



Ladies and Gentlemen, I would be remiss if I did not take the time to acknowledge an awesome few weeks of hockey for the Barrie Zone AAA HOCKEY PROGRAM.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to each of our teams and staff on a very solid year of competition. I know we still have teams playing for an ETA CHAMPIONSHIP which is awesome.

I wish to recognize each and every team for a job well done!

Our year is not always judged by wins or loss's! But the game does provide recognition for climbing the mountain.

This year the Barrie Zone has had alot team success as a direct result of dedicated individuals.

Last week Coach Norm McCauley and the Major Bantam team let our member partners know we are the north by coming home from Newmarket as Bronze Medalists.

Our Minor Atom continues to develop under the guidance of Coach Steve Mercer gaining entry to the OMHA Finals starting out strong but unfortunately lost to Oakville in the Bronze Medal game. I know this team will regroup with an even bigger focus on the ABC's of life.

The second team which participated this weekend was the Pee wee team who truly understand the ABC's of the tournament. The Pee wee left day one of the competition with 1 point for their combined efforts. This group of lads regrouped and delivered a very inspiring Saturday (Day 2) and earned a spot in the Gold Medal game VS Oakville. The result may not be golden, but in the end this team had an amazing year. They attended the International Quebec Pee wee tournament, they won over fifty games and now come home as OMHA Silver Medalist.

Lastly, the Minor Bantam team under first year Coach Joe Gidari along with his staff set a goal of winning the OMHA Championship. There objective was never out of sight. They knew who the competition was; they knew what it would take to win. This team learned their ABC's. They entered the tournament playing against their arch rivals from Whitby losing 1-0 . They continued to play inspired hockey only allowing three goals the entire weekend. In the gold medal game they had a rematch verse Whitby. Not only did the players know what it would take to win they did it flawlessly. No penalties in the Gold Medal Game, neither team took a penalty. When the dust settled, Barrie overcame a one goal deficit to win 2-1 coming home as OMHA GOLD MEDALISTS.

To every family, player, coach and trainer and manager, please pass on a sincere atta boy for an outstanding season. For the teams still playing bring home the prize.

Continued good health and success to all.

Sincerely,
Tom Bly VP Of Hockey Ops
Barrie AAA Zone