

## Female Box Nationals 2017 - Halifax, NS



**2017 Team BC Female Midget Team - GOLD**

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**2017 Team BC Female Bantam Team - Silver**

**Female Midgets**-Female Nationals were held July 17-21 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. In 2016, BC held a 3-1 and 4-3 period leads, but a third period meltdown allowed Ontario to claw back and steal the championship from BC. The Female Midget team motto -- It's not the will to win that matters, everyone has that, it's the will to prepare to win that matters! The Midgets dominated the round-robin with a perfect 6-0 record for first place. In the first three games, Team BC outscored their opponents 33-0. Team BC game scores were: 13-0 and 9-3 over Alberta, 14-0 and 11-2 over Nova Scotia, and 6-0 and 8-1 over Ontario. Team BC met rival Ontario in the gold game for the title. BC opened the scoring at the 4:02 mark of the first frame on a goal by team leading scorer, Katelyn Walker. BC scored early and rattled off the first six goals of the game by Walker, Christina Sato, Quinn Malcolm (2) and Raegan Mackenzie (2G) just 1:03 apart, before Ontario hit the scoreboard in the second. BC held 4-0 and 6-1 period leads. They finished the game with tallies by Natalie Gane and Daniella Stroup to secure the gold medal with a decisive 8-1 victory. Team BC top tournament scorers were Katelyn Walker (18G, 16A), Quinn Malcolm (13G, 5A), Molly Schmidt (5G, 10A), Daniella Stroup (7G, 5A) and Natalie Gane (5G, 7A). Goaltenders Jenna Phillips and Jaime Richards posted an incredible team 1.00 goals against average over 7 games. Phillips, Walker and Malcolm were Team BC's tournament all-star selections. "I was very impressed how all the girls played and we received many compliments from fans, parents and opponents," praised Wahl. "The coaches were very happy and the cherry on the top was winning the gold. This was a lifetime achievement for these athletes and something they will never forget."

**Female Bantams**-The Bantams posted a 4-2 round robin record. An opening game 4-2 loss to Ontario set the tone of the tournament for BC. A bounce back 11-1 win over Nova Scotia got BC on track, but only to be derailed after a physical 7-6 OT loss to Alberta. The girls regrouped and rattled off three straight victories 11-0, 4-2 and 5-1 over Nova Scotia, Ontario and Alberta respectively. BC advanced to the finals against Ontario. BC opened the scoring on a Teagan Ng shot 54 seconds in to the game, but Ontario countered with three of their own to end the first up 3-1. BC's Taylor Lee scored at the 4:05 mark, but BC and Ontario traded goals in the third, Ontario netted an empty netter to go on and win the Bantam title. Team BC top scorers were Teagan Ng (10G, 5A), Lauren Black (7G, 6A), Alexa Ford (5G, 6A), Teagan Dunnnett (4G, 2A), Laiken Greffard (3G, 3A) and Sylvianne Jenner (1G, 5A). Goaltenders Leona Sinclair and Ainslee Rushton posted a team 2.86 goals against average over 7 games. Teagan Ng and Lauren Black were Team BC's tournament all-star selections. "The team got stronger as the tournament progressed," said Head Coach Paul Kuhn. "In the final, we unfortunately allowed our intensity to spill over, and dug ourselves a hole we couldn't quite climb out of. Our netminders were an outstanding pair and we were fortunate to have a team full of leaders, whether they were a captain or an alternate or had no letter at all, who showed grit and resiliency even during the toughest moments. Second place was still an accomplishment. I believe that the cohesion and camaraderie of the team will leave the girls with positive memories that will last a lifetime."