

# Female Box Nationals 2015 - Calgary, AB



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**2015 Team BC Female Junior Team - Gold**

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**2015 Team BC Female Midget Team - Gold**



**2015 Team BC Female Bantam Team - Silver**

This past summer, six Team BC Box Lacrosse teams competed in three provinces at the 2015 Youth National Box Lacrosse Championships. The Female Nationals were held July 21-25 in Calgary, Alberta with teams from Ontario, Nova Scotia and host Alberta.

Team BC Box Lacrosse teams competed well at Box Nationals this summer and brought home six medals -- two gold, three silver and one bronze.

**Female Bantams-**A determined Bantam squad headed to Calgary with gold on their minds. The Bantams posted a 5-1 round robin record. Team BC scores were: 10-0 and 10-1 over Nova Scotia, two close games versus Alberta, a double OT 4-3 win and a 5-1 bounce back victory and a split with Ontario with a 4-1 win and a 3-1 loss. BC was ready for their third meeting with Team Ontario in the gold medal game. BC held 1-0 and 2-1 period leads until Ontario took a 3-2 lead after two quick goals in 37 seconds. BC's Erica Malcom tied the game with 46 seconds remaining to force overtime. In the second overtime period, Team BC was called for too many men on the floor and a penalty shot awarded to Ontario which resulted in a heartbreaking 4-3 loss in the final. Team BC top scorers overall were Hannah-Lise Bernoe (3G, 7A), Erica Malcom (2G, 8A) and Natalie Gane (6G, 1A). Goaltenders Jenna Phillips and Megan Morris posted a stellar team 1.86 goals against average over 7 games. Mackenzie Blair and Hannah-Lise Bernoe were the Team BC all-star selections, with Jenna Phillips named as top goaltender.

"The girls trained hard and were all committed to the Team," said Dan Stroup. "They played great all tournament, they did everything the coaching staff asked of them. They are a talented group of girls and we are very proud of them all. It was a tough way to lose the gold medal."

**Female Midgets-**The Midgets had a flawless 6 win and no loss record in the round robin outscoring their opponents 43-11. Team BC scores were: 6-1 and 5-4 over Alberta, 13-0 and 8-1 over Nova Scotia, and 6-2

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and 5-3 victories over Team Ontario. BC met Alberta in the gold game, a first for Alberta. BC held 1-0 and 2-1 periods leads going into the third as Alberta scored 2 goals in 33 seconds late in the period to tie the score at three. Team BC's Nicole Pahnke netted the eventual winner with 72 seconds remaining to lift the Midgets to a second consecutive gold winning 4-3 in the title game. Team BC top scorers overall were Nicole Pahnke (9G, 5A), Rachel Beaulieu (4G, 4A) and Keeley O'Neill (4G, 4A). Goaltenders Emily Nelson and Candace McDole posted a team 2.00 goals against average allowing only 14 goals in 7 games. Paige Bell, Natalie Rathler, Keeley O'Neill were selected the Team BC all-stars and Candace McDole took home top goaltender honours.

Hall of Famer head coach, Geordie Dean, was ecstatic with his team's golden performance.

“Our group was destined to succeed with a work ethic second to none,” said Coach Geordie Dean. “We worked hard every day and it all paid off in winning this title.”

**Female Juniors**-2015 marked the third year the Female Juniors competed in the Box National tournament, after a 2013 gold and 2014 bronze. The Team BC Female Juniors went through wholesale changes in the offseason with a determined head coach, Blair Bradley, returning behind the bench.

The Female Juniors were on a mission to get back to their winning ways and didn't disappoint going a perfect 6-0 in the round robin. Team BC scores were: 9-4 and 11-5 victories over Nova Scotia, 8-4 and 6-2 over Alberta and 10-5 and 9-3 over Ontario. BC was adamant to improve on their 2014 bronze with a date versus Ontario for gold. BC lead 1-0 after the first with the score tied at two after the second frame. In the third, four different Team BC players (Bradley, Delich, Dexter and Harvey) scored early and in bunches to take the lead and the ladies never looked back to go on and win 6-4 for the title. Team BC top scorers overall were Ashley Bull (13G, 15A), Kyra Bradley (8G, 6A) and Kaelyn Dexter (5G, 9A). Goaltenders Madison Krassman and Santana MacIntyre posted a team 3.86 goals against average in 7 games. Kyra Bradley and Ashley Bull were awarded Team BC tournament all-star selections.

“An overall team effort and being able to utilize all 18 runners throughout the tournament helped us wear down the opponents,” stated Coach Blair Bradley. “The players came together as a family and fought for each other regardless of their age -- there was a mutual respect for all talent.”

“We won the gold medal with the least amount of penalty minutes – we proved you don't need to physically intimidate to be successful, in fact we just made sure we capitalized on our power play opportunities.”

