

Minor bantams light up tourney

Milton's AA minor bantams used equal parts dominance and drama to reign supreme at last weekend's Festival of Lights Tournament in Niagara Falls, New York.

The latter came in the championship, where Matthew Hunter scored his fourth of the weekend on a goal-mouth scramble backhand 47 seconds into sudden death to edge Georgetown's additional entry team 3-2.

Hunter also scored in regulation time and finished the weekend with a team-leading seven points (4g, 3a), while defenceman Daniel Nikolich also lit the lamp in the title match and Brandon Bodiam was between the pipes.

Milton was largely dominant en route to the finals, particularly in the first round — stomping

New York State's Depew 9-0. Tallying twice were Mitch McLaughlin and Liam Robinson, who also stood out overall with four goals and a pair of helpers.



Bodiam earned the shutout, which was followed by a hard-fought 3-1 decision over Toronto's Duffield that essentially put the Winterhawks into the championship.

Tandem partner Tyler McKinnon was rock solid in that victory, as well as during a subsequent 6-2 romp of Top Gun of Massachusetts.

Justin Walter and Cam Stockall had five points apiece at the tournament, while 13 different Milton players reached the score-sheet at least once.

Tykes blank Ancaster to remain perfect

The tykes' season onslaught continues.

Showing no signs of easing up after a thoroughly-dominating first half, Milton improved its unblemished record to 15-0 Monday night at Memorial Arena by blanking the Ancaster Avalanche 4-0.

Kyle Droge earned his ninth shutout, thanks in large part to a fundamentally-sound defence — which delivers a strong positional game that's quite rare for seven-year-olds.

While not heavily tested, the tykes' goalie — beaten just 11 times all year — made a big break-

away save in the third to preserve the shutout.

Offensively, Camdin Kingsbury led with a pair of goals — the latter unassisted — while Trevor Harris and Andrew Christie also scored to give all three lines representation on the score-sheet.

Two days earlier in Flamborough, the Winterhawks dumped the Sabres 9-3.

Chief scoring threat Peyton Bizier delivered a hat-trick and set-up reliable playmaker Andrew Cascagnette, who finished with a goal and three assists. Joey Szabo also stood out with two goals and an assist.

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