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Team BC Wins Two National Championships

GOLD!



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By: LacrosseTalk Staff

It has been a few years since Team BC teams have won multiple national titles in Box or Field Lacrosse, 2014 to be exact, when Team BC teams won four championships by the Female Midgets and Bantams, Midget Boys and the U19 Men's Field teams.

2017 proved to be different with one Team BC Box and one Field National Championship -- two very different titles that were won in extraordinary fashion.

The Team BC Female Midget Box Lacrosse team was the first out of the gate with a trip over four time zones to the Maritimes. The Female Box Lacrosse Nationals were held July 17-21 in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The Female Midgets looked for redemption at Nationals after losing the 2016 gold medal game -- a memory etched in the minds of all 2016 team members. In the 2016 gold game, BC held a 3-1 and 4-3 period leads, but a third period meltdown allowed Ontario to claw back and steal the championship away from BC.

A loss that Head Coach Josh Wahl was prepared to make a distant memory!

Once the BCLA Female Box Provincials were over, Josh Wahl and his Female Midget coaching staff wasted no time and put things in high gear to train hard for Nationals. There was little free time for the team and lacrosse was gospel.

The Female Midget team motto -- It's not the will to win that matters, everyone has that, it's the will to prepare to win that matters!

"We did lots of preparation, practice and team building prior to nationals -- we didn't know what we were up against, but we were ready to compete," mentioned Head Coach Wahl.

The Team BC Midgets were dominant and finished the round-robin with a perfect 6 win and 0 loss record for first place.

In the first three games, Team BC outscored their opponents 33-0 and in a class of their own. Team BC game scores were: 13-0 and 9-3 over Alberta, 14-0 and

11-2 over Nova Scotia, and 6-0 and 8-1 over Team Ontario.

Team BC met rival Team Ontario in the gold game for the title. BC opened the scoring at the 4:02 mark of the first frame on a goal by team leading scorer, Katelyn Walker. The western girls scored early and often and rattled off the first six goals of the game by Walker, Christina Sato, Quinn Malcolm (2) and a pair by Raegan Mackenzie just 1:03 apart, before Ontario hit the scoreboard in the second.

BC held 4-0 and 6-1 period leads going into the third. The Female Midgets finished the game off with tallies by Natalie Gane and Daniella Stroup to secure the gold medal with a decisive 8-1 victory. This team proved to be dominant in all aspects of the game -- no team was able to match their skill or compete levels.

Team BC top tournament scorers overall were Katelyn Walker (18G, 16A), Quinn Malcolm (13G, 5A), Molly Schmidt (5G, 10A), Daniella Stroup (7G, 5A) and Natalie Gane (5G, 7A). Goaltenders Jenna Phillips and Jaime Richards posted an incredible team 1.00 goals against average over 7 games. Tournament scoring was dominated by Team BC athletes with 8 of the top 10 point-getters being from Team BC. Jenna Phillips, Katelyn Walker and Quinn Malcolm were Team BC's tournament all-star selections.

"I was very impressed how all the girls played and we received many compliments from fans, parents and opponents," praised Wahl. "The coaches were very happy and the cherry on the top was winning the gold. This was a lifetime achievement for these athletes and something they will never forget."

The other National title came from the Team BC U15 Men's Field Lacrosse team.

This team was selected in the Fall of 2016 and prepared continuously to compete for the 2017 Alumni Cup U15 Nationals in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan over the Labour Day weekend.

Head Coach Ian Radonich was all about constructing this team early and creating a tight-knit group by training periodically leading up to Nationals....a recipe that paid off!

"This year we really focused on building a culture within the program behind the ideas of family and bringing the boys together," explained Radonich. "We were able to get the team together to build the group for one weekend each month -- focused on rebuilding skills in an environment that allowed the athletes to bond."

The Team BC U15 team was built on defense, which offered the BC offensive push more time of possession, thus a greater chance to dictate the flow of the game -- lessons learned from past nationals made Radonich's team a confident one.

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Team Cowieson wins BCLA 2017 Golf Classic



Photo: Dave Showers

Team Cowieson won the 2017 BCLA Golf Classic.

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

On Thursday June 22, 2017 the BC Lacrosse Association hosted the 16th Annual President's Golf Classic, honouring Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Famers from BC at Golden Eagle Golf Club in Pitt Meadows, BC.

The BCLA takes great pride in bringing the lacrosse community together with players, coaches, fans and friends of lacrosse for a day of golf and a chance to reconnect. Over 70 sponsors, athletes and friends of lacrosse enjoyed the action at the Texas Scramble event. The sun-drenched golfers had a tough time keeping cool!!

