## Lacrosse accolades pour in for Georgetown's Ty Jesso



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Halton Hills native Ty Jesso was named MVP of the Junior National Lacrosse League Tournament for the second straight year as the host Rock beat Colorado in the peewee division final held at the Toronto Rock Athletic Centre in Oakville, which featured some of the top youth players in North America.

Ty Jesso just seems to have the Midas touch.

Everything the 12-year-old lacrosse phenom was involved with this past summer turned to gold, resulting in three major team championships in the peewee age category.

Averaging more than three goals a game through the season, Jesso was assistant captain for Team Ontario and scored in his province's 8-3 victory against First Nations at the Canadian Lacrosse Championships in Whitby.

The five-foot-four, 115-pound sharpshooter also captained his hometown Halton Hills Bulldogs to the Ontario peewee 'A' title in Oakville, setting the tone by scoring all of his team's goals in a tourney-opening 5-0 triumph over Kitchener.

Jesso was named as the MVP at provincials and earned a spot on the tournament all-star squad.

More individual accolades would follow at Junior National Lacrosse League Tournament at the Toronto Rock Athletic Centre in Oakville, where for the second year in a row, Jesso received the MVP honours following a four-goal, one-assist performance in the host club's comeback gold-medal game win over Colorado.

Retired Toronto Rock captain Colin Doyle coached the winning team and assigned Jesso the 'C.'

He has been invited by Team Evolve to play field lacrosse in next summer's World Series Championships in Denver, Colorado.

Like his big brother Jordan Dance, who played last season with the Rochester Knighthawks, Jesso has set a goal of making it to the NLL.



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Defender Owen Gowland of the Halton Hills Thunder (left) breaks up a Boston Jr. Rangers' rush during their Minor Peewee A division preliminary-round game Friday afternoon during the Best of the Best Thanksgiving Challenge minor hockey tournament at the Mold-Masters SportsPlex. Jaden Behm and Caiden Merritt each had a pair of goals in the Thunder's 4-2 victory.

## Halton Hills plays host to Best of the Best tourney

Eighty teams from across Ontario and from as far away as Boston, Mass. took part in the annual Best of the Best Thanksgiving Challenge tournament this past weekend, played at arenas in Halton Hills

Hosted by the Halton Hills Thunder Minor Hockey Association, games began early Friday morning and wrapped up with the 13 division championship games Sunday, ranging in age from novice to midget.

The Halton Hills peewee AA Thunder won its division, defeating the La-Salle Sabres 3-1 in the final. round-robin loss to Belle River by beating the Jr. Canadiens 5-1 in the semis.

In the minor midget AA championship game, Halton Hills was edged 3-2 by the Duffield Devils, while in the peewee A final, the Thunder Red squad lost 3-2 to the Burlington Eagles.



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