Aurora?s Dylan Sikura golden at Spengler Cup in Davos

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In a tournament steeped in tradition, Dylan Sikura is among the best.

The Aurora native helped Team Canada take the gold medal on Sunday in the 2017 Spengler Cup, the oldest invitational ice hockey tournament in the world, hosted annually in Davos, Switzerland.

After helping Canada to win their first preliminary round matchup with Mountfield HK 5 ? 3, Sikura earned his first point in game two against the host team HC Davos, setting up Andrew Ebbett to tie the game at one in the second period.

Beating a tough Davos squad 4 ? 1, the Canadians went on to meet Mountfield once more in the tournament semifinals, winning 5 ? 2 to set up a New Year's Eve final against Team Switzerland.

A 3 ? 0 shutout of the Swiss earned Team Canada their third straight Spengler Cup.

A former Aurora Tiger and St. Andrew's College grad, Sikura now suits up for Northeastern University of the NCAA's Division I hockey program.

?Congrats (Dylan) on representing Canada with skill and class,? said St. Andrew's varsity coach Greg Reid in a tweet.?

Sikura was one of three NCAA players to suit up for Team Canada, alongside fellow Northeastern teammate Jeremy Davies, Notre Dame's Jake Evans, and Boston University's Brandon Hickey.

He now returns to a Northeastern team with an 11-5-2 record on the season, a team with sights set on the prestigious Beanpot Tournament between Boston teams in February, though Sikura's sights are once again set on the maple leaf crest.

With no NHL players being released for the Olympic teams this year, the tournament was the final of five tournaments Hockey Canada has used as tryouts for the title of Canadian Olympian, some of which are expected to be from the collegiate level.

Team Canada is expected to release their roster for the tournament, held in Pyeongchang, South Korea, later this week.