

# Minor midget Hurricanes reach quarterfinals of Marlies tourney

*Eliminated by eventual champion Markham Waxers*

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Halton's minor midgets may not have claimed the Toronto Marlboros Holiday Classic title last week, but it took the team that did to knock them off.

Thanks in no small part to their Milton-area contingent — which includes seven players — the Hurricanes reached the tournament's quarterfinals before bowing out to the eventual champion Markham Waxers 4-1.

Three powerplay goals against were the difference. Brad Hoy was the lone marksman for Halton, with James Woodcroft setting him up.

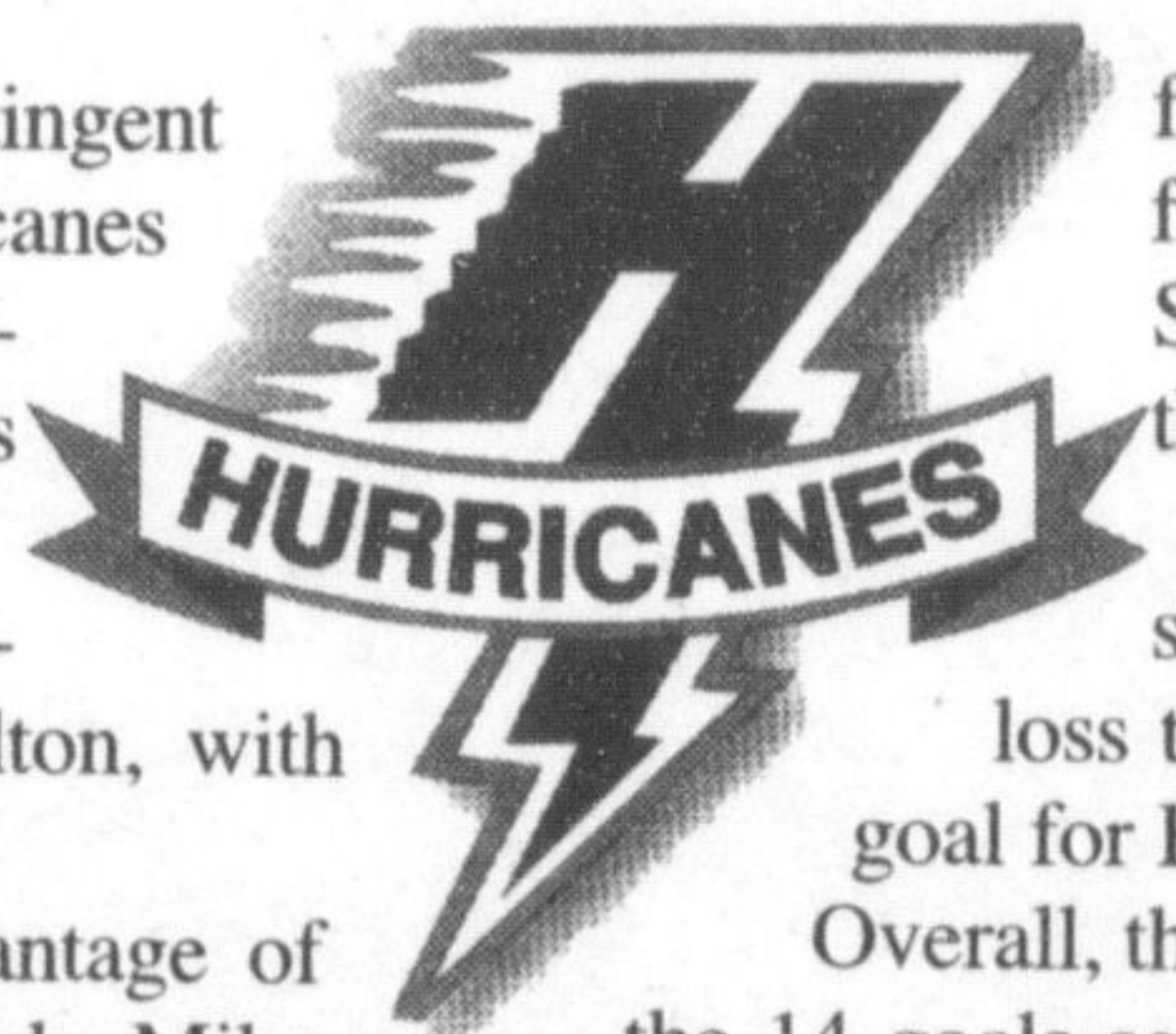
"Markham's a great team and really takes advantage of their opportunities," said Hurricanes' head coach Mike Kalapaca. "Overall I was pleased with our effort. The guys picked up their game, which was great because we hadn't been playing well heading into the holidays."

