

Box Lacrosse Nationals 2013



Team BC Female Junior & Midget Box Teams Win Gold



2013 Team BC Female Junior Team - Gold

Team BC
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2013 Team BC Female Bantam Team - Silver



2013 Team BC Female Midget Team - Gold

2 Gold, 2 Silver, 2 Bronze at Box Nats

All six Team BC Box Lacrosse teams fared well at national tournaments bringing home two gold, two silver and two bronze medals for their efforts. The two national titles came from the Female Midget and Junior teams who were dominant in their national tournaments!

This year, three different cities across Canada hosted youth National Lacrosse events. The Female Nationals were held July 23-28 in Halifax, Nova Scotia; the Pee Wee and Midget boy's August 5-10 at Iroquois Park in Whitby, Ontario; and the Bantam boys August 3-7 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Female Juniors-2013 marked the first year the Female Juniors competed in the Box National tournament, and no better way to christen the event with a great result. The Team BC Female Juniors had a fair number of players that had already experienced Nationals the prior three seasons, which proved to be a huge asset in their preparations. Coach Blair Bradley was so impressed with the dedication of his team and staff.

"I have one word, collaboration -- I had two great assistant coaches and an incredible team manager help me run this team," praised Bradley.

The Juniors ran the table and were a perfect 5-0. Team BC scores were: 12-1 over Alberta, 7-1 over New Brunswick, 13-2 over Nova Scotia and a 7-6 hard fought battle over Team Ontario. BC carried their momentum into the finals and completely dominated all aspects of the gold medal game and handily beat Ontario to the tune of 12-4. Team BC top scorers overall were Ashley Bull (10G, 7A),



Kyra Bradley (10G, 7A) and Sidney Roy (7G, 2A). Goaltenders Kirsten Walter and Alexandra Lund-Murray posted 2.33 and 3.13 goals against averages respectively.

“We did it with all 18 players,” praised Coach Bradley. “The gold victory was indicative of our hard work this team was relentless!”

Female Midgets-The Midgets also had a perfect 5-0 record in their National tournament. Team BC scores were: 10-1 over Alberta, 10-1 over Team Iroquois, 17-3 over Nova Scotia and a tight 4-2 victory over Team Ontario. BC kept their winning ways into the finals; never let their archrivals Ontario get close and walked away with their second gold in two years beating Ontario 7-2 in the title game. Team BC top scorers overall were Harlowe Steele (9G, 3A), Christel Blesch (8G, 4A) and Amie Morrison (4G, 7A). Goaltenders Bianca Ballarin and Samantha Thomson posted 1.67 and 2.00 goals against averages respectively.

“It was an honour coaching twenty fantastic young women who came together as terrific individual elite athletes,” said Coach Teresa Kuppan. “They were focused on our goal to bring home the gold medal from the first practice until the end of the gold medal game. Overall, it was truly an amazing experience with new friendships and life long memories.”

Female Bantams-Hopes were high for a sweep of gold's in the Female Nationals. The Bantams posted a 5-1 round robin record in their tournament with many close games. Team BC scores were: 12-0 and 11-2 over Nova Scotia, two 4-0 wins over Alberta, and a split with Ontario with a 6-4 win and a 3-1 defeat. BC was a confident team heading into the finals against Team Ontario, but their eastern counterparts proved too strong and defeated Team BC Female Bantams 5-2 in the finals. Team BC top scorers overall were Keeley O'Neill (10G, 2A), Raachel Beaulieu (5G, 5A) and Megan Stewart (1G, 8A). Goaltenders Emily Nelson and Candace McDole posted 1.67 and 2.08 goals against averages respectively.

“The girls represented Team BC incredibly well and had a great experience at Nationals,” said Coach McDole. “This was a close-knit group that came together in a very short time, but fell short of the ultimate goal. I'm very proud of this team.”

