

U13 Owen Sound North Stars

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Photo: Back Row; Coach Stacey Goldie, Cameryn Gateman, Ella Tiley, Bronwyn Williams, Jordan Kosempel, Kennedy Coghlin, Trainer Lisa Chegahno (behind), Sarah Pringle, Coach Torey Barfoot

Front Row; Taylor Chegahno, Emma MacDonnell, Kaiya Hutchinson, Francesca Alpajaro, Jillian Goldie, Kennedy Stauffer, Caelan MacDonald, Tara Meikle

U13 Northstars Bring Home Bronze

The **Tom Hall Refrigeration U13 Owen Sound Northstars Girls Field Lacrosse** team earned a bronze medal in the U13B division at the OWFL Provincial Championships that were held this past weekend in Owen Sound.

The girls started the tournament off on Saturday on a positive note, defeating Brampton 17-8 only to next suffer a discouraging loss of 15-10 to the capable Halton Hills team. Their record of one win and one loss meant that they would have to play a third game on what was a very hot and humid day. Not an ideal situation that's for sure. However, the Northstars rallied to produce a 17-9 win over the Oakville 2 team avoiding elimination and moving on to the semifinal.

Sunday morning saw the Northstars facing off against the Oakville 1 team, a familiar opponent from the regular season. The game was a well contested match with Oakville 1 coming out on top 15-10 thus sending Owen Sound to the Bronze Medal game. Although the girls were disappointed they once again bounced back and came away with a 13-7 win over Orillia 2 to claim the Bronze medal.

This past weekend was a great example of how this team of fourteen girls proved to themselves and everyone watching that they are made of sterner stuff. The team had a number of players battling through injury and everyone stepped up to the plate. The injured players soldiered on and the healthy players dug deep to support each other both on and off the field. Whether it was adverse weather conditions, controversial calls during games or injuries both old and new these players showed great character by never letting any negativity affect their outlook. They remained focussed on their goal and brought home that coveted medal.

Throughout the regular season and in particular this past weekend, the efforts of the coaching and bench staff were equally commendable to that of the players. Our talented coaches, Stacey Goldie and Torey Barfoot, have done an excellent job of developing each and every player throughout the season. It is because of their hard work and commitment to development that this team had a reputation of being a formidable opponent in their division.

Trainers Lisa Chegahno and Jennifer Coghlin provided excellent care to the players throughout the season. Their expertise was called upon often and the care that they provided kept these players strong and safe. It was with the guidance of these strong women that this team was able to achieve their objective of bringing home a medal.

The U13 B team would like to thank their sponsor, **Tom Hall Refrigeration**. It is because of their generosity and commitment to the community that these girls were able to participate in a sport that they love. We are all already looking forward to next season!