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Jenn Lukas of the Halton Hills Midget Hawks slides into the tag by the Milton third baseperson during Milton's 3-1 win in the Hawks Re/Max Spring Tournament held this past weekend in Georgetown. The Hawks settled for silver in the rained out event.
Photo by Herb Garbutt

Hawks claim tournament silver

The Halton Hills Midget Hawks allowed only eight runs in four games as they captured the silver medal at the Sixth Annual Hawks Re/Max Spring Tournament.

The Hawks won three of four games and with Sunday's playoffs getting rained out, Halton Hills was awarded the silver based on pool play results.

Jade Reid got the Hawks rolling with a complete game four-hitter as Halton Hills defeated Stratford 6-2. Reid had five strikeouts and got excellent defensive support from Keri Lindsay, who had seven assists in the game. Offensively, Lisa Mior, Cheryl Mastalerz and Ashleigh Pechaluk were each 2-for-2.

Julie Robitaille's three-run homer sparked an 8-3 win over Kitchener. Robitaille launched a shot over the left field fence in the top of the sixth to help the Hawks pull away. Mior, Isabel Dicegile and Sarah Berry went 2-for-2. Mior also struck out seven while picking up the victory.

Mastalerz pitched a four-hitter but Milton, who won the gold, manufactured three runs and a 3-1 victory. The Hawks only managed four hits of their own.

Jenn Lukas pitched a five-hit shutout as the Hawks completed the round-robin with a 2-0 win over Chinguacousy. She struck out four batters. Berry and Ashleigh McIndoe were both 2-for-2.

The Mite Hawks earned a bronze medal with a 15-7 victory over Brampton II. Haley Besworth, Jayme Krane, Jennifer Eady, Britany Hole, Kendra Hole and Jennifer Fritz each scored two runs. Eady, Carole Allison and Britany Hole pitched well in the victory.

The Hawks lost their first two games, 18-7 to the gold medal winners from Oakville and 14-7 to Kitchener. Britany Hole scored twice in the Kitchener game.

The Novice Hawks just missed bronze medal in a tie-breaker after splitting its four games.

Abby Lyons drove in five runs as the Hawks opened the tournament with an 11-3 win over Burlington. Amanda Hole was 3-for-4 with 2 RBIs and Stacey Allison struck out seven and limited the opposition to just two earned runs.

The Hawks dropped a 7-4 decision to Mississauga South West in its next game. Ashley Peacock and Jennifer MacDonald were each 1-for-2 with a run and Melissa Eady had four strikeouts.

The Hawks bounced back with a 7-4 win over Stratford. Jessica Kuchmash and Sarah Fredricks each scored twice and Jessica Brake had two hits and two RBIs. Allison picked up five strikeouts on her way to her second victory.

Halton Hills lost its final game to the gold medalists, Ancaster. Kayla Cox was 2-for-2 for the Hawks.

The Bantam Hawks opened the tournament with a 10-0 shutout over Burlington. After dropping an 8-2 decision to the gold medal winners from St. Catharines, the Hawks were edged 3-2 by Leaside. Stratford then eliminated the Hawks with a 6-1 win in the quarterfinals.

The Squirt Hawks fell 11-3 to Mississauga North, 14-3 to Guelph and 21-1 to Chinguacousy. Mississauga won the gold medal. Lesley Allison earned two game MVP awards while Kelsey Eady and Nicole Somerville were also recognized.

Sidney Crosby

Raiders eyeing teenage sniper

The Georgetown Raiders' new owner isn't looking to make a big splash in his first season. He's looking to create a title wave.

With the defence rebuilt with three acquistions, the Raiders will be trying to make their biggest catch this weekend. The Raiders will be bringing Sidney Crosby, the most sought-after minor hockey player in the country, to Georgetown in hopes he will don a Raider uniform next year.

"We're very excited about the possibility of Sidney Crosby joining the Georgetown Raiders next season," said Raider owner Stuart Hyman. "He's a very special player and would most definitely be a fan favourite."

At the age of 14 and playing against players three years older than him, the Nova Scotia native led the Dartmouth Subways to the silver medal at the Air Canada Cup, the national midget championship, and was named the tournament's most valuable player.

The 5'8, 165-pound forward had 193 points in 74 games last season—numbers so dominant they have brought the inevitable comparisons to Wayne Gretzky. Teams in the Quebec Major Junior League have already tried to have rules altered to get Crosby in their lineup.

Crosby will be arriving Saturday around 11:30 a.m. for a tour of the arena before meeting with team officials. Hyman said Raider fans are welcome to come and meet Crosby.

"He can make a huge impact, not only on our team but on the whole league as well," Hyman said. "(GM) Jack (Moon) and I can tell him how much people support this team but they can come out and show him on Saturday."

The Raiders have already landed three players they expect to have an impact next season. Thursday they acquired defencemen Kyle Aitken and Alex Grieg from the Pickering Panthers. Aitken had 48 points in 48 games while Grieg had 12 assists in 42 games. The two are expected to fill the roles vacated by graduating players Mike Taylor and Billy Fetherston.

The Raiders also acquired Chris Kovalchuk, a tough defenceman who finished last season with the Brampton Capitals.

—By Herb Garbutt, staff writer

IN SYNC: **The Halton Hills Synchronized Swimming Club handed out its awards following its season-ending show, Synchropalooza (above) Saturday at the Georgetown Indoor Pool. Emma Cowton was named the club's rookie of the year while the President's Spirit Award went to Laura Takahashi and Kristin Grifferty. The Coach's Award went to Nicole Culp and Ashley Pilkington and the Jr. Coach Award went to Kendra Peacock. Volunteer Coach of the Year went to Danielle Proulx. The team spirit award was presented to the senior competitive team: Erika Burns, Culp, Melissa Farrell, Amy Faulhafer, Peacock, Pilkington, Stephanie Wasylyk and coach Kristin Grifferty.**
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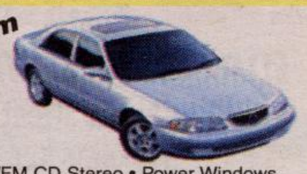
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