Halton's skipper offered high praise to defencemen Matt Clark and Jeremy Price, as well as Scott Stover — who stood out with

five assists.

His last two helpers aided the Hurricanes' 4-1 decision over the Huron Perth Lakers in the first playoff round. Stover helped set up goals two and four, while Woodcroft sank the initial tally.

The Hurricanes swept their division with back-to-back 3-0 wins over the Chicago Young Americans and Massachusetts's Eaglebrook School and a 2-1 nail-biter versus Windsor's Sun County.



Price buried the game winner in the round-robin finale, while Hoy opened the scoring, with help from Clark. Backstopping Halton to victory against Sun County was Ryan Williams, who also earned the goose egg over Eaglebrook.

Price and Stover drew an assist each in both shutouts, which followed an initial 3-1 crossover loss to Brantford in which Stover assisted on the lone goal for Halton.

Overall, the Hurricanes' Milton-area players figured in 10 of the 14 goals scored in Toronto. Markham went on to clinch the title with a 2-0 whitewash of the Vaughan Kings.

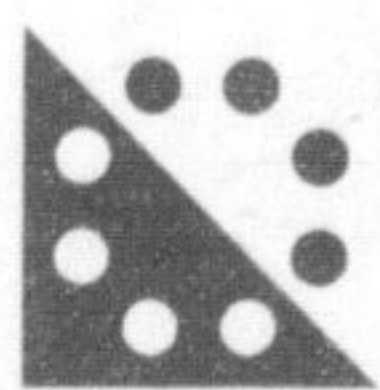
Halton's minor midgets sat 14-5-3 in league play prior to kicking off 2006 competition last night in Stoney Creek. They return to Memorial Arena tomorrow for a noon clash with the Brampton Battalion.



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## Gleed itching to return to Big Red lineup

*Cornell senior blueliner out since late Nov. with ankle injury*

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Most people enjoy a little extra downtime during the holidays, but Jon Gleed got more than he would have preferred.

