

Sports

with The New Tanner

Novice Tanners semi-finalists at Schomberg tournament

The season's first tournament for the Acton Novice BB Tanners last Friday was in Schomberg. The Tanners were one of six teams competing for top honours in the annual Red & White tournament.

Acton's first game against the Millbrook Stars was a stellar performance for the Tanners demonstrating the scoring finesse of the Acton squad. It started minutes into the game, with a first, unassisted goal from winger Jillian Banks; followed closely with a second, by Marshall Hawkins and assisted by Banks. Acton kept the pressure on Millbrook with a third goal near the end of the period, courtesy of William Vatsis with the assist going to John McKee. Finally, the last minute of the period had Joey Reid put one in the net this time, with the assist going to McKee.

In the second period, Millbrook rallied back with a goal early on, but the Tanners proved to be too formidable an opponent, and had two more goals in quick succession, both by winger Brenden Geim; the first assisted by Reid and Zach Snow and the second assisted by Harkins and Jakob Cunningham.

By the time the third period rolled around, the Stars were licking their wounds and just couldn't form a comeback when faced with two more quick goals from the young Tanner squad, both unassisted, with the first courtesy of Joey Reid and the second by Brenden Geim. The final score was 8-2, in the next round.

Acton faced the Milton Winterhawks. It was an even match for the first two periods with neither team willing to allow the first goal. Tanner net minders Ian Early and Andrew Wright showed finesse in the crease and the defensive lines of Nicholas

Percy, Sean Caruso, Zach Snow, Evan Pike, Johanthan Schmidt and John McKee all did a superlative job keeping the puck out of Tanner territory.

The first goal, with 6 minutes left in the third period, was a beauty, orchestrated by Brenden Geim and assisted by Johnathan Schmidt. Unfortunately, Milton evened things up shortly and the game ended in a 1-1 tie.

Day two of the tourney, had Acton going head-to-head with host team, the Schomberg Red Wings. After a scoreless first period with the forward line of Matt Gibbons and Garret MacMillan having some good chances, the Tanners headed into the second with two goals in quick succession late in the period, the first a beauty by Marshall Harkins, assisted by Nicholas Percy and Sean Caruso. Less than a minute later, the second was provided by Brenden Geim, assisted by Harkins and Matthew Gibbons. Schomberg rallied early in the third, but Acton refused to let up with Geim providing yet another rocket to the back of the net, assisted by Harkins. Final score, 3-1.

The semi-final game had Acton squaring off against the Elora Lightning. Again, the Tanners continued to keep the pressure on with two goals early in the first period: the first by Joey Reid, assisted by Evan Pike, and the second by Brenden Geim, assisted by Matthew Gibbons. However, Elora also came through with a goal of their own.

In the second period, the Lightning tied things up and things stayed that way until the last period. Ultimately, despite having put up a good fight, Elora came through with the game winning goal in the third. Final score 3-2.

Undefeated in League Play

Friday, Sept. 28 marked the first game of the season for the Acton Tanners Novice BB team... and if the steady, consistent play this young team exhibited during their first showdown against the Georgetown Raiders is any indication, we're in for a heck of a year.

The young Tanners came off the bench displaying a hunger to establish themselves as the team to beat. Well into the latter portion of the first period, the Raiders got lucky, but it didn't last for long as the Tanners responded just minutes later with their own goal by Joey Reid, assisted by William Vatsis. The second period was just as exciting with the Tanners coming close with

many shots on goal in an attempt to break the tie, but the Raiders responded first with the next goal. Again, it did not last long as Marshall Harkins scored the second tiebreaker unassisted. The third period showed both teams unwilling to go home with a loss and the final score was 2-2.

Their persistent play continued when facing the Orangeville Flyers for the first home game on Saturday. The first period yielded no goals from either side and allowed the talents of goaltender Andrew Wright to shine. The second period clearly highlighted the 'never give up' attitude of this young team as Orangeville took a 2-0 lead. Not to be

outdone, Marshall Harkins, with help from Matthew Gibbons and Brenden Geim, put Acton on the scoreboard.

Into the final period, Acton evened the score again with another great goal by William Vatsis, assisted by Sean Caruso. Orangeville got the go-ahead goal next but in the end, the Tanners refused to quit and scored the tiebreaker, thanks again to the talents of William Vatsis, with assists going to Harkins and Caruso. The game ended in a 3-3 tie.

With the grit and determination shown by this young team over the past weekend, the Acton Novice BB Tanners are sure to have one exciting season. Stay tuned...



JAMES BAY VISITORS: The Wesley family from James Bay drove all the way from the North so son Elden could play for Timmins in a hockey tournament in Halton Hills last weekend. Elden, centre, is flanked by his father James and mother Esther - Ted Tyler Photo

Senior Girl Bearcats down Oakville, Milton

Acton Bearcats senior girls' basketball team have evened their record at 2 and 2, after a pair of victories last week. On Tuesday Oct. 2, at home they defeated T. A. Blakelock of Oakville 40 - 27 with Erica Mills pouring in a career high 24 points, point guard Vicky Duffield added 8 points and the balance of the scoring came from Alaina Mills (4), Laura Remaka (2) and Renee Martineau (2).

On Thursday Oct. 4 they held on in a tight defensive match against Milton District High 27 - 25 with Erica Mills (12) and Stephanie Baker (11) leading the way. Milton's Keisha Alexander had 9 points for her team.

Bearcats split with Burlington, Oakville

After a loss Tuesday and a win Thursday, the Senior Bearcat girls now have a record of 3 and 3 and have moved into a tie for fifth place in their 12 team division.

Last Tuesday they dropped a narrow decision to L.B. Pearson of Burlington 33-30 with guard Victoria Duffield leading the way with 12 points. Renee Martineau had seven and Alaina Mills chipped in with four. Acton had three players foul out of the game, which contributed to the loss.

On Thursday, at Kings Christian College in Oakville, the Bearcats rebounded with a convincing 44-20 victory. Erica Mills (20) and point guard Victoria Duffield (16) combined to lead their team.

The Junior Bearcats are still looking for their first victory, having lost both games last week. They were much more competitive though and received strong performances from Nicole Drumm, Desiray Jones and Kalsey Smith.

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Cougars maul Devils by 5-2

The Gold Cougars beat the Red Devils by a score of 6-2 in the first game last Friday night for the ALHL. Carrie Gallant and Jenn Stelmach powered the Cougars with two goals each. Jane Tivendale and Anna White added singles. Sally Stull had two assists and other assists went to Anna White, Belinda McDonald, Sandy Walsh and Kellie Encina.

Replying for the Red Devils were Erin Donnelly and DL Greig with assists from Lori McIntyre and Debbie Evans.

Sharks Bite Lightning

In the second game the Dark Sharks edged the Blue Lightning by a score of 3-2. Goals for the Sharks were by Daina McKellar, Annette Kroezen and Angela Stiles with the winner. Assists went to Daina McKellar, Karen Foster and Janet Schultis.

Striking for the Lightning were Kathleen Bevan and Denise Stairs. Una Lalonde and Kristy Hayward added helpers. Jennifer Swan made a game saving stop on a clear cut breakaway with 2 seconds remaining to preserve the win for the Sharks.

The league is always looking for new players. If you are interested in being on the wait list check out our website at www.actonladieshockey.ca. Our league is for women 30 years and up. No experience required. *Josey Bonnette, ALHL*

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