

Female Box Nationals 2016 - Calgary, AB



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2016 Team BC Female Midget Team - Silver



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The Female Nationals were held July 18-23 in Calgary, Alberta; the Bantam boys Nationals were held August 2-6 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; and the Pee Wee and Midget boys Nationals, July 31-August 6, in Whitby, Ontario alongside the OLA Lacrosse Festival. Team BC Box Lacrosse teams competed well at Box Nationals this summer and brought home four medals -- two silver and two bronze.

Female Bantams-A determined Bantam squad headed to Calgary with gold on their minds after the heartbreaker one-goal decision in the finals one year ago. The Bantams posted a 2-5 overall record. Three close games versus Alberta with a 5-4 loss, a 4-3 bounce back victory and a 4-2 win. Against Ontario it was a different story as BC dropped all three round robin games 6-4, 5-3 and 6-2 respectively. BC advanced to the finals and was ready for their fourth meeting with Team Ontario in the gold medal game. Ontario held 1-0 and 3-1 period leads with Teagan Dunnet the lone BC scorer. Ontario continued to hold BC's goal scorers at bay and added a late third period goal to secure the win. Team BC top scorers overall were Emma Betts (5G, 6A), Raegan Mackenzie (7G, 2A), Claire Snyder (2G, 4A) and Lily Ferguson (3G, 2A). Goaltenders Jamie Richards and Cari Campardo posted a team 4.43 goals against average over 7 games. Emma Betts and Reagan Mackenzie were Team BC's tournament all-stars. "The bantam girls played hard and battled through a tough schedule," noted Coach Chris Gill. "We were behind the 8-ball early after losing our first game of the round robin -- there was no quit in our team. It was an honour to be a part of this team. Talking with assistant coaches Matt and Mark, we all agreed that regardless of the results, the experience is something that no one will ever forget."

Female Midgets-The Midgets looked for a repeat gold performance at Nationals. They finished with a 5 win and 2 loss record and a second place finish. Team BC scores were: 7-4 and 6-3 over Alberta, 10-1 and 7-0 over Nova Scotia, and a split 3-1 win and 6-2 loss to Team Ontario. BC met Ontario in the gold game and a rubber match for the title. BC held 3-1 and 4-3 periods leads going into the third. Ontario clawed back and scored 3 unanswered goals 5:51 into the third and added an insurance goal with 4 minutes left to secure the gold medal. Team BC top scorers overall were Raachel Beaulieu (2G, 10A), Hannah Bernoe (7G, 3A), Kaila Barteski Gane (4G, 5A) and Graceyn Dean (3G, 6A). Goaltenders Jenna Phillips and Megan Morris posted a team 3.14 goals against average over 7 games. Tia Tuininga was Team BC's tournament all-star selection.

"We lost -- it's unfortunate," said Coach Blair Bradley. "This group was not expected to do as well as we did, but we could say they performed above everyone's expectations. This team bonded as a family and created great memories. We worked very hard but didn't reach our ultimate goal."