## Team BC U19 Women's & U14 Men's Field



Team BC U19 Women's Field Lacrosse Team

The Team BC U19 Women's Lacrosse squad attended the deBeer President's Cup Field Lacrosse Recruiting Showcase, November 21-25, 2013 in Orlando, Florida, as well as, the Sand Storm tournament in Indio, California this past January.

In Florida, Team BC came out firing in their first two games defeating the New Jersey Elite squad 11-5 and Team IAS (Boston) 17-5. Team BC's defence became more comfortable keeping the competition to 5 goals against each match. The goals came fast and often with a well-rounded attack and superior stick skills. Goal scorers included Bianca Santucci, Chloe Nottingham, Kaitlin Browning, Brianna Stroup, Megan Kinna, Harlowe Steele, Shaelyn Ogilvie, Elle Hamilton, Nadine Stewart, Madisen Obrivac, Emily Manville and Nikita Bagg. Most notably, were a pair of backhand goals Selena Lasota netted versus New Jersey.

The next match, Team BC played Team Velocity (Cincinnati) in front of a huge crowd of 125 College Coaches who lined the sidelines to watch Team BC play. The team didn't disappoint as they handily defeated Velocity 11-2 with a fine display of Canadianstyle lacrosse. Team BC was lead by stellar goaltending by Regan Eaton who made several great saves on penalty shots. Alexandra Antignani, Ciara Curran and Courtney Gemmel were solid on defence sliding and helping on several key occasions.

Team BC faced their best opposition in the Predators from Indianapolis. A few breakdowns and unforced turnovers resulted in a tight see-saw battle ending in a 9-9 score. On the last day, the ladies ended on a positive note and dominated Team Storm (Florida) and executed their full field pressure strategy to perfection. Team BC's relentless pressure created numerous Storm turnovers which lead to transition goals for Team BC. The ladies were down 3 goals before they kicked it into gear -- then went on to score 9 unanswered goals ending the game by a score of 13-5.

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Team BC U14 Men's Field Lacrosse Team

Team BC U14 boys Field Lacrosse team took to the field and competed at their first tournament, the Adrenaline Lacrosse Tournament in Del Mar, California January 3-5, 2014.

Over 120 teams of various age groups from around North America competed at the 3-day event. Head Coach Rich Catton of New Westminster was quite upbeat as the athletes, and coaches, learned a lot in their first tournament wearing the Team BC colours.

In five games, Team BC U14's won one game, tied one and dropped three contests versus older U15 competition. In the opener, they met the eventual tournament champions, RCMS Silver (Tuscon, AZ), and lost a lopsided 12-3 game. Things didn't get any easier next game under the California sun losing 10-4 to the LA Lazers (Los Angeles).

With two games under their belt, Team BC began to get their game legs and came close to their first victory, but ended up deadlocked at 8-8 versus Team ADVNC (San Francisco), then dropped a close game to Mustangs U15 Gold (Alberta) 7-4. In the final game, Team BC pulled up their socks and played their best game beating Team 3D Selects (San Francisco) 8-4.

"I thought we learned a lot about ourselves as coaches, and players playing against the different competition," mentioned Coach Catton. "It takes time for a team to find its identity, identify its strengths and correct its weaknesses. This group of boys was very coachable, and the coaching staff was happy with the progress they made."

The first crack at the U14 Field program was a great experience by many and a perfect fit to feed future Team BC Field teams. Team BC Field Lacrosse Coordinator, Reynold Comeault was impressed with the first big step.

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