Holes were sponsored by companies of which the BC Lacrosse Association is very grateful for their support. They included; IMPACT Canopies, Special Risk Insurance, BCLA, Vancouver Stealth-Langley Events Centre, Mr. Mikes Steakhouse & Bar, Investors Group, Warrior Sports, Beachcomber Hot Tubs, Delta Whistler Village Suites, Freedom 55 Financial, Pacific Fasteners Ltd., X-Treme Threads, JR Dale Management and new sponsor PVL Pure Vita Labs. Thank you for your continued support!

The new golf hats sponsored by Silver Ridge Promotions were well received. A special thanks to partners who supported our tournament with products: Thrifty Foods-Haney Place, Old Dutch Foods, Crazy Horse Energy Drink and Saginaw Bakeries for the tasty donuts.

Many thanks also go out the endless list of companies who donated prizes for the foursome gifts. Thanks to: BCLA, Beachcomber Hot Tubs, Big Kahuna Sports, BOND Printing, Burger Heaven, Charter Bus Lines, Crazy Horse Energy Drinks, Delta Whistler Village Suites, Delta Burnaby, Golden Eagle Golf Course, Hard Rock Casino-Vancouver, Hastings Park Entertainment Inc., HOPS Northwest Pub, Hyack Tire, Investors Group, Joseph Richard Group, Kruger Products, Lougheed Village Bar & Grill, Me-n-Ed's Pizza-Poco, Meridian Meats, Mr. Mikes Steakhouse & Bar, Province/Sun, PVL Pure Vita Labs, River's Reach Pub, Sammy J's Grill & Bar, Silver Ridge Promotions, SUBWAY Restaurants of BC, Union Jack's Public House, Vancouver Stealth, Whistler Golf Course and X-treme Threads.

The BCLA Putting Contest was won in a putt-off by Glen Bzowy, winning a pair of Whitecaps/Timbers tickets and a night stay at the Delta Burnaby; the Stealth hole promotion draw winners were Glen Bzowy and Mike Lynch. The Hole #13 Whistler Golf getaway package included a round of golf and one night stay at the Delta Whistler Village Suites went to Brian Davidson – 45 inches away from the cup!

The men's closest to the hole award was won by Brian Emlyn, while Derek Carey tagged a huge drive to win the long drive contest. For the ladies, Tricia Rachfall had the long drive and KP. Last but not least, the winning foursome, scoring 13 under par, was the Cowieson foursome including Keith and Eric Cowieson, Rick Rawson and Dean Hamilton.

Thank you to all the participants and volunteers like Sohen Gill, Corrine Perriman, the BCLA staff and the GEGC staff for making this a great event. Be sure to keep the third Thursday of June in 2018 free in your calendar for next year's event.

Squamish Nation Athlete Selected For Individual Award

By: Jane Boutillier, U19 World Lacrosse Foundation

In a break from the awards of previous years, the U19 World Lacrosse Foundation has chosen to award group funding to the BCLA's Team BC Program, and selected Squamish Nation rising star Sekawnee Baker as the lone recipient for an individual award from its annual grant distribution program.

Having played minor box and youth field in the North Shore, Burnaby and Richmond, Sekawnee is no stranger to the Team BC program. Previously playing for Team BC Box 2011 and Midget 2015, this standout athlete again represented BC at the national level with the Team BC U18 Field team at the National Championships in Saskatoon.

In addition to this well-deserved individual award, the board has awarded a grant to each of the BCLA's Team BC field lacrosse teams. Team BC U15 & U18 Youth, and the Team BC U19 Women's team were awarded funding that will be shared evenly amongst team members to assist with personal expenses.

The board would like to congratulate Sekawnee Baker and the Team BC recipients and extend a thank you to all applicants.

The application deadline for next year's awards is May 31, 2018.

Potential candidates for the award can find detailed information on the U19 World Lacrosse Foundation's website www.u19worldlax-foundation.com



Photo: Tim McCormick

Sekawnee Baker.

Lacrosse Rallies for Fire Victims

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

When this issue of LacrosseTalk hits the streets, the incredible BC wildfires of 2017 will still be smoking in hot spots around the province. These types of tragedies have no boundaries and have impacted many, including the lacrosse community.

The fires began in early July which changed travel plans of many lacrosse families that attended Box Lacrosse Provincial events around BC.

It was brought to the BCLA's attention that the Williams Lake wildfires impacted a few lacrosse families who lost their homes in the fires. The call was made to a few BCLA sponsors and partners to get involved to assist in any way possible – all of which answered the call.

