forwards also played well with some great back checking from White, Pickering, Corpe, Crossman and Galway. The Tanners second game was against a very strong Belleville team and they lost a 9-1 decision. The lone Tanner goal came from Drake Andrews with an assist from Stephen White and Kole Simm. Goalie Joe Romhanyi did his best stopping

many of Belleville's shots. The Tanners' third game was against another strong team from Stirling which they beat 3-1. Tanner goals came from Drake Andrews, Quinn Harding and Andrew Lafrance with assists to Stephen White, Kole Simm and Ian Thompson. Goalie Joshua Karat played another strong game along with his defencemen. The forwards also really helped with strong checking and solid hits. The win catapulted the Tanners into the semi-finals. The semi-final game was played Sunday morning

and the Tanners faced the overall first place team from Napanee. It was a great game. The Tanners kept the game close but lost 2-1. The only Tanner goal came from Andrew Lafrance with an assist from Stephen White.

It was a great game with a great finish as the Tanners kept the puck around the Napanee net for the last 5 minutes.

Congratulations go to Jake Corpe on receiving the MVP award and to the Atom AE Tanners on a job well done.

—Phil Karat

Emily Karat



Congratulations on your first goal!!! (which then became a hat-trick!)

The Fritz's