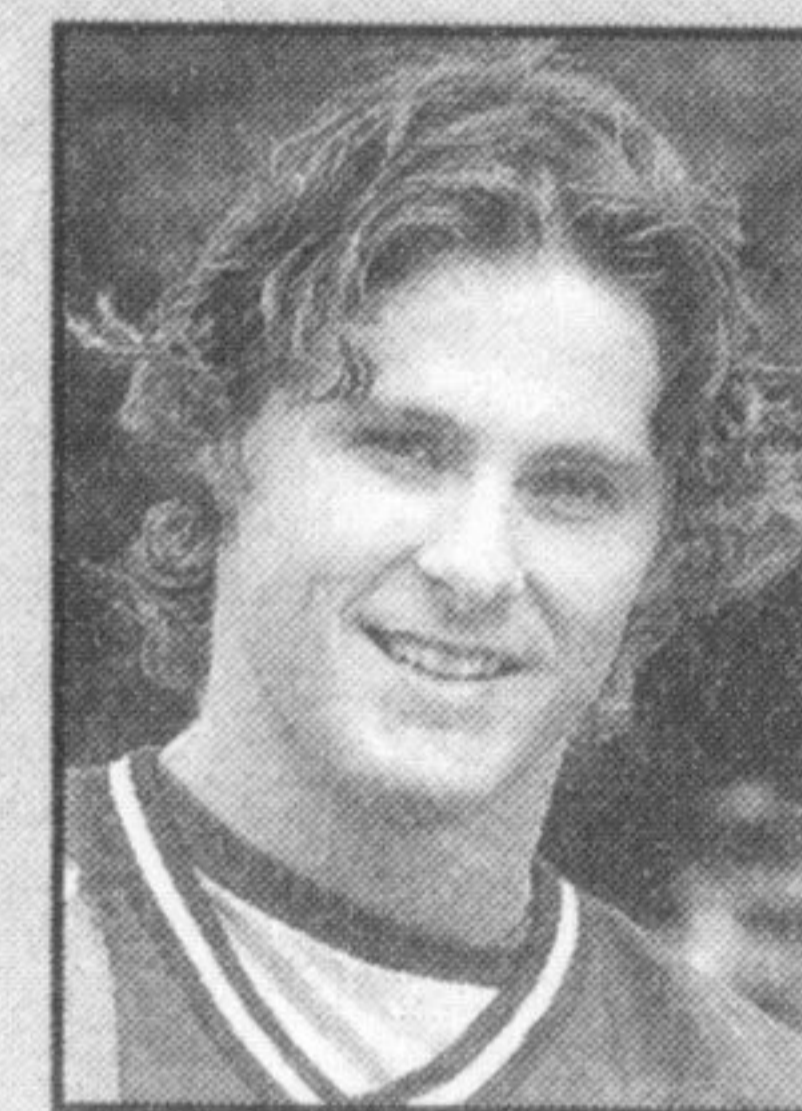
Still nursing an ankle injury that's kept him out since late November, the Cornell University senior defenceman was relegated to spectator as his Big Red won last week's Florida College Classic Tournament. They eclipsed Minnesota-Duluth 3-2 in a championship shoot-out to capture the Ned Harkness Cup for the second time in three years.

"It was frustrating to be out, and pretty nerve-wracking too — knowing you can't do anything to help in a big game like that," said the 6'2", 200 lbs. blueliner, who turned 22 Tuesday. "But bottom line is that we won."

A seventh-round Montreal Canadiens draft pick in 2004 and assistant captain with this year's Big Red, Gleed has become more vocal in the dressing room and had been more dependable in his own end until a hit against Niagara put him on the disabled list.

He's hoping to return to the lineup tomorrow night, when Cornell hosts RIT. Said Gleed, "I'm pretty eager to get back. Obviously I haven't played that many games yet, but I felt that before the injury I'd been a little more consistent than last year."

The local defenceman could still have plenty of competition ahead of him this season. Currently riding a six-game winning streak and ranked eighth nationally at 8-3-1, the Big Red look quite capable of making another strong run to the Frozen Four — which they fell just one goal short of reaching last spring. "I'd say our chances are just as good this year," suggested Gleed.



Jon Gleed

## Trio fare well at Under-17 Worlds

*But Team Ontario fails to reach medal round for second straight year*

It wasn't exactly the finish IceHawks past and present had hoped for with Team Ontario.

However, John Tavares, Sam Gagner and Cody Goloubeff did help their provincial squad finish strongly at the World Under-17 Championships in Saskatchewan.

The trio aided their team's 9-1 pasting of Atlantic Canada in the battle of round robin third-place finishers Tuesday evening in Weyburn.

Ontario's Under-17s ended the tournament on a three-game win streak — having toppled Slovakia 7-1 and Western Canada 7-2 — but back-to-back losses to the United States (7-5) and eventual gold medalist Quebec (6-5) earlier on crushed their hopes for a medal.

Standouts with the OHL's Oshawa Generals and Sioux City of the USHL respectively this season, former Milton call-ups Tavares and Gagner finished one-two in tournament scoring. Each collected six goals, while Tavares — earning all-star status — edged out his former teammate in overall points with 14.

Currently enjoying a successful rookie campaign on the IceHawks' blueline, Goloubeff played in all five games with Team Ontario — helping neutralize the opposition down the stretch after a somewhat shaky start.



Cody Goloubeff

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