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Minor peewees edged in semis

To say Milton's AA minor peewees put up a good fight to try and keep their unbeaten streak alive would be putting it mildly.

On the threshold of championship play at Oakville's Richard Bell Memorial Tournament, the Winterhawks suffered their first loss in nine games in the semifinals Saturday.

But putting them down was the furthest thing from easy.

The Winterhawks erased a 1-0 deficit with about two-and-a-half minutes remaining — with Jacob Quinn notching a doorstep deposit on the powerplay — and then staved off defeat until they and the eventual champion Mississauga Braves were down to two skaters apiece in quadruple overtime.

Dodson had hit the post on a beautiful deke at the end of the third sudden death period.

Both regulation time goals came on the powerplay inside the final six minutes, with Milton's set up by Ben Preisner and Andrew Dodson on a nifty bit of cycling down low.

Anthony Henein stood tall between the pipes

in the semis to finish out an impressive tournament campaign that saw him turn back every shot in a 5-0 shutout of Stoney Creek Warriors and surrender just a single goal in a 1-1 stalemate with the host Rangers.

Tandem partner Connor Hallyburton was rock solid as well in a pair of ties — 1-1 with New York's Amherst Knights and 2-2 against the Mississauga Terriers.

Eleven different Winterhawks reached the score-sheet at the tournament, with Preisner enjoying the lion's share of the scoring pie with two goals and three assists.

Quinn also stood out with four goals, while Dodson, Michael Bergman and Marcus Miller each had three points.

This marked the second time this season the minor peewees reached a tournament semifinal — a first in their time together.

They'll look to build on last weekend's strong showing tonight at Milton Sports Centre, where they'll square off with Flamborough. Game time is 7:45 p.m.



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