

The North Halton Twisters defeated Sudbury 3-2 in double overtime to capture the Pink the Rink tournament championship for the peewee A division in Etobicoke recently. Team members (front, from left) are: Goalies Daley Burnaccioni, Jaime Hendershot. Second row: Megan Williams, Tanner Mclaughlin, Mallory Stephens, Sarah Doherty, Megan Brinco, Kaity McInall. Third row: Lizzie Gibson, Hailey Armstrong, Kathleen Reedman and Sarah Thomsen, (top) Katie Jurus, coach Mike Stephens, Devyn Chiappino, Marin Delaney, Elena Stone, assistant coach Tim Reedman, Rachel Smith, assistant coach Ian Mclaughlin, trainer Mandy Gibson. Absent: Trainer Marilyn Johnson. Submitted photo

Team of the week: Peewee A Twisters

The North Halton peewee A Twisters went undefeated through six games, which included four shutouts, on their way to winning the Etobicoke Dolphins' Pink the Rink Girls' Hockey Tournament earlier this month.

After posting 2-0 victories over Belleville and North Bay in the playoff round to reach the final, the Twisters and Sudbury couldn't decide the outcome until the second period of overtime with three skaters aside when North Halton scored the winner with 31 seconds remaining.

Preliminary round— North Halton 3, Sudbury 2; North Halton 2, Durham 0; North Halton 0, Flamborough 0

Quarterfinal— North Halton 2, Belleville 0Semifinal—North Halton 2. North Bay 0

Championship- North Halton 3, Sudbury 2 (OT)



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