

Milton tykes add to championship collection

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The Champion

The hardware haul continues.

Two months ago at Memorial Arena, Milton's hockey tykes struck championship gold at the Optimist Tournament.

Now the same group of boys — for the most part, anyway — have prevailed yet again. Only this time they've done so without the aid of pucks, skates or even ice.

The rink rats' victory party came at the Milton Mavericks Lacrosse Tournament, where they strung together four consecutive wins to take their second title in as many locally-based tournament appearances.

Capping its undefeated run at John Tonelli Sports Centre Sunday afternoon, the team out-distanced Burlington 5-3. This was the very same score they recorded in the finals of the Optimist Tournament.

But that's where the similarities would end.

Late surge aids win

Where the tykes led for most of the hockey championship game, they relinquished two separate leads and needed a pair of third-period goals to finally prevail in their latest conquest.

And where the hockey club's scoring was spread out with five different players lighting the lamp, it was one sniper who carried the lacrosse team offensively this time around.

Registering 11 goals over the course of the tournament, leading marksman Scott Dermott punctuated an incredible weekend performance with four tallies against Burlington.

He delivered the game winner roughly two minutes into the final frame, picking the top right corner with a lengthy overhead.

Dermott also stood out in the semifinals, tallying twice to help shade Halton Hills 3-2. However, Michael Sgarbossa provided the

heroics in this one with the go-ahead goal late in the opening period.

Dominance upstaged drama in round-robin play, as the local tykes humbled Mimico 7-3 and annihilated Nepean 12-2.

Dermott and Richard Monk had hat-tricks against Nepean. Versus Mimico, Dermott and Sgarbossa led the way with two goals apiece.

Backstopping Milton to its championship victory were Trevor Rae-Hunt and Gavin Lecky.

Also contributing to the title win were Steven Bennett, Brandon Denham, Brandon Farrell, Brendan Grant, Robert Gray, Brandon Haggart, Tyler Jordan, Jamison King, George Kopas, Chris Larkin, Richard Monk, Ricardo Raduka, Curtis Rushton and Mackenzie Zuest.

Novices outlasted

Milton's novice squad would have been well advised to keep a little of their offensive fuel in reserve.

The Mavericks scored nearly two dozen times en route to the semifinals — but once there, just didn't have enough left and were downed by Whitby 8-5.

Bradley Hoy's three-goal attack and Katie Blasco's steady cage work kept things close. Also denting the twine were Brandon Rae-Hunt and Ethan O'Connor.

The novices were the most overpowering local team during the early stages of the tournament — blasting both Orangeville (9-3) and Nepean (11-0).

Hoy had a hat-trick in each of these games as well while also scoring three times against Orangeville was Rae-Hunt.

Arguably the most disappointing part of the was a qualifying round loss by the local midgets — the same group of boys who'd taken the title the last two years as bantams.

Favoured to win the title, they instead split



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

A Milton peewee player races by a couple of Whitby opponents during the Mavericks' lacrosse tournament Saturday. The Mavs lost 6-1.

their round-robin games and in the qualifying game were humbled by Caledon 7-2.

Goals were registered by Todd Ashby and Kevin Corbin. Jordan Lumb was in net for the lopsided loss.

The midgets — who have a couple of provincial field lacrosse champs in their ranks, in Matt Decaire and Kyle Goertz (who recently took the 'B' division cup with the Burlington Chiefs) — began the weekend by doubling up Markham 8-4.

From there they weretrimmed by Nepean 6-4.

Goertz, Derek Blanchard and Mike Novak each tallied twice in game one while netted a goal and an assist in round two were Decaire and Lane Moodie.

Peewees go winless

Milton's peewees went winless over the weekend and failed to advance past round-robin play.

Their closest brush with victory came in round one, when they grabbed an early lead but eventually settled for a 4-4 stalemate with Caledon.

They then were beaten by Nepean 4-2 and dumped by Whitby 6-1.

Luke Moodie led their offensive campaign with three goals while singles were chipped in by Cole Madansky, David Majka, Ashley Rutz and Michael Vipond.

Guarding the cage throughout the weekend was Harrison Hristopoulos.

Meanwhile, Milton did not have a representative for the bantam division this year.

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