Vets Peewee at provincial finals

Just getting there is a huge accomplishment.

The Shelburne Vets Peewee team represented their town in stellar fashion at the Final Six Provincial A Lacrosse finals held at the Toronto Rock Athletic Centre in Oakville the weekend of August 16, 17.

The Peewees qualified for the tournament after a season that saw them battle through League play and tournaments against much larger centres that ranked them among the top 16 teams in Ontario.

?In the qualifier, teams are put into two pools of eight and over two weekends you play a round robin - you play everybody. We played seven games and the top three teams in each pool then move on to the final six at the Toronto Rock Centre,? said coach Brent Millsap.

The Final Six qualifier took place in Whitby over two weekends with the Vets making the cut to move onto the provincial championship.

The Vets were up against the five top Peewee teams in the province from Orangeville, Burlington, Oakville, Peterborough, and Mimico.

In the final tournament the team lost their opening 7-3 to Burlington, them came up with a 6-4 win in game two.

Three more losses - all close games? to Orangeville, Peterborough, and Oakville, stopped them from winning the tournament. ?It was a tough weekend but our kids played great,? Millsap said.

The core group of kids on the Vets team have been playing together since they first picked up their lacrosse sticks at age four. Representing Shelburne at a tournament of this level is a huge success for this squad who have worked hard all year just to qualify as one of the best peewee teams in the province.

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