

Peewee AE Tigers finalists at Silver Stick International finals



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On January 7, the Peewee AE Tigers headed to Niagara Falls to play in the 2014-15 Pelham International Silver Stick Finals.

Facing teams from as far away as Wyoming, Washington and Tennessee and as near as Barrie, the Tigers played some amazing hockey for 4 days.

With an impressive 35 goals for, and only 7 goals against for the tournament, the Tigers dominated the play in all games throughout the weekend. The quarter-finals saw the Tigers facing a feisty Washington Capitals Academy team but the boys came out strong and moved on to the semis with a decisive 8-1 victory.

The semi-finals were played against a determined team from Tennessee, the Nashville Flyers, that came close until the Tigers turned it on to take the game with a 7-3 win.

The finals were played on Sunday, January 11, against our friends from the north, the Barrie Colts. Having met three times in the regular season, the Tigers knew this would not be an easy opponent.

The boys were prepared and played a solid game dominating the play for much of the game. With the game tied at 1-1 late in the third, Barrie got a lucky bounce and scored to take the lead. They added an empty net goal to make the final score 3-1.

The Tigers would take away a silver finish ? certainly an accomplishment to be proud of!

The Tigers played their hearts out all weekend. The Coaches ? Rob Wilson, Dave Hilgendorff, Stewart Ritchie, Trainer Keith Scott ? and parents were very proud of how the Tigers played, representing Aurora with skill and class on and off the ice.

If you asked the boys for the highlight of the tournament, it wouldn't be receiving the shiny finalist medal ? it would be all about the pin trading.

With teams participating from all over the US ? from as far away as California and Florida ? trading the Tiger pin for a Sharks pin made their day!

All in all a very successful weekend for the Peewee AE Tigers.