# Long range goal for Brown is the 2008 Olympics

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Park Secondary School having a great opening day, finishing second in the overall competition, and becoming the only junior competitor in Canada to qualify for all four event finals in the next day's individual competition.

Our story then had her going on to earn medals in three of those four

And this is where we made our

Not only was she the only competitor to qualify for the individual competition of all four events, but she also medalled in all four events.

In fact, she earned gold in beam, silver in vault and bronze in both the uneven bars and floor events.

So in the five events that she competed in, she won five medals - one gold, two silver and two bronze.

The error we made in Saturday's story had her finishing sixth in vault. (The short explanation is I got fooled by a results page that had the first three events listed in order of how they finished, but not the vault category.) Our apologies.

For Brown, this marked a triumphant return to national competition following two injury plagued years.

She trains 25 hours a week with Gymnastics Mississauga and her long range goal is the 2008 Olympics (she is ineligible for the 2004 Olympics because of age restrictions).



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Alyssa Brown hit the podium in all five events at the junior nationals, including this gold for the beam.

# Rangers field seven players in midget all-star game

By virtue of their success in league play, the Oakville Rangers midget AAA rep team will be well represented in the upcoming South Central Triple A midget all-star game, with seven players selected to the Central Division squad.

The all-star game goes Saturday, Dec. 20, 8 p.m., at Burlington's Central Arena. The Rangers' coaching staff, led by

head coach Jim Peebles, will be behind the bench for the Central rep's by virtue of their 14-3-3 league record and first place standing

Matt Pike and Mike Binnington, the Rangers' goaltending duo, both earned selections by being the final brick wall in the Rangers' league leading 1.85 goals against average.

Captain Dan Ringwald, with his pinpoint passes and Chris Peebles with his laser-beam wrist shot represent the blueliners. The Rangers' red-hot scoring trio of Mike Galbraith, Steve Wheeler and Carson Jenkin get the nod up front.

The Rangers have also enjoyed success in tournament play with a 10-4-1 record in three tournaments including a championship trophy at the Hamilton Tim Hortons in October; a quarterfinal spot in the Sudbury Big Nickel; and most recently, a semifinal standing in the 16-team midget division of the 33rd annual Waterloo Gold Puck Tournament, Dec. 12-14.

The Rangers earned their spot in the final four at the Gold Puck by finishing first in their group of four with two wins and one loss and by winning their quarterfinal match over the Peterborough Petes before falling 1-0 to the Toronto Jr. Canadiens in one semifinal.

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Toronto Jr. Canadiens 1, OAKVILLE 0 (semifinal): as in most games, the Rangers were short on healthy bodies as a result of injuries and suspensions. However, the Canadiens were under-manned even worse, as they rode their hot goalie to a berth in the final. After a tentative and

scoreless first period, the Rangers poured it on in the second period, outshooting the Canadiens 14-2 but were not able to solve the Canadiens keeper. Despite the imbalance in play over the first two periods, the Canadiens surprised the Rangers with a couple of flurries early in the third period, one of which led to the game's only goal with 10:52 left.

OAKVILLE 3, Peterborough Petes 2 (quarterfinal): Oakville scored two goals with just over two minutes remaining to win this one. Jon Fairclough picked the top corner gloveside to tie it up at 2-2 and Mike Galbraith fired in the game winner on a super individual effort less than a minute later. Mike Turner had given Oakville a shortlived lead to open the scoring. Assists went to John Davitsky, call-up Matt Hicks, David Dobrinsky, Connor Farris and Chris Peebles.

The stage was set for a heart-stopping finish, and the officials enhanced the tension by penalizing the Rangers twice in the final minute. Conor Kelly took charge during the Petes' 24 second, two-man advantage and saved the day for Rangers by blocking two shots and clearing the puck as the clock wound down.

Matt Pike was very solid between the pipes but unfortunately, as the final buzzer sounded a Petes player attacked goalie Pike, leading to suspensions for the semifinal for Pike and Steve Wheeler, who came to the rescue in the ensuing tussle.

Here's a recap of the preliminary OAKVILLE 3, Vaughan Kings 1: David Dobrinsky, in only his second game back from a lengthy wrist injury, was selected as the game star as he scored the first two goals to pace the Rangers attack. Mike Galbraith also found the mark for the Rangers. Carson Jenkin had a pair of helpers, while singles went to Galbraith, Jon Fairclough, Ryan Badham and Steve Wheeler. Badham and Dan Ringwald both left the game early with injuries that kept them out of the second game of the day.

Ottawa Valley Titans 5, OAKVILLE 2: in the low point of the year, the Rangers came out with an undisciplined effort against an opponent they had handled easily in a previous tournament. Goals were scored by David Dobrinsky and Steve Wheeler. Assists went to John Davitsky, Mike Galbraith and Conor Kelly.

OAKVILLE 4, Brantford 99'ers 1: with their backs against the wall, the Rangers responded with a spirited outing in one of the most exciting games of the season. Both teams moved the puck with authority, skated with enthusiasm and relied on their goalies for highlight reel saves. Mike Binnington was simply sensational in nets, stopping 26 shots, including 13 in the third on the way to game star honours. Mike Galbraith netted two goals, including an empty netter, to pace the Rangers. Chris Peebles and Mike Turner also bent the twine for the Rangers. David Dobrinsky continued with his hot hand with three helpers while singles went to Dan Ringwald, call-up Matt Binnington, Steve Wheeler, Jon Fairclough and Shane

# Natural hat-trick for Lucciantonio

The Oakville Rangers minor bantam AAA rep team settled for a back and forth 3-3 tie with Guelph Storm on Sunday.

Robbie Lucciantonio

had the natural hat-trick. Assisting on the goals were Steven Guzzo (2), Cam Watts, Adam DiMarco and Patrick Marsh.

Guelph scored on the

first shift of the first period. the first shift of the second period (to go up 2-1) but then needed to score on the last shift of the game to achieve the tie.

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