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## Jones upsets Ontario squash champ to finish fourth at junior nationals

By **HERB GARBUTT**  
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**A**ndrew Jones delivered a little payback to earn a fourth-place finish at the Canadian Junior Squash Championships in Ottawa.

Jones defeated the Ontario Under-19 champion Rob Nigro in the quarterfinals to earn his top-four placing. Nigro, the tournament's second seed, had edged Jones in five close games to win the Ontario title. Jones, seeded seventh, made easy work of Nigro at nationals, though. He swept all three games with increasing ease, 9-5, 9-3, 9-1.

Jones said he didn't change anything different tactically against Nigro. The difference was the mental aspect of the game.

"I was really focused for that

match," Jones said. "I didn't make many mistakes. I was playing really calm and relaxed. I was thinking a bit more than before and I just knew what he was going to do."

Both the Canadian and Ontario results were improvements on last year's results when he finished seventh in the country and third in the province. With a year left in the U-19 circuit, Jones hopes to again improve his standing.

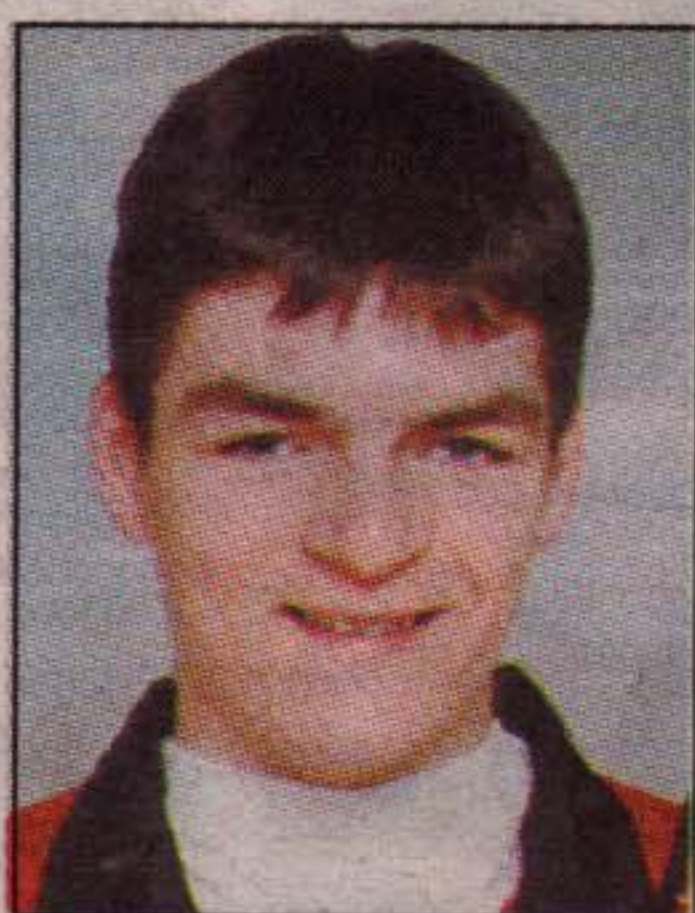
"This is really good. I'm happy with how I played and making the top four," he said. "It's definitely a

confidence boost."

After losing his semifinal match, Jones met Shawn DeLierre for the bronze medal. Jones took the opening game 9-7 but DeLierre rallied to take the next two, 9-5, 9-5.

Feeling a little rattled, Jones fell behind 8-0 in the third game. A couple of winners helped him regain his focus and he reeled off nine straight points. DeLierre finally managed to end the run and score two points and secure a 10-9 victory.

Jones had strung together an impressive run of results heading into the nationals. While at a national team training camp, he entered the Alberta Open in Calgary and won the junior division. The week before the nationals he won the men's A division at the Pine Valley Racquet Club's club championship.



ANDREW JONES



### Deking 'Dog

Greg Bidwell of the Georgetown Bulldogs tries to get around Scarborough's Ed Fines in Sunday's Jr. B lacrosse exhibition game. Scarborough won 9-5. For more on the Bulldogs, see page 26. Photo by Herb Garbutt

## First-year Peewee Twisters capture silver medal at provincials

**T**here were not a lot of high expectations placed on the Halton Hills Peewee Twisters.

The team began the season with two players with rep hockey experience and the remainder had only one year of house league under their belts. With few C teams in the area, they played in a league comprised of teams from larger B and BB centres and won only three of 20 games.

But the Twisters surprised everyone, including their coach, by winning a silver medal at the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) Provincial Championships in their first year of play.

"I wouldn't have expected anything like this at the beginning of the season," said Kathleen Bevan, who has coached in the OWHA for 10 years. "But the girls worked hard, played together and learned the game."

The Twisters went undefeated

in three games to earn a berth in the final against Belmont. Their opponents struck quick, scoring a minute into the game. Melissa

Hann tied the game late in the first but Belmont regained its one-goal edge 12 seconds later.

It remained that way until the

third. Belmont scored two minutes into the period to take a 3-1 lead. The Twisters had a chance to get back in the game with a five-minute powerplay but Belmont killed the penalty and added a late goal for a 4-1 win.

Halton Hills began the tournament with a 3-1 win over Cochrane. Leanne Binsell, Hann and Kathryn Chandler scored for the Twisters. Tanya Dias allowed only a second-period goal to earn the victory in net.

The Twisters then skated to a 2-2 draw with Embro. Jake Hofing and her goaltending counterpart kept the game scoreless in the first. Embro took the lead twice but each time Hann scored to pull the Twisters even.

With a trip to the final on the line against Brockville, the Twisters scored twice in the final three minutes to pull out a 5-4 victory. Brockville had taken a 4-3 lead with 2:53 to play but Chandler evened the score 20 seconds later. Fiona Campbell then scored the game winner

with 1:16 remaining.

The teams had traded the lead back and forth through the first two periods. Hann, Carly LeBlanc and Candace Nogueira, who had a three-point game, scored for the Twisters.

The Twisters finished the North Metro Women's Hockey League season with a 3-16-1 record but Bevan said the team showed continuous improvement and never let their confidence falter.

"The girls were fine," Bevan said. "They understood we were playing tougher teams."

In fact, playing against the faster, better teams helped when it came time for the Twisters to play against teams from similar sized centres.

"We had to go get the puck from the other team and the girls learned how to forecheck," Bevan said. "In the tournament they found they had a little more time to do things."

—by Herb Garbutt, staff writer



The Halton Hills Peewee Twisters celebrate their provincial silver medal. Team members are: Alaina Baker, Leanne Binsell, Fiona Campbell, Kathryn Chandler, Colleen Crichton, Tanya Dias, Nicole Gingras, Chelsey Gruszka, Melissa Hann, Jake Hofing, Arla Latto-Hall, Meghan Lawrie, Carly LeBlanc, Candace Nogueira, Cristy Nurse, Andrea Ovenden, Devon Reynolds, Cheryl Rylett and coaches Kathleen Bevan, Janet Garton and Carrie Gallant.



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