

Box Nationals 2014 - Whitby, ON



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2014 Team BC Female Junior Team - Bronze

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2014 Team BC Female Midget Team - Gold



2014 Team BC Female Bantam Team - Gold

Team BC Box Lacrosse teams performed better than ever at Box Nationals this July and brought home six medals -- the most gold medals in Team BC history with three gold, two silver and one bronze. The three national titles came from the Female Bantam, Female Midget and Midget boy's teams.

This year, two provinces hosted Youth National Box Lacrosse events. The Female Nationals were held August 6-9 in Whitby, Ontario

Female Bantams-A well-rounded Bantam squad headed to Ontario with gold on their minds. The Bantams posted a 4-2 round robin record with many close games. Team BC scores were: 12-0 and 13-1 over Nova Scotia, a split versus Alberta losing the first game 3-1, but bounced back with a 9-2 win, and a split with Ontario, with a 3-1 win and a 4-3 loss. BC was a confident team heading into the finals, against Team Ontario. They proved their might and defeated the Ontario squad 4-3 in a hard fought final. Team BC top scorers overall were Mykhaela Johnson (8G, 6A), Paige Bell (5G, 7A), Cassandra Gill (6G, 6A) and Adriana Santucci (6G, 5A). Goaltenders Carrigan Rose and Caitlin Croxen posted a team 2.00 goals against average over 7 games. Paige Bell was the Team BC all-star selection, with Carrigan Rose named as top goaltender.

"From the first day of tryouts to the gold medal ceremony, this group of girls, coaches and parents grew as a family," commented Coach Chris Gill. "Talking with Geordie Dean (assistant coach) after the game, I couldn't agree more, that because our kids were members on this team that this is the best championship I've ever been a part of and won."

"At the end of the day, 20 girls worked their hardest, gave 100% effort and played for each other. They deserved to win that gold! We are very proud of them."

Female Midgets-The Midgets had a perfect 5 win and no loss record, with the only blemish being a tie in their

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National tournament. Team BC scores were: 6-3 and 5-2 over Alberta, 15-2 and 18-0 over Nova Scotia, and a 6-1 win and 2-2 tie with Team Ontario. BC kept their "A" game going into the finals and never let Ontario get close and walked away with their third gold in three years winning 6-2 in the title game. Team BC top scorers overall were Elle Hamilton (4G, 7A), Bianca Santucci (4G, 7A), Megan Kinna (4G, 7A) and Nadine Stewart (7G, 2A). Goaltenders Bianca Ballarin and Candace McDole posted a team 1.71 goals against average allowing only 12 goals in 7 games. Bianca Santucci was selected the Team BC all-star and Bianca Ballarin took home top goaltender honours.

"This was a real special group of athletes that were focused only on one goal," said Coach Dan Stroup. "We were talented from top to bottom and all contributed greatly to achieve the end result."

Female Juniors-2014 marked the second year the Female Juniors competed in the Box National tournament, after an inaugural 2013 Junior title. The Team BC Female Juniors went through wholesale changes with injuries and athletes unable to commit to Nationals. Coach Jason McDole was so impressed with the dedication of his team and staff.

The Female Juniors went into the tournament as a team that worked hard, competed hard and kept everything out on the floor. The Juniors won two and lost four in the round-robin. Team BC scores were: 5-0 and 5-3 victories over Nova Scotia while losing twice to Alberta, 6-1 and 7-2, as well as Ontario, 10-0 and 7-2. BC improved each game and persevered in the bronze medal game to beat Nova Scotia 5-3 to cap the 2014 tournament. Team BC top scorers overall were Meghan Stewart (7G, 4A) and Amber Haley (3G, 2A). Goaltenders Kirsten Walter and Madison Krassman posted a team 5.14 goals against average in 7 games. Meghan Stewart was awarded the Team BC tournament all-star selection.

"After all this team went through just to get to Nationals, this was the most meaningful bronze medal I have ever won," explained Coach Jason McDole. "Our girls sucked it up and performed to the best of their abilities and competed every shift, every period, every game. "I couldn't be more proud of our achievements."



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