

## Midget AA Hawks win second tournament in young season

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The season is young, but the Midget AA Caledon Hawks are riding a hot streak and have already claimed gold twice.

The champions of the Mississauga Early Bird Tournament in mid-September are now also the champions of the Mississauga North Stars Scotiabank Cup, an enormous annual tournament for AA teams of all ages.

Bringing an undefeated record of 11-0-1 into the recent tournament at Iceland, the Hawks easily swept through their round-robin opponents. By a total score of 12-4, Caledon beat the Markham Waxers, Stouffville Clippers and Stratford Warriors en route to a semifinal berth.

Heading past Clarkson early Sunday afternoon into the evening's final, the Hawks met the Whitby Wildcats, the only other undefeated team in the division.

Having dominated their opponents for most of the tournament, the Hawks were caught off guard early by a speedy Whitby squad, who opened the scoring five minutes in. A quick pass in the neutral zone caught the Caledon defenders out of position, with the Wildcats converting on a breakaway.

But the Hawks immediately pressed back, with Tyler Giancos planting himself in front of the Whitby net on a power play and burying a rebound.

Midway through the second period, Caledon took their first lead, on a nice passing play down low from Sam Siskos to Nicolas Saville.

They took that lead into the third period, until with ten minutes to go, Whitby rang one in off the post to once again tie the game.

Just more than one minute later, the game-winning goal was notched by Robinson on a rebound from a Max Grant shot.

Just for good measure, Giancos and Ryan Gray combined to add one more late in the game, with Gray burying Giancos' rebound.

The final score was 4-2.

Caledon Minor Hockey was oh-so-close to being a two-time winner, with the Minor Midget AA Hawks putting up a valiant effort in their division, only two come up one goal short in the final earlier Sunday.

After sweeping through round robin play with scores of 4-1, 3-2, and 2-0, the Hawks met 2-1 Burlington in Sunday morning's semifinal. A shutout earned them a berth in the afternoon final, where the Hawks dropped a close one, 2-1 to Waterloo.



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