

Peewee Cougars claw their way to silver medal in provincials

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Ryder Flett jumps during practice with the Spruce Grove Cougars bantam and peewee teams in May. The club had an undefeated season in the city finals this year. *FILE PHOTO*

The peewee Spruce Grove Cougars have fought to become the second-best team in the province.

The group went into battle against the Calgary Wildcats Nov. 9 and were defeated 46-0 in the Football Alberta Provincial Championship. They were undefeated during their regular season in the Capital District Minor Football Association and so were their counterparts at the bantam level who won at their provincials.

Coach Todd Grundy said this is the result of more program experience for all those involved.

"I do not think there was change, it is just a matter of structure," he said Tuesday. "Everyone has more longevity and as we are all on the same page it is easier to add on complexities to their base football IQ."

Bantam coach Rob Page echoed this sentiment earlier this month in the wake of his team's win against the Raymond Comets. He said the key to their success was focusing on the various fundamentals of the game.

"We don't get complacent," Page said at the time. "We have fantastic athletes out all over the place."

Grundy concurred and noted that, though they did have an incredible season, his Cougars missed out on one essential piece of player development. By not losing during the year, they did not get to see its worth.

"Sometimes loss has value," he said. "They obviously did not know how to lose and dig in when things get a little bit tougher. But they are receptive, they are always looking at how to better when we see game film."

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