Vancouver Stealth President and General Manager, Doug Locker, was instantly on board with the assistance of his Warrior sponsored players who were quickly assembled. Fan favorites Rhys Duch, Logan Schuss and Joel McCready were quick to respond with Team MVP Corey Small taking the lead.

"We all saw the destruction of these fires and it's nothing we could ever imagine," mentioned Doug Locker. "We are just doing our small part to help some lacrosse enthusiasts continue to play the sport they love."

BCLA Provincial apparel partner, Dean Whitson of Silver Ridge Promotions, jumped in to offer some cool lacrosse clothing; the Tri-City Masters Field Lacrosse club donated \$500 between the families; and the BCLA kicked in Subway cash cards, clothing and promotional items.

"We hope this small token will bring smiles to these families with young lacrosse players," said retired Firefighter and BCLA President Sohen Gill. "I've experienced many a fire, but none of us can imagine what it is like when it hits home like this."

CLHOF Celebrates 150th Anniversary of Lacrosse in Montreal

By: Bruce MacDonald

In June 2017, at the McCord Museum in Montreal, the CLHOF unveiled a new, large screen historical display showcasing highlights of the history of lacrosse and its legendary players.

The new display was created to complement other activities and events at the 150th Anniversary of Lacrosse celebration, including a lecture series at McGill University's Redpath Hall and 1800's-style lacrosse re-creation games played on the very same field at McGill where in 1867 Caughnawaga played Montreal in the first game played under rules devised by Dr. George Beers.

The display will travel to various locations and lacrosse events across the country over the coming years. CLHOF Chair, David Lancaster, and governor Bruce MacDonald attended the celebration on behalf of the CLHOF. MacDonald gave a lecture at McGill on the rise and fall of professional lacrosse in Canada, 1905-1924.

A group of people from the CLA, CLF, CLHOF and others, including legendary stick makers, made a trip to the grave of Dr.



George Beers. Short speeches of appreciation for the modern game he codified where made before he was toasted with neat shots of whisky -- a fitting end to the 150th Anniversary celebration.



Photo: Unknown

Legendary stick maker Alf Jacques and CLHOF governor Bruce MacDonald toast Dr. George Beers at his gravesite in Montreal.

Florell, Sund & da Roza Win BCLA Scholarships

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

The BC Lacrosse Association is proud to announce Haley Florell (Mackenzie), Mark Sund (Coquitlam), and Jaxin da Roza (Surrey) as the 2017 BCLA scholarship recipients. Florell was the Dorothy Robertson Scholarship recipient, Sund the Wayne Goss Scholarship recipient and da Roza received Ted Fridge Scholarship.

Haley Florell has been a longtime member of the Mackenzie lacrosse community starting the sport as a Tyke. She grew up playing minor lacrosse with the Mackenzie Lacrosse Association, but has also played on teams in Vanderhoof, Prince George and Quesnel. Haley plays on mixed teams with the boys and her enthusiasm for the game has a positive impact on her teammates.

When Florell is not playing, she is a referee, a coach and volunteers her time to assist the association, promote the sport and encourage participation. Haley has volunteered many times at Mackenzie's Leisure Fair promoting lacrosse to youngsters. In addition to coaching, officiating and volunteering in lacrosse, she is an established wrestler and wrestling coach, she is a program assistant with the local figure skating club and an assistant riding instructor for the Mackenzie Alpine Riders Club. Haley plans to further her education where she plans to obtain a degree in Kinesiology or become a veterinarian.

Mark Sund has played lacrosse for the Coquitlam Association since starting as a youngster. He plays both Box and Field for the Adanacs and has won many Provincial medals in his career. One such accomplishment Mark achieved was winning a gold medal as a member of the Zone 3 Field Lacrosse team that competed at the 2014 BC Summer Games in Nanaimo.

This outstanding student-athlete is highly regarded as a leader amongst his peers, a role model to younger students and a hard worker in the workplace.



Academically, this honour roll student excels in English, Sciences and Entrepreneurship honours and several academic excellence awards. At Archbishop Carney, Mark was a member of the Link team assisting new student to his school. Outside of school, he offers assistance as a lacrosse coach while maintaining a part time manager job. Sund will attend SFU and has been accepted into the Faculty of Communication, Art and Technology.

Jaxin da Roza started playing lacrosse at five years old in Semiahmoo Rock Association. He has competed in both Box and later, Field Lacrosse, for the South Fraser Warriors teams. Da Roza has competed in multiple Provincial and local tournaments and has won numerous MVP awards, and a 2016 Provincial Warrior Fairplay Award, while leading his team as a captain. He just completed his second year with the Inter A Richmond Roadrunners.

