

Midget BB Tanners win playoff but OMHA strips them of series victory

An EMS should have been parked outside the arena in Beamsville as many of the Tanner parents thought they were going to have to seek medical help for cardiac related issues during the Lincoln-Acton playoff game on Saturday afternoon!

The Acton Tanners Midget BB (Staying Alive Fitness) team gave their fans a truly nerve wrecking game to endure. Lincoln came out on the ice looking for a quick win, pelting the Tanner net with shots resulting in three quick goals before the end of the first period. Lincoln was well on their way to taking the game and moving ahead to the semi-final round, but Acton wasn't about to let them take it that easily.

Before the first period ended, with a player in the penalty box and extra room on the ice, Ryan Faber and Bradley Kri skated their way through the Lincoln defence to the net. Ryan put a shot past the Blades' netminder to let them know that Acton would not go home without a fight! The second period saw several shots and many chances for both teams but the score remained 3 to 1.

If the Tanners were going to at least tie, they only had 15 minutes left to do it.



The Tanners celebrate after winning the fifth game of the playoff series.

The coach's pep talk in the dressing room must have been a good one because the Tanners came out firing in the third! At 13:52, Jessy Kuenzig took a great feed from Adam Amato and fired a shot into the Lincoln net bringing the game to within one. Just under 3 minutes later, Ryan Faber and Adam Amato created confusion

around the net. Ryan caught a pass from Adam and sent a shot into the Lincoln net to send home the tying goal!

The team and the Tanner fans erupted, but there was still 11 minutes of hockey left – anything could happen the way these teams were playing. Seeing the possibility of a loss in sight, Lincoln came on hard but

Tanner netminder, Andrew Cheeseman, made many key saves thwarting the Blade's efforts.

When the third period ended, the Tanners were, once again, headed to an overtime period. With elimination on the line, both teams hit hard, shot hard and skated fast but only one team would emerge victorious and that was the Tanners at 6:41. After Ryan Faber passed the puck to Jessy Kuenzig in the corner, Jessy tossed the puck to a patient Mark Wells in front of the net who then put it through the five hole sending the Acton Tanners Midget team to the OMHA semi-final round against Dorchester.

The team flooded onto the ice congratulating each other while the Tanner fans could barely contain themselves. It was a hard fought series that will not be quickly forgotten.

Unfortunately the elation for the Tanners was short-lived. Due to a clerical error on the game sheet for game 3, the Lincoln Blades launched a protest to the OMHA. As a result, the OMHA stripped the Tanners of their hard fought win and awarded the unearned win to the Blades who now move on to the semi-final round against Dorchester..

Acton Ladies' Hockey playoffs

Cougars edge Dark Sharks 3-2, Lightning strikes Red Devils

In the first game of Acton Ladies Hockey the Gold Cougars their winning ways with their 4th consecutive playoff victory, this time a 3-2 win over the Dark Sharks.

Josey Bonnette opened the scoring got the Dark Sharks on a tip in from a nifty pass from Jennifer Casarin. Sandy Walsh evened the score with assists to Jane Tivendale and Pamela Ireland.

The Sharks regained the lead with a goal by Annette Kroesen assisted by Karen Foster. The lead was short lived as Sandy Walsh tied it up with assists from Jennifer Stelmach and Evelyn Beddard.

Jane Tivendale bulged the twine late in the 3rd period to give the Cougars the victory and Leanne Managhan had the helper.

Posts shutout

In the second game Joanne Cooper backstopped the Blue Lightning to a 1-0 victory over the Red Devils. Tina McLeod scored the lone goal on a goal-mouth scramble assisted by Kasey Shoebridge. The Red Devils applied tremendous pressure in the last 5 minutes of the game but failed to get a shot past Coop

The Friday the Blue Lightning visits the Gold Cougars at 10pm, while the Dark Sharks visit the Red Devils at 11pm. Only two more games to go before the end of the season. The final games are on Friday, March 28. The consolation game is at 8pm and the championship games at 9am

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