## Brad Barton out as coach/GM with Blind River Beavers

Brad Barton's tenure with the Blind River Beavers of the Northern Ontario Junior Hockey League was brief.

In fact it lasted just one season. Taking on the position as head coach and general manager for the 2015-16 season, the former Stouffville Spirit assistant coach stepped down from his position Friday. While Blind River finished in the West Division cellar with a 10-40-4-24 record, the Vancouver Canucks' draft pick had inherited a club that had failed to win a game prior to his arrival and managed just one tie in 52 games. "With no regrets I inform you that I am no longer coach of the Blind River Beavers. Very proud of the boys and excited for the future," the 43-year-old Stouffville resident said in a message on his Twitter account. – Michael Hayakawa

## Peewee girls advance to finals after shootout win in Belleville

The Markham Stouffville peewee BB Stars skated off with the Lower Lakes Female Hockey League East Division championship that culminated with a 3-2 road shootout win over the Belleville Bears in the third and deciding game of their series Sunday afternoon.

The Stars won the first game 3-2 in Belleville March 20 before suffering a 4-1 loss on home ice to set the stage for their dramatic finish.

With the victory, the Stars punched their ticket into the LLFHL championship weekend tournament to be held in North York this weekend. Coached by Steve Mccusker, Dave Ducheck and Dave Fantini, team members included: Logan Assinck, Sydney Degraauw, Madison DiBello, Zoë Ducheck, Amanda Fantini, Kelsie Fung, Juliana Hill, Isabelle Kastanis, Olivia Mara, Gillian Marsh, Paige McCusker, Jade Morton, Emily Paisley, Amy Soetikno, Ella Sullivan, Mali Tucker and Reese Wallace. Additional team staff included: trainers Grace Jung and Gloria Paisley, and manager Jennifer Fantini.

In reaching the east division final, the Stars downed the West Northumberland Wild in their quarter-final series and then downed the Whitby Wildcats in the semifinals.

Earlier this season the Stars captured three gold medals and one silver in tournaments they also took part in.

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