

Alliston Hornets claim GMOHL championship for sixth year in a row

By Brian Lockhart

The Georgian Mid Ontario Junior C Hockey League's 2012-13 season ended Friday night (March 15) with the Alliston Hornets claiming the league championship in five games over the Midland Flyers.

The Hornets blanked the Flyers in three of those games, shutting out the Midland squad in games one, two, and four, before returning to home ice in Alliston for game five.

That game ended with a 6-3 win for the Hornets and the right to advance to the provincial round and vie for the Schmalz Junior C cup.

"I think our guys deserved to win," said Hornet Head Coach Sandy McCarthy. "We capitalized on our opportunities and we had some guys step up for this series."

The Caledon Golden Hawks, who faced the Hornets four times in regular season play, were knocked out of competition in the quarter-final round, losing to Midland in five games.

The Hawks had a 19-21 record for the season and finished the year in sixth place in the GMOHL standings.

Depending on the outcome of the provincial series, some teams will be playing right up to the end of May when the Schmalz cup final takes place.

The Hornets will now face the Walkerton Hawks of the Western Junior C Hockey League.

In the south end of the province the Essex 73s of the Great Lakes League will face the Ayr Centennials of the Southern Ontario Junior Hockey League.

In Niagara, the Grimsby Peach Kings will go to the final against the New Hamburg Firebirds.

In the east the Picton Pirates of the Empire B League will face the Lakefield Chiefs of the Central League.

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