

# Mississauga Coyotes Take Brampton in Overtime and Beat Webster (NY) to Win Fort Erie Tournament

The Applewood Coyotes Minor Bantam "A" Team rolled into Fort Erie Friday night with a *High Powered* offence and the best *Goals Against* average in the MHL.

The team was confident to do well in the tournament and showed it in their first 3 games beating the Fort Erie Jr. Meteors 7-0, the Barrie Colts 7-3 and the Nobleking Knights 6-2. But things took a dramatic turn for the Coyotes Sunday morning when they faced a tough Brampton Battalion squad in a hard-hitting semi-final that saw the team have to battle back the entire game. With the prospect of elimination looming and just 29 seconds left in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period Chris Baron (#4) picked up a loose puck at center ice and broke into the Battalion end, pulling the goalie and picking a top corner to tie the game 2-2 and force the overtime period.

The OT saw the team come out firing on all cylinders (with their *mojo* back intact). Just 29 seconds in and with Brampton scrambling in their zone, Michael Iannarelli (#8) found open ice again and fired another top corner beauty in front of a sprawling Brampton goalie and an ecstatic crowd to capture the OT win.

In the Final, the Coyotes faced the other division 1<sup>st</sup> place team, the Webster Cyclones from New York, who also came in undefeated. But even this great skating team with its own powerful offense couldn't handle the Coyotes forwards or beat the outstanding defense and solid goaltending behind them. The Coyotes scored early in the 1<sup>st</sup> and then twice again in the 2<sup>nd</sup> period to keep Webster in check, 3-0. A late 3<sup>rd</sup> period Webster goal made it 3-1 with the Coyotes scoring into the open net to finish the game 4-1 and take the Championship.

This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> tournament the Coyotes go undefeated and where many of the high scores again didn't reflect the great back-and-forth, competitive play. Thanks to the coaches and the parents for their great support and for a marvelous time in Niagara Falls; and Congratulations to Kevin Marsh (#5) – player of the game in the Final - and to all the kids for an outstanding team effort. Well done Applewood!

**The Applewood MBantam 'A' team are:** Christopher Baron (4), Kevin Marsh (5), George Alexopoulos (7), Michael Iannarelli (8), Brodie Stevens (11), Ben Chadbourne (14), Christian Verlezza (19), Mitchell Doorey (27), Cameron Ramos (44), Michael Porfirio (77), Jonathon Barbaro (81), Gray Norman (88), Scott Agnew (93), Eric Cadieux (97) and the 2 goalies Tyler Dix (30) and Adam Pereira (68); HC - Paul Agnew; ACs - Lance Norman, Paul Stevens and Vinni Barbaro; Trainer - Dr. Mike Kates; Manager - Lorenzo Verlezza



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