This level 2 referee has officiated all levels over the past 5 years up to Midgets. Jaxin has volunteered for his association at Fun Days and tournaments with events, time keeping and score keeping.

At Vancouver College, Jaxin was a member of Student Executive Council, a leader on school retreats and head of the Advertisement Club, while making the President's Honour Society every year. Da Roza plans to attend the University of Toronto where he will be entering the Bachelor of Commerce program and play for the Blues lacrosse team in the Canadian University Field Lacrosse Association.

Congratulations to all scholarship and bursary recipients and good luck in your future scholastic endeavors.

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By: LacrosseTalk Staff

"We learned that they (Ontario) would go on runs and that we needed to remain focused and confident that we will make our own runs too," noted Radonich. "We really focused on building our team from the defense out and that we didn't need to get into a track meet. As long as we played steady defense, we knew that we would match up very well."

Team BC recorded a perfect 4 win and 0 loss record in the round-robin scoring 47 goals while allowing only 16. Game scores were: 8-7 over Alberta, a 20-0 shutout over Manitoba, an 8-7 decision over Ontario and an 11-2 trouncing of Saskatchewan.

In the gold medal game, BC got an early start with markers by Rhys Porteous and Luca Antongiovanni for a 2-0 advantage, 9:27 into the game. Ontario and BC traded goals and finished the first up 3-1. The second was a saw-off with both teams scoring two apiece to make the score 5-3 BC at the half.

Ontario battled back and scored three unanswered goals in the third quarter to take a 6-5 lead into the last frame.

Then the fireworks began.

Team BC got behind by 8-5 and mounted a comeback at the 12:26 mark on Rhys Porteous' hat trick goal to make it a two-goal game. Austin Ducommon scored a minute later and the rally was on. Porteous tied the game at 8-8 late in the fourth to send the game into OT.

"The message from the start was to go out and play each shift like it was a new game," stated Radonich. "With every loose ball was a new game, and you could truly see that's how we played that fourth quarter."

Team BC's defense held all Ontario offensive threats while Seve Cardero netted the first OT goal, then Rhys Porteous sealed the victory with his fifth of the game. A comeback for the ages and one this team will never forget!

The Tournament All-Star Team included Team BC players: Adam Bland (Goal), Patrick Wong (Defense), Cameron Ickert (LSM), Austin Ducommon (Midfield) and Rhys Porteous (Attack). The overall Alumni Cup Tournament MVP was Luca Antongiovanni.

"I was just very impressed by how the group held themselves," said Radonich. "The coaching staff and I could not have asked for a better group of young men to coach and compete with, they not only realized the importance of each game but they were able to have a great time being with each other."

"I'm very proud of the achievement of first time Team BC U15 Head Coach Ian Radonich and his assistants Rich Cambrey and Brad Haddon for the cohesiveness of their team," said Team BC Field Technical Coach, Rey Comeault. "They were very committed to the small details, a great attribute in a team with good coaching. It's always nice to see strong character in a team and our U15 group exemplified just that in scoring the only two overtime goals against Ontario in the Championship Game."

Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame Announces 2017 Inductees

By: Canadian Lacrosse Hall Of Fame

OTTAWA, ON- The Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame is proud to announce its 2017 class of inductees, made up of five players, two builders, and one team.

These new inductees bring the total number honoured in lacrosse's national shrine to 521 - 153 Builders, 316 Players and 52 Veterans (those who played in 1980 or before). There are also 20 teams inducted under the Team category.

The formal induction banquet and ceremonies will be held Saturday, November 11, 2017 at the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in the ANVIL Centre in New Westminster, British Columbia.

The Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame's class of 2017 includes:

Ken Colley (Player, Ontario)

Oshawa, Ontario-born Ken Colley played his Junior A lacrosse with Whitby and is 2nd in All-time Junior A Series scoring with 384 goals. He joined the Senior A Brooklin Redmen in 1980, winning the Gene Dopp Award as Major Series Outstanding Rookie and the Bucko McDonald Award as top scorer. He won Mann Cups with the Redmen in 1985 and '87.

Pat Coyle (Player, British Columbia)

Orangeville, Ontario-born Pat Coyle was a standout defensive player and a 7-time Western Lacrosse Association Allstar, 5-time WLA Top Defensive Player, a winner of the WLA's Bill Ellison Trophy as playoffs MVP and a 3-time Mann Cup winner. Coyle played Junior lacrosse in Orangeville and Brampton from 1991 to '93. He was with the Senior A Brampton Excelsiors, winning Mann Cups in '92 and '93. From 1994 to 2005 (and again in '09) he was with the Coquitlam Adanacs, winning the Mann Cup in '01. He spent 11 seasons in the NLL, winning 5 championship titles with the Toronto Rock and Colorado Mammoth. He was named to the NLL Hall of Fame in 2014.

