

Caledon Hawks minor peewees bring home gold in the Tri-Counties



Caledon Hawks minor peewee AE team took the gold in their series against Burlington.

Beginning St. Patrick's Day, in what could be called a battle of the birds, the Caledon Hawks minor peewee AE team headed out to Burlington to start a series they ended up winning.

With no luck of the Irish on their side, the first game would go to the Eagles. The score was 6-2.

The following day though, back on home ice, the Hawks would come out strong and hard, making the final tally 6-4 in their favour. The stands were beginning to fill up with Caledon fans.

The third game was back in Burlington, and it would again go to the Eagles with a score of 4-3. There was question as to whether the Hawks would be able to get a win on the opponents' ice at all.

The fourth game was back on the Hawks' home ice with the stands packed tight full of Caledon fans. The local heroes swept in, scored early and held the Eagles back, forcing a fifth game with a 6-2 final score.

For what can only be described as the best hockey game the boys have ever played, Caledon made the drive to Burlington to fill their stands. They have the greatest fans.

In a nail-biting game, on the opponents' ice, the Hawks came out fast and notched a goal in each of the first two periods. But, Burlington was not going to give up that easily. Quickly in the third, the Eagles would tie up the game. With the support of all the fans in the stands, screaming moms and cow bells ringing, with just over three minutes left in the game, Caledon would score. Despite taking a penalty, and being short-handed, and Burlington pulling their goalie, the Hawks would hold them off, keeping the puck mostly down in the Burlington zone for the rest of the game. The final score was 3-2

It was a very well earned and deserved win, finally notching gold.

Here's to the coaching staff that brought the team together, and gave all a winning year. In total, they brought home three silver medals this year, and got the Tri-County championship banner.

Head Coach Martin Savard, Manager Bill O'Neil, Trainer Rob Baldassarra and Assistant Coaches Nick Gullusci and Steve Keelan led the team, made up of Danny O'Donnell, Taylor Murphy, Darcy McClure, Tristan Savard, Nicholas Gullusci, Cameron O'Neil, Andrew Esposito, Tucker Hardy, Mitchell Dumitru-Mifsud, Anthony Gonsalves, Antonio Aquino, Adrian Baldassarra, Landon Dube, Matthew Minna, Ethan Pitcher, Steve Tomlin and Jaxon Keelan.

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