

'AA' midgets' season ends with disappointing finish at Ontario championships

Less-than-stellar effort leads to fourth-place showing

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It wasn't exactly the northern excursion local midgets had in mind.

Suffering a double whammy at the Ontario Hockey Federation championships in Sudbury Sunday, Milton's AA Winterhawks let both a trip to the finals and the bronze medal slip through their fingers with consecutive sub-par performances.

"It was really disappointing — both our finish and effort," explained assistant Tom Baynton, who picked up the head coaching reigns when skipper Arnie Parcels returned home to attend a family wedding Saturday.

While the GTHL's West Mall Lightning were the cream of the provincial crop, Milton's OMHA champions were on par with the other three teams — from a talent standpoint — according to Baynton.

"West Mall was a step ahead of everyone, but I think we could certainly have come second," he suggested. "Mentally, the guys just weren't there."

Heartbreaking finish

The Milton Toyota-sponsored crew's biggest disappointment was saved for last — when in the afternoon bronze-medal tilt they coughed up a two-goal lead in the final three minutes of play and wound up losing to Waterloo 5-3.

The game winner — a deflected blueline blast — was sunk with a measly 11.2 seconds remaining and quickly followed up with an empty netter that sealed the local midgets' collective fate. Julian Ricci established the lead with a first-period hat-trick — for the team's only multi-goal performance of the tournament — while delivering a strong showing between the

pipes was weekend all-star and bronze-medal MVP Kyle Goertz.

A few hours earlier Milton was hammered 9-1 by West Mall in the semifinals.

While able to stay competitive with the eventual champs during round-robin play — getting blanked 3-0 — Milton was simply overwhelmed by their opponents' fierce breakout in the rematch.

A 4-3 defeat at the hands of Waterloo in the tournament opener was essentially what cost the Winterhawks a legitimate shot at the finals — since finishing fourth in the round-robin put them up against insurmountable West Mall.

Early losses costly

A 1-2-1 standing after preliminary competition had them just one point behind Waterloo — which in its semifinal was toppled by the hosts, whom Milton had tied 2-2 Saturday afternoon following a 2-0 whitewash of last-place Sault Ste. Marie.

"That first loss really hurt, but that's just how the weekend went for us," said Baynton, who added that not playing in any tournaments this season didn't help matters either. "Bottom line is we just didn't play our best hockey."

West Mall punctuated its unbeaten weekend by eclipsing Sudbury 2-1 in the championship finals.

Making up the rest of the local team this season were captain Connor Sweeney, Derek Blanchard, Kyle Burrell, Chris Coates, Lee Frittenburg, Mark Galick, Erick Lizon, James McIntosh, Scott McLaughlin, Ryan Pilarczyk, Adam Rutz, Chris Strank, Jason Strong, Paul Szafer, Daryl Tielemans, Brett Turner and Michael Winiarz.

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For a third straight year, organizers of the local event — which over the past seven years has grown from a 70-participant grassroots event to part of an inaugural three-event series this summer — will hold a series of three training clinics in an effort to help both novice and advanced athletes prepare for the Labour Day weekend competition.

The clinics begin Tuesday with a Safe

Training Practice presentation at the Milton Leisure Centre.

Follow-up sessions entitled Putting It All Together and Dry Run And Transition are scheduled for June 18 and August 6 — both being held at Kelso Conservation Area.

To sign up for the clinics or the local triathlon, call Sue Trerise at (519) 837-1335 or e-mail her at strerise@city.guelph.on.ca.

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