Box Lacrosse Nationals 2011







2011 Team BC Pee Wee Team Bronze Medalist

2011 Team BC Midget Team Bronze Medalist

Team BC Pee Wees

The Team BC Pee Wee team went 8-1 in the robin action -- the one blemish was a 6-2 loss to Ontario. Team BC outscored their opponents 114-17 in round robin action. BC met the other eastern powerhouse, Team Iroquois, in the semi finals. BC narrowly beat the Iroquois 8-5 earlier in the tournament. would get bumped from the gold game losing a 5-4 decision to the Iroquois. The boys regrouped to trounce Alberta 10-1 and bring home the bronze medal. Sekawnee Baker would be honoured as the Pee Wee's selection to the Nationals all-star team.

Arguably, this Pee Wee team was one of the best fielded in years, but couldn't prove it in the gold game. Both BC and Ontario head coaches agreed a great missed opportunity.

"The Ontario coach said to me 'this is the best Pee Wee team from BC I've ever seen," stated Pee Wee coach Lance Hofseth.

After the Iroquois semi-final loss, the two would chat again with Hofseth saying 'we handed you the gold medal.' True enough, Ontario went on to beat the Iroquois 10-1 while BC beat Alberta by the same score. "Our team performed very well at the Nationals," said Hofseth. "Our boys played extremely well in the bronze medal game. The bronze game was especially rewarding to the coaching staff as the players executed the plan flawlessly and finished the tournament on a high note."

Team BC Midgets

The Team BC Midgets had a lackluster round robin for their standards posting a 6-2 record with losses to the Iroquois and Ontario by the same score 7-3 while scoring 100 goal for and allowing 29.

The Midgets would meet the Iroquois again in a semi-final rematch only to drop a 7-4 decision and a spot in the bronze game. BC would pull up their socks and do battle with the new kids on the block, Alberta, who have been on the heels of BC for a few years. BC would grind out a 9-8 victory to bring home the bronze. Nicholas McNabb was selected to the Midget all-star team.

"My team was highly regarded at the tourney because of their play and respect towards the tournament opponents and volunteers -- team respect, unity and maturity was evident," stated head coach Tyson Leies. "Without the support of this parent group, none of the kids would have had the experience they did."

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2011 Team BC Bantam Team Silver Medalist

Team BC Bantams

The Team BC Bantam team had the last gasp effort to win a gold medal for BC. They too posted an 8-1 record in the round robin, dropping an 11-3 loss to Ontario. BC outscored all opponents 100-26.

BC earned spot in the semis against the Iroquois who they beat 5-4 the day before. Another tight match ensued with BC posting a 3-2 win and a spot in the gold medal game.

The BC Bantams went into the gold medal game as big underdogs after their 11-3 loss to Ontario. The gold medal game was a close affair with BC opening the scoring and a hard defensive battle the rest of the way. BC held a 3-2 lead into the third only to have Ontario tie it late in the game and take a lead late in overtime to seal the 4-3 victory. Ty Goff would be the lone BC player chosen to the tournament all-star team.

"We should have beaten them," stated team manager Luis Macedo. "We were the better team we hit so many posts."

"We are disappointed but pleased with our 2nd place finish," stated Bantam head coach Doug Clark. "We came up against a very strong Ontario team that scored a lot of goals in the tournament prior to the final game -- we played a very strong defensive game and got very solid goaltending in the whole tournament."

"We felt like we were the better team on the floor in the final -- we had plenty of chances to win the game and battled hard throughout," stated a disappointed Clark. "I am very proud to have coached this group of players and being involved with a truly excellent parent group, management and coaching staff."

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