

Midget Hawks were hot in Cleveland

The Caledon Hawks Midget AA team, sponsored by Tim Hortons, participated in the Cleveland Ohio 'Rock N' Roll Cup' Tournament Thanksgiving weekend and brought home the championship hardware.

Friday afternoon's game was against the Clarence Mustangs of Buffalo.

The Caledon boys proved to be more skilled and much faster than their opponents. Caledon goalie Jonathan Pitre blocked every shot directed his way, while goals came from JP Amaral, Shane Sommers, Tyler Whitten and Michael Bozzelli. Michael Marinaccio and Michael Andrews fired in two each for an 8-0 score and the Hawks' first win of the tourney.

Saturday was a tougher day, facing two state teams from Ohio, Prospects U16 AAA and Prospects U18 AA squads.

There was no scoring until mid-way through the second period against the U16 AAA's, when goalie Nick Doucette sent a long pass to winger Marinaccio on a Hawks' power play, and he scored his first of three. Marinaccio then popped one directly off a face off from the quick pass of Amaral. Mitchell Korb fired in his first goal of the weekend, assisted by Sean Nottle. Marinaccio completed his hat trick in the third, making it 4-1. Spencer Boyd and Kevin Pleasance paired up to help Andrews with the next goal and Whitten capped the last period with a goal assisted by Michael M'Veigh. The final score was 6-1 Hawks, with Doucette shining in net.

The first period of the late evening game against the U18 Prospects was full of penalties for both teams.

With a little more than two minutes left in the second, Marinaccio made a sleek maneuver and tucked the puck behind the opposing goal tender. This lone goal secured the 1-0 victory for the Hawks and Pitre enjoyed his second shutout of the weekend.

The final preliminary match Sunday morning against the National Coast Hockey Development club (NCHD) had the Caledon defensive core pressuring all game. Defenceman Pleasance had a three-point game, scoring the Hawks' first goal and assisting on Bozzelli's second goal for Caledon and defenceman Nottle's goal. Jake Voogel assisted on Amaral's first goal, while defence partner Lukas Richardson helped out with Amaral's second. Blue liner Boyd drove to the opponents' net in the second, sliding a pass to Andrews who sunk the fourth Caledon goal. M'Veigh and Whitten teamed up after a pass from Noah Spagnuolo to get the seventh Caledon goal. Caledon's Doucette recorded the shutout in this 7-0 victory.

The Hawks faced the U18 AA's once again in the final game.

Plenty of quick passing and pressure around the Ohio net resulted in a 3-1 Hawk lead by the end of the first. The Ohio boys fought back and evened out the game in the second, but the Hawks dominated the third period, getting three additional goals to seal the championship win. Goal scorers for Caledon were Andrews and Nottle, each with a pair, and Marinaccio and Bozzelli, while goal tending for this game was covered by Pitre.

The tournament MVP honours for Caledon were awarded to Marinaccio. The 2013/14 Midget AA Hawks are led by Head Coach Scott Andrews, Assistant Coaches Dan Whitten and Derek Nottle, and Trainer Larry Richardson.



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