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Nepean Hotspurs Soccer Club – Hitmen Strike Gold at Icebreaker

The Nepean Hotspurs Soccer Club (NHSC) is pleased to announce that the Nepean Hotspurs Hitmen (U16BL4) won the gold medal at the Ottawa Icebreaker Tournament which was held in Ottawa on June 5th and 6th. In winning the gold, the Hitmen were undefeated in seven games and did not allow their opponents a single goal.

In Game One of the tournament's round robin phase, the Hitmen played Kingston United and scored the game's only goal in the closing seconds to record their first victory.

Game 2 saw the Hitmen playing the tournament host, the Ottawa Internationals. Despite determined opposition from the Internationals, the Hitmen again prevailed by a score of 1-0.

In Game 3, the Hitmen faced the Ottawa Royals with a short bench of only 12 players. Despite numerous chances for both teams, the game ended in a 0-0 draw, requiring penalty shots to determine a winner. The Hitmen came away victorious, winning the shoot out 3-2.

In their final action on Saturday, the Hitmen defeated the Cataraqui Clippers by a score of 6-0. The game saw high drama as one of the Hitmen was injured in action, and was rushed to the hospital to undergo emergency surgery.

Sunday's first game was a rematch with Kingston United, a game played in fierce and bitterly cold wind and rain. The game ended in a 0-0 draw and shots from the penalty spot were required to determine a winner. After 5 shooters on both sides the Hitmen came away victorious after an all-star diving save by Keeper Zach V. and clutch goals by Nick D., Markus M., Brad P., Michael P. and Gabi M.

Immediately moving on to their next game, the Hitmen, again playing with only 12 men, scored a 2-0 win over Cumberland. This victory propelled the Hitmen into the championship game against a familiar opponent – Kingston United.

Yet again, a hard fought game with KU resulted in a scoreless draw, and a championship decision resting on the results of a penalty shoot out. 5 players from each team stepped up in soccer's ultimate moment. In the end, the Hitmen seized the gold medal on the strength of a 4-2 shoot out result. Well done to shooters Brad P., Nick D., Michael P., Markus M., and Gabi M. Once again, keeper Zach V. was called upon to make a game saving diving stop..

The Hitmen would like to thank all the parents who made sure the boys were on time, ready to go and cheered all the way. A special thank you to both Dave Holdham (Trainer) and Dominique Vidmar (Manager) for making sure we were all on the right field and fully aware of the games proceedings and for making sure all our bumps and bruises were mended.

The entire Hotspurs family congratulates Coach Rob, Manager Dominique, Trainer Dave and the Hitmen for an outstanding effort, and for representing our club so well.