THE NEW TANNER



Novice Tanners excite fans

The RBC sponsored Acton Tanners' December 16 game with the Caledon Hawks was probably the most exciting game of the season. Coming off a win against the Hawks in Acton only three days earlier, the Tanners beat the Hawks 3-2 in Caledon in a riveting, action packed game. Less than two minutes into the game, Tanners forward Tristan Wight snagged a loose puck after an intense scramble just to the side of the Hawks net and scored the first goal with a back hand shot while on his knees. The assist went to Stuart McDonald. The Hawks scored the only other goal in the period to end it 1-1.

It only took a couple minutes for the Tanners to get their second goal when Dylan Palmer flipped one past the Hawks goalie. As-



Merstorff, Dylan Agnew, Conner Hitchcock(2). Assists: Cory Tsiourlis(2), Michael Shortt(2), Merstorff, Evan Cunard(2).

and Wight. Once again, the Hawks tied it up before the period ended. Half way through the third, Nic Jones fired what would be the winning shot into the Hawks net after beating their defence on a rush, giving the Tanners a 3-2 lead. With close game excitement, the Tanners took a penalty with just over one minute left to play. The Hawks pulled their goalie to make it 6 on 4, but thanks to some great saves by Tanners' goalie Sebastian Woods and some excellent plays by the Tanners defence, the Hawks were kept at bay. The show stopper came at the end when a Caledon player got control of the puck right in front of the Tanners net and fired

sists went to McDonald one at Woods with only seconds left to play, but Woods made an incredible save that won the Tanners the game.

The Tanners also travelled to Orangeville last week to face the Flyers for the last game before the Christmas break. The coaching staff switched up the lines completely for a little excitement by putting the regular defence up front and bringing five forwards back, to give everyone a chance to

play a different position. While the game ended in a 2-0 win for Orangeville, "The kids all did well be-

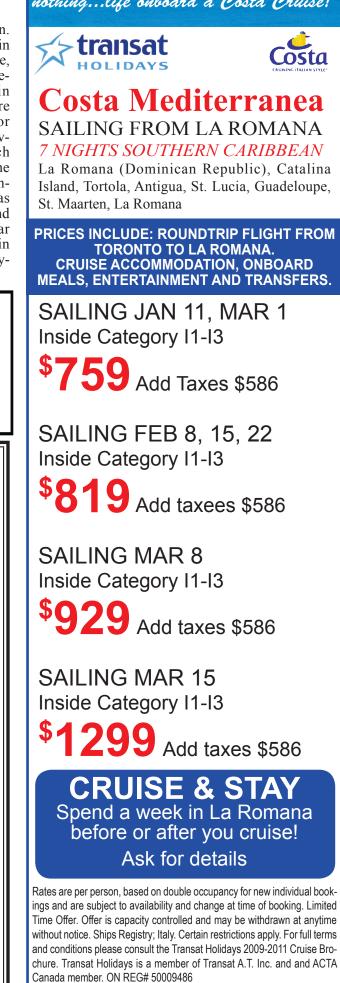
cause they believed in themselves and we were very proud of them for adapting so well and giving it their all," Coach Scott Holmes said of the switch. The Novice Tanners broke for Christmas with a 12-9-4 record and have three more regular season games to play in the New Year before playoffs start.







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