

Caledon bantam Cougars take gold in home tournament

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The fourth medal of the bantam Cougars' successful basketball season came on home court late last month.

They entered the 2015 Caledon Cougar Classic tournament as the overwhelming favourites, earning a 19-6 record throughout the season since December.

After disposing of squads from both Brantford and Etobicoke with double-digit victories, their largest margin of defeat came in the final round-robin game.

The girls flexed their offensive muscle, defeating St. Catherines by a score of 50-12.

That set up a championship match at Humberview Secondary School with Sudbury, a team who had handled their opponents just as easily in their respective bracket.

But it was the Cougars who grabbed the gold on home court, coming away with a 32-19 victory.

Although it may be the team's first championship of the season, they are certainly no strangers to the podium.

They earned bronze at the Barrie Royals Invitational earlier this year, and came just short of defending their title at the Sudbury Jam Invitational in December.

The junior girls also hit the home court for the Classic, but fell apart late in the medal rounds.

Completing round-robin play with a record of 2-1, a late breakdown ended in a 40-36 loss to Etobicoke in the bronze medal game.

The midget squad takes to the court later this month, looking to extend an impressive fifteen-game winning streak.

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The Caledon bantam Cougars include (back) Coach Frank Manganaro, Ally Manganaro, Shannon Bury, Natasha Borgan, Madeline Fantin, Maggie Franz, Coach Paul Franz, Jessica Homsy, (front) Alicia Bowering, Jillian Golden, Coach Vik Fantin, Madelyn White and Macy Schultz.