The hockey gods continue to find new ways to torment the Milton minor atom AA Winterhawks.

A year after Stouffville rallied from E a 2-0 series deficit to steal the nov--ice AA OMHA title from the 'Hawks, the Clarington Toros won three

straight one-goal decisions to take this year's minor atom AA championship.

How little separated Clarington and Milton was on full display on the weekend. With the series tied 1-1, the Toros scored with 29 seconds

to play in overtime Saturday to take the series lead, then finished it off by scoring with 22 seconds remaining in regulation Sunday at Memorial Arena for their second straight 2-1

OMHA title eludes Minor atom AA Winterhawks

Despite the loss, Milton coach Bob Barrett reminded his players just how rare it is to have the opportunity to play for an OMHA title. "These guys have nothing to be ashamed of. I just told them, 'Most guys play their entire careers and don't get where you have.' And they've done it twice And I don't see why they wouldn't be back again next year."

After a scoreless first period, Milton struck first when Daniel MacLennan made a nice move around the Clarington defender at the blueline, then beat the goalie with a wrist shot on the glove side. The Toros would tie it up less than three minutes later, scoring with just four seconds left in a powerplay.

Both teams had multiple chances with the man advantage. Good defensive plays by Luke Johnson, Jaden Lee and Nicholas Townsend helped thwart Clarington chances and Ma-

Game 4 of OMHA final between Milton Winterhawks AA minor atoms and Clarington. Here, Milton's goalie Mathieu Theoret hangs his head after Clar-

ington scored the game-winning goal.

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thieu Theoret stopped a Clarington backhand at close range. At the other Lee, who scored Milton's goal on Saturday, corralled a rebound and fired it off the post and Travis Harrison was robbed by the glove hand of the Clarington goalie on a shot from the slot.

Johnson was also awarded a penalty shot after being hauled down midway through the third. He made a beautiful move to get the goalie moving one direction before pulling the puck across his body, but he couldn't regain control to slide it into the open net.

Logan Tonks broke in on the wing and lifted a shot over Theoret's shoulder.

"(The OMHA championship) was our goal from Day 1," Barrett said. "They're very confident and they're willing to put in the work and listen. When you told them something in a practice, they would go out and put it into action in a game."

Other members of the Winterhawks' OMHA finalists team are Logan Miziolek, Cody Ryan, Lucas Hasselfeldt, Matteo Pulcini, Hayden Quann, Connor Stevenson, Demetri Louizos, Luca Spagnola, Breac Mangaroff, Corson Nicolaou and Joshua Cacciola.

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