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Gridiron action

Top: Ball carrier Cam Wilkinson (grey jersey) of the Panthers is brought down by (from left) Mackenzie Morrison (56), David Taylor (on ground) and Tyler Rice (35) of the Wildcats in a matchup of Halton Hills Minor Football Association house league teams recently at Christ the King Secondary School. The Wildcats defeated the Panthers 25-6.

Right: Evan Oulton of the Raiders dives into the end zone for a touchdown despite the tackling efforts of Eagles' cornerback Jonah Vetro in the first quarter of the gold medal game for the Halton Hills Minor Football Association Day of Champs held at Christ the King field. Oulton added another touchdown in overtime to give the Raiders a 12-6 win and an undefeated record through the entire season.

Top Photo by Jon Borgstrom
Right photo by Eamonn Maher



Novice Hawks head to national tourney

The Halton Hills novice Hawks will be in Montreal next week to play in the Canadian Peewee Girls' Fastpitch Championships along with 11 other teams from B.C., Quebec, New Brunswick and Ontario.

Halton Hills is ranked second in Canada after finishing runner-up to the Guelph Gators at the recent Ontario championships in Guelph, in which the local side beat the defending provincial champs from Oakville to make the final.

The novice Hawks also captured

tournament titles in Whitby and Barrie this summer playing against 15- and 16-year-olds in the bantam age groups.

Ontario Championships

Preliminary round—Guelph Gators 10, Halton Hills 0; Halton Hills 5, Stratford Flames 4; Halton Hills 17, Palmerston Marlins 0

Playoffs—Halton Hills 5, Guelph Downunder 3; Halton Hills 7, Oakville Angels 2

Championship—Guelph Gators 11, Halton Hills 0



Although they finished second in the provincial championships, the Halton Hills novice Hawks have qualified for next week's Canadian play-downs in Montreal and are the number-two-ranked team heading into the Aug. 12-17 tournament. Team members (front, from left) are: Tearney Johnston-Jones, Kendra Hole, Chantal Prevost, Jaime Vieira, Katarina Del Rosso. Back row: Maddison Presswood, Alyssa Page, Kelly Locke, Crystal Marentette, Maddie Mayberry, Emily Brownhill. Coaches: Ian McLaughlin, Art Vieira, Carl Marentette.

Submitted photo

Bantam Hawks cruise to win at tourney

The Halton Hills bantam (born in 1993) Hawks went 5-0 en route to winning a girls' fastpitch tournament in Niagara Falls, routing Port Perry in the championship game.

The Hawks also qualified for the recent NSA A Girls' Fastpitch World Series in Columbus, Ohio, winning its first three games before bowing out

after losses to teams from Indiana and Illinois, finishing in a tie for 33rd in the 97-team tourney.

Niagara Falls Tournament

Preliminary round—Halton Hills 5, North Mississauga 4; Carole Allison (W); Erin Rolanty, Katie Batista, Allison, Emily Stea, Daniella Berdusco

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