



JACOB RINTJEMA: Stouffville mite player won \$300 gift certificate in national Source for Sports contest.

Hockey player, 5, wins national writing contest

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With his brow furrowed in concentration, five-year-old Jacob Rintjema carefully wrote and drew pictures for his story about hockey and it turned out to be the best in Canada.

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Minor Hockey Association mite player entered the writing contest after his coach had chosen him to be a Super Sport.

Under the program run through Source for Sports stores, coaches select one player each

week, between five and 10 years old, for their commitment to sportsmanship, fair play, effort and having fun, off and on the ice.

The young Super Sports chosen in Stouffville head to Boyd's Source for Sports on Ringwood Drive Saturday mornings to collect prizes and have their photo taken.

Jacob's mom, Julie Williams, found the contest on the Source for Sports website and her son diligently worked at the story until it was done.

In the six-page handwritten story, Jacob says he got the award for "always trying my best and

playing hard and always listening to what the coach says to do".

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The judges were particularly taken with Jacob's drawings, including his rendition of the Stanley Cup, a Zamboni and a game between the Toronto Maple Leafs and Montreal Canadiens.

"I can skate fast because I practise a lot," Jacob says in his story.

Jacob was the youngest player to enter the contest, Ms Williams said.

For his efforts, Jacob will receive a \$300 gift certificate from Source for Sports, which he'll collect at Boyd's.

Sometimes, up to eight young hockey players come into the store to collect their prizes, store owner Ian Boyd said.

His store has taken part in the program for several years to recognize the young hockey players in town.

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