

ETOBICOKE THUNDER CAP OFF GREAT SEASON



The silver medal-winning EtoBicoke Thunder Junior Ladies



Starting the fast break

The EtoBicoke Thunder Junior Ladies stormed into Kitchener-Waterloo in early May for the Ontario Cup provincial basketball finals. The team was seeded second in Division 3 and ranked 18th overall in the province. The Thunder won all three of its preliminary games, defeating Collingwood 50-29, London 44-34, and Flamborough 48-40. In the semifinals, they defeated Huntsville 50-42 to set up a showdown with the Brantford Briers for the gold medal. After four tough games, the team found itself down by three entering the fourth quarter of the championship game. A valiant effort came up just short, as Brantford prevailed 46-39. A silver medal was a great accomplishment for this team and a fitting end for nine graduating seniors, many of whom have played in the EtoBicoke Basketball Association since the age of 10. Head coach Rick Sturino was proud of his group of talented young women. "This was a great team who really enjoyed playing together," he said. "They personified what being a team is all about."

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Playing strong defense



Driving to the hoop