

Sports

with The New Tanner



TANNER TOUGH: The Atom BB Tanners battled to a Silver medal finish at the 43rd annual Cambridge tournament. – Submitted photo

Atom BB Tanners earn silver medal at tourney

Monday, December 28 marked the first game of the 43rd Annual Hespeler Shamrock Olympics for the Acton Tanners Atom BB team which ended in a final fight to the finish just two days later.

Up first were the Milton Winterhawks and the Tanners. The Tanners showed real grit and determination to establish themselves as

the squad to beat. The first period yielded no goals from either side and allowed the talents of net minder Andrew Wright to shine. Unfortunately towards the end of the second period, Milton netted two quick goals. With two minutes left in the second, forward Marshall Harkins, with an assist from Garrett MacMillan, put the Tanners

on the score board. The third period was a real nail-biter where neither team was able to score and the Tanners, despite playing awesome hockey, weren't able to tie it up. The final score was 2-1.

Next up was Belle River and the Tanners showed their stuff with a 6-1 win. Harkins and MacMillan along with Cameron Hampton, Brenden Geim, Nick Percy, Evan Pike and defenceman Jake Molinaro all went on the game sheet, but the entire team aptly demonstrated their skill to deliver the win.

Day two of the tournament had the Tanners facing the Hespeler Shamrocks, where again, the Tanners skated away with a 6-1 win. This game saw Alec MacCallum put four goals on the board with assists from team mates Harkins, Hampton, Geim and defensemen John McKee and Nicholas Ratchford.

That afternoon the squad faced the Cambridge Hawks where Sean Caruso netted the first goal of the game early in the first period. The Hawks went on to score two early goals in the second until the Tanners came back to tie with

less than two minutes left. Thanks to the solid defence afforded by Carter Kavaner, Molinaro, Ratchford, John McKee and Caruso during the last period, the Tanners went on to score two quick goals with less than two minutes left in the third period. The team was now all set for the final against Milton.

The final game of the tournament was definitely a heartbreaker for the Tanner squad. The second period saw Acton put the first goal on the score board thanks to Hampton, and assisted by Harkins. Milton tied it up and the third period was scoreless which sent the game into overtime. After almost five additional minutes of overtime play, Milton scored to win the tournament. It was a tough loss for the Tanner squad who played their hearts out and fought a great game.

This caps off a sensational season for the Atom BB Tanners. They are currently in third place in their division with 16 wins, 6 losses and 4 ties... a fabulous season for all. Come and cheer them on as they begin their playoff session. Check the Tanners website for dates and times.

House League Hockey

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Jescan Power 9

Eramosa Physiotherapy 3
Jescan Goals: Jennifer Caruso, Matthew Geim(3), Matthew Lantz(3), Liam Chalmers, Walt Hazzard. Jescan Assists: Jake Wilson, Charlie McGillivray, Caruso, Geim, Jordan Caruso, Adam Laselva(2), Benjamin Wittich, Hazzard, Chalmers(2), Lantz.

Eramosa Goals: Owen Kennedy(2), Laek Swain. Jescan Assists: Ryan LeFebvre.

NOVICE

Front Line 7

Yourway Auto 2

Front Line Goals: James Martin(3), Brandon Hatt(2), Coltin Goldin, David Corbett. Front Line Assists: Braedon Dolloway(3), Evan Robertson(2), Steven Samu(2), David Corbett(2), Hayden Mercer(2).

Yourway Goals: Chase Thomas, Robert Ferriola. Yourway Assists: Ethan Krusky, Quinton Binnell, Stihl Northey.

Mortgage Edge 10

Daniel Varanelli 1

Mortgage Goals: Hunter McCauley(4), Daniel Crha(3), Makayla Dee(2) Adam Coppola. Mortgage Assists: Michael Battams(7), McCauley(3), Crha(3), Dee(2), Zachary Timbers.

Varanelli Goals: Eric Mar-

rows. Varanelli Assists: Joe Graham, Victor Montini.

Nor Halton 8

Giant Tiger 0

Nor Halton Goals: Brady Worthman(5), Jon Bydevvate(2), Thomas Savage. Nor Halton Assists: Evan Kostashuk(2), Bydevvate(2), Ryan Hodge(2), Brady Worthman, Hayes Hutchinson.

MIDGET

Endzone Sports 4

Acton Precast 3

Endzone Goals: Matt Kutasienski, Jesse Hill, Justin Giordanno(2). Endzone Assists: Giordanno, Kutasienski, Rob Laing, Paul Kutasienski.

Precast Goals: Dillion Couture, Evan McKeenan, Jeffery Curry. Precast Assists: Erika Stokes, James Dawkins, Michell Webster.

Atlantis Photo 8

Fraser Direct 6

Atlantis Goals: Cory Tsiourlis(4), Michael Shortt, Conner Hitchcock, Luke VanDinther, Tanner Merstorf. Atlantis Assists: Shortt, Tsiourlis(2), Luke Shore, Dylan Agnew, Merstorf(2), Hitchcock, Evan Cunard.

Direct Goals: Josh Martin(2), Jonathon Porty, Kyle Adema, David Buckland, Ryan Payne. Direct Assists: Eric Cardosa, Matt Stubbington, Porty, Jesse McFadden.

Holiday wins for Novice Tanners

During the Christmas break, the Novice Acton Tanners participated in the Hespeler Olympics hockey tournament. The Tanners played four games in a two-day, round robin style format, where they beat the North London Eagles and the Hespeler Shamrocks, tied the Guelph Jr. Storm and lost to the Innisfil Winterhawks. Five points was enough for them to finish the round robin in third place and move on to the finals where they faced off against the Richmond Hill Stars, vying for the bronze metal. It was an evenly matched game, tied up until the last three minutes but despite the team's incredible effort, as well as excellent goal tending, the Tanners were unable to come back from a late goal that put the Stars ahead and they lost the game 4-2. A great accomplishment overall.

The New Year brought

better luck to the Novice Tanners with two wins in two days. They travelled to Arthur on January 2 to take on the Vipers and managed a 4-1 win. The first period was scoreless, and just when it looked like the second would remain the same, Daniel Nascimento scored with only a minute and half left, assisted by Caleb Downs. The third period brought the Tanners three more, well deserved goals by each of Michael Holmes, Tristan Wight and an empty netter by Nascimento. Downs was given another assist on Holmes' goal and Spencer Booth on Nascimento's goal. The Vipers only managed to get one goal by Tanners' goalie Sebastian Woods, who was spectacular in between the pipes once again.

The next day the Tanners hosted the Flamborough Sabres and earned another 6-2 win.

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