

# A.H.S. junior volleyball team captures Halton Gold

By Frances Niblock

A large volleyball trophy won by the junior girls' team sits in a front entrance display case at Acton High School – the first time in over 30 years the trophy has come to Acton to signify that the beholders are Halton Champions.

And champs they are – downing Lester B. Pearson 25-21 and 25-16 to cinch the Halton title in play at Sheridan College last Wednesday.

With an 8-and-1 season, the junior team honed their skills early, showing great team work, dedication and fine tuning their game according to teach-

er Jennet Clayton, one of the coaching staff that also handled the senior girls' team that was eliminated in the semi-finals.

"This has been amazing for us all. I think that one of our strengths is that we had really good hitting," Clayton said on Friday, adding in their first game against Pearson they served well, had strong blocking and accurate hitting.

Asked to name a playmaker or a star in the championships, Clayton said the entire team played so well that she couldn't single anyone out for special praise.

"They all played the best we've ever seen them

play – they were focused, determined and they really wanted to win this," Clayton said, adding they almost lost a regular season game to Pearson, their rival.

"The team won because of a combination of skills, high energy and smart play," Jennet said.

The team includes Lucinda Kollenhoven, Dani Schausbreitner, Kim Baker, Allison Baker, Kailley Donaldson, Christine Keller, Jenn Doraty, Jade Kovacevic, Laura Brooks, Natalie Shortt and Abby Jolly. The teacher/coaches include: Clayton, Angela Kennedy, Keely Fawcett, Marla Anceriz and student coach Travis Kayler.

# Cougars scratch Devils

In Acton Ladies Hockey playoff action, the Smooth & Trendzy Cougars defeated the DNR Devils 3-1. The Cougars scored two quick goals at the start of the game to set the tone. Ute Cole and Annette Kroezen scored a minute apart. Mick Wood, Karen Foster and Kroezen had assists. Daina McKellar replied for the Devils in the first period. Kroezen potted her second goal of the game early in the second per-

iod to seal the deal for the Cats. Mick Wood earned her second assist on the goal. The third period remained scoreless.

In the second game the Active Choice Sharks blanked the Acton Optical Lightning 4-0. Shark goalie Jenn Swan got the shutout. Dr. Dana Selby opened the scoring in the first period from Mary Joosten. Janet Garton added to the lead from Karen Bell and Shelly Dodds. Garton and Nicholl

Spence rounded out the scoring on unassisted goals in the second and third periods.

This Friday, the Active Choice Sharks face off against the Smooth & Trendzy Cougars at the 10 p.m. game. The DNR Contracting Devils visit the Acton Optical Lightning at 11 p.m. The Active Choice Sharks, Smooth & Trendzy Cougars and Acton Optical Lightning are tied for first place with three games to go.

# Bantam BB Tanners semi finalists

Quarter Finals

**ACTON vs. THOROLD**  
After defeating the Dundas Blues and Erin Hillsburgh Devils in the preliminary round-robin OMHA playdowns, the Acton Firefighters Bantam BB Tanners secured a berth in the OMHA quarterfinals, travelling to Niagara Region to meet the Thorold Blackhawks on February 11.

For the first two periods a flat footed Tanners team allowed four goals and scored just once. In the third period the Tanners scored two quick goals, but Thorold pressured the Tanners until the dying minutes of the game, securing their home ice victory with one final marker.

**THOROLD 5 – ACTON 3**

On February 13, the Blackhawks visited Acton and were surprised with two quick goals from the

Tanners. In the next two periods the Tanners scored two more goals with Thorold breaching the Tanners' cage only once.

**ACTON 4 – THOROLD 1**

The Tanners visited Thorold on February 15, determined to win. With four goals in three periods, the Tanners had two players in the penalty box giving Thorold the 6-3, 6-4 man advantage that it used to score twice, but Acton held the lead.

**ACTON 4 – THOROLD 2**

On February 20 Thorold returned to Acton. After a scoreless first, in the second period Acton took advantage of a Blackhawks' penalty and scored twice. Thorold maintained its pressure on the home team and succeeded in ruffling the Tanners mesh once before the final buzzer.

**ACTON 2 – THOROLD 1**

Semi – Finals

**ACTON vs. TILLSONBURG**

On Thursday February 23, the Tanners traveled to Tillsonburg to play the Tillsonburg Toronados. Unfortunately, the road trip took its toll on the lacklustre Tanners who took a 6-1 loss in the semi-final opening game.

**TILLSONBURG 6 – ACTON 1**

Tillsonburg visited Acton on Saturday February 27 and found the tanners were ready to play and scored first. During the next period and a half, the Toronados took advantage of Tanner penalties and minor mistakes resulting in a 3-1 Tillsonburg advantage. The Tanners scored four more goals.

**ACTON 4 – TILLSONBURG 3**

Semi-finals continue with the Acton Firefighters Bantam BB Tanners squaring off against the Tillsonburg Toronados in the upcoming weeks.



**POISE & POWER:** Acton Skating Club members, Emma Hollings and Riley Spear earned a third place finish in their Junior Bronze Dance at the 2010 Central Ontario Boston Pizza StarSkate Championships. That allows them to advance to the 2010 HomeSense Trillium StarSkate Competition in Kingston on March 14, representing Central Ontario and Acton Skating Club. – Submitted photo

# Atom AE Tanners 3-1 in Tri-County Play-Downs

The RM Construction Atom AE Tanners split home-and-home games with Dundas. In the first, Acton traveled to Dundas and lost 4-2. The Tanners opened the scoring with only four seconds remaining in the first period on a goal from Tanner Canary with help from Nathan Pines. Dundas was all over Acton in the second period scoring three times. Trailing 3-1 entering the final frame, Noah St. Denis picked up a loose puck in the corner, centered a pass to an open Cam Shoebridge making it a 3-2 game. With just over five minutes remaining, Dundas made it a two goal game, never looking back.

In a must win game at

home, Acton played a strong defensive game. With very few scoring chances by both Acton and Dundas, the game remained scoreless until early into the second period when on a rebound, Canary knocked one into the opposing teams net, with assists from Ian Davies and Pines.

Midway through the second period after killing off a long 5 on 3, Pines scored to give the Tanners a 2-0 lead with the lone helper going to Canary.

Dundas kept coming hard in the third period, finally getting one by the Acton goaltender James Bursa on a rebound, cutting the lead to one. When Dundas pulled their goalie

and put some pressure in the dying seconds, Canary was able to clear the zone getting the puck to Cam Knight who scored into the empty net giving Acton a much deserved 3-1 win.

"In a must win game, I was really proud of the effort that our boys put forth. We played hard the entire game as a team and received timely saves from Bursa," said coach Steve Caldwell. "Dundas has turned out to be our biggest rivals this season, so it was great to beat them. We have two tough games coming up against Centre Wellington and Arthur (who finished in second place in the regular season), so we will need to be ready."