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Solid pitching and defence the keys to victory

Hawks squads earn pair of bronze at own tourney

Outstanding pitching and defence and some extra-inning heroics brought the Halton Hills Hawks two bronze medals at the Halton Hills Hawks Re/Max Blue Springs Girls Softball Tournament on Sunday.

Lisa Mior pitched a two-hit shutout as the Midget Hawks blanked Port Perry 4-0 in the bronze medal game.

Mior also got some defensive help to keep her shutout in tact. The Hawks turned a double play when shortstop Keri Lindsay fired to first for one out and Andrea Carella then turned and fired the ball home to catcher Melissa Sheppard to get the Port Perry runner at the plate. Lindsay also made a diving catch at short and was named game MVP. Sarah Berry led the offence by going 2-for-3.

The Novice II Hawks brought Halton Hills its second medal with a 4-3 victory over New Hamburg in nine innings.

Playing in the second tie-breaking inning, Sarah Cairns' bunt moved the runner to third and Casey Ferguson lined a single to left to bring home the winning run. Rochelle Reid pitched all nine innings for the victory.

The Hawks had fallen behind 2-0 but scored three times in the sixth to take the lead. New Hamburg tied the game in the seventh to force extra innings.

Midget Hawks

The Midget Hawks opened the tournament with a 2-0 loss to Mississauga North.

Mior pitched a complete game four-hitter but Mississauga scored one run in the second and another in the fifth. Lindsay was 2-for-3 for the Hawks.

The Hawks defeated Port Perry 8-3 in their next game. Mior and Sheppard each had a pair of hits and Cheryl



Casey Ferguson delivers a pitch for the Novice II Hawks during their 4-1 tournament opening win against Mississauga South West Saturday at the Georgetown Fairgrounds. The Hawks went on to win the bronze medal with a 4-3 extra-inning win over New Hamburg. Photo by Christine Smyth

Mastalerz picked up MVP honors for holding Port Perry to six hits over seven innings.

The Hawks ran into a hot pitcher in a 1-0 loss to Chinguacousy.

Lindsay's two-out double in the seventh broke up a perfect game. Hawks' pitcher Jenn Lukas held Chinguacousy in check until a bloop single scored the game's only run in the sixth inning. Sheppard also

helped out by throwing out a pair of runners from behind the plate.

Chinguacousy went on to edge Mississauga North 5-4 for the gold medal.

Novice II Hawks

The Hawks opened the tournament with a pair of victories. They defeated Mississauga South West 4-1 and then doubled Milton 10-5.

The Hawks were blanked 8-0 by New Hamburg in their final round-robin game but the team would pull together, turning two double plays, to beat the same team for the bronze medal.

The Hawks also had a strong game in the semifinal. They kept close to a powerful Brampton squad, trailing 4-2 after four innings.

However, with the Hawks down to one pitcher due to injury, Brampton pulled away late for an 11-2 win.

Guelph would stage a late rally to edge Brampton 7-6 for the gold medal.

Bantam Hawks

The Bantam Hawks opened the tournament with a 7-0 loss to Brampton.

The Hawks followed it up with a heart-breaking 4-3 loss to St. Catharines in 10 innings. Scoreless after seven innings, the teams went to a tie-breaker. Each team scored once in the ninth inning and the Hawks tallied two in the 10th only to have St. Catharines come back with three.

Jade Reid pitched all 10 innings, shutting out the opposition for the first eight. Sarah Berry had two hits for the Hawks.

The Hawks bounced back with a 9-8 win over Mississauga North. Kylie Kruk, Dana Higgins and Kendra Hiltz each had three hits while Alexandra Findley and Lerah Scott each had two.

In their first playoff game, Aurora slipped past the Hawks 4-3. Kruk delivered a two-run single to tie the game 3-3 in the fourth. Berry had two hits and Laura MacLeod had an outstanding defensive game.

Chinguacousy blanked Kitchener 6-0 for the gold medal.

Novice Hawks

The Novice Hawks opened the tournament with a 5-3 win over Mississauga North. Jordan

Hutson was named game MVP.

The Hawks went to extra innings against the eventual goal medalists from Scarborough. In the end Scarborough pulled out a 1-0 victory in eight innings.

Jen Malone allowed only three hits in eight innings while striking out four to earn MVP honors for the Hawks.

Hutson and Julie Davies each had a triple, a single and scored twice in the Hawks' 13-0 win over London. Malone and J.J. Edwards combined for the shutout. Malone also tripled.

The Hawks couldn't overcome a slow start in a 5-4 semifinal loss to Clarkson. They fell behind 5-0 in the first two innings. Despite loading the bases in four straight innings, the Hawks came up one run short. Dayna Kanis had two hits, including a double.

In the bronze medal game, the Hawks again found themselves down 5-0 in the first two innings and they fell 6-4 to Newmarket.

Lenore Stoddart had an RBI-double and Sara Hipson earned MVP honors with a single and a double.

Scarborough blasted Clarkson 17-2 in the gold medal game.

Squirt Hawks

Halton Hills began the tournament with a 13-1 loss to Brampton.

Pitcher Stacey Allison was named the Hawks' MVP. Jordan scored three times in the eighth inning to down the Hawks 6-3. Jennifer MacDonald was on base twice for the Hawks and was the team's MVP. Call-up Kelsy Eady also had a strong game.

The Hawks then rebounded to down Kitchener 11-10.

Nicole Sommerville, Lesley Allison, Abby Lyons and MacDonald each scored a pair

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