Clinton "Jan" Magee (Player- Deceased, Ontario)

Peterborough, Ontario-born Jan Magee won Minto Cups with the legendary Peterborough PCO's in 1972 and '73. In '74 he joined the NLL's Rochester Griffins, becoming the first rookie drafted by the league and helped the team win the NLL championship. In '75 he scored 160 points playing for the Long Island

Tomahawks. In '76 he won a Mann Cup with the New Westminster Salmonbellies. Magee possessed one of the hardest and quickest shots in lacrosse and was a complete player on offense and defense, quarterbacking power plays from the point position and playing on short man teams. He closed out his career with Peterborough, winning the Canadian Field Lacrosse Championship in 1985. He passed away in 2017.

Rick Mang (Player, British Columbia)

Goaltender Rick Mang won the Minto Cup with Peterborough in 1986, played Senior A with Coquitlam 1987-89, New Westminster 1990-98 and Brampton 1998. He won the Mann Cup with New Westminster in '91 and Brampton in '98. Mang's Western Lacrosse Association 81.35% save percentage is the best among all goalies playing over 100 games.

Don Craggs (Veteran, Ontario)

Whitby, Ontario-born Don Craggs played Intermediate and Senior B lacrosse for Brooklin and Whitby in the 1950's, a difficult time of low fan interest in the game. At the age of 28 he joined the Senior A Brooklin Redmen of the Ontario Lacrosse Association. He was with the Redmen until '69 and again in '73. He won Mann Cups as a player/coach with the team in '68 and '69. In total, Craggs scored 622 goals with 316 assists in his Major, Senior A and B, and Intermediate career.

Bob Clevely (Builder, Ontario)

Orangeville, Ontario's Bob "Beav" Clevely served on the Senior Orangeville Northmen executive from 1981-87 and was instrumental in resurrecting Orangeville's dormant Junior B program in '89. His Junior B team won the Founders Cup in '89 and '90. Clevely moved his team up to the A level and served as President and/or GM from 1991-96 and again from '07 to '12. During his years with Orangeville's Junior A program, the Northmen won Minto Cups in '93, '95,

'96, '07, '08 and '12. In total, Clevely has been part of 16 Ontario, 13 Canadian and 2 world championship teams, along with 1 NLL championship team.

Jim Cain (Builder, British Columbia)

Victoria, BC's Jim Cain joined the training and clubhouse staff of the Victoria Shamrocks in 1979. In '82 he became the team's head trainer, a position he held for 31 years. A selfless,



dedicated and knowledgeable trainer, Cain was a vital part of the Shamrocks' 13 national championship campaigns and 6 Mann Cup wins. He was the head trainer for the Victoria Seaspray field lacrosse team in the 1980's and helped the team win 2 Canadian championships. He was also the head trainer for the '94 Canadian National men's field team, silver medalists at the World Field Lacrosse Championship.

Peterborough Maulers, 1986-87-89 (Team, Ontario)

The 1986 and '87 Peterborough Maulers Junior A lacrosse teams were undefeated over two regular seasons, winning 45 of 45 games and going 18 out of 18 in the playoffs on the way to Minto Cup championships. The Maulers suffered 1 loss out of 24 regular season games in '88, were a perfect 8-0 in the playoffs but had to settle for 3rd place in the Minto Cup. In '89 the Maulers went 20-3-1 in the regular season, 8-3 in the playoffs and 4-1 to win the Minto Cup over the Richmond Outlaws. In 147 total games between '86 and '89 the Maulers won 131 of them.

For additional information, please visit the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame website at www.clhof.org. Media Contact: David Lancaster, Chairman, Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame Email: davidl@lancasteranddavid.ca Phone: 604-717-5522.

'Rocks Win Inter A -- A's Win Inter B Titles



Victoria Shamrocks win Intermediate A Provincial Championship

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

The 2017 Intermediate A and B provincials were held August 4-7 at the Langley Events Centre in the Township of Langley, BC. Eight teams competed in the round robin event with four teams in the A division and four on the B side.



Coquitlam Adanacs win Intermediate B Provincial Championship

This Intermediate A and B Provincial Championships proved to be very entertaining with a high level of play throughout the tournament.

The Intermediate A teams that competed for the Provincial title included the Coquitlam Adanacs, Langley Thunder, Ridge Meadows Burrards and the Victoria Shamrocks. In the A

Division, both Victoria Shamrocks and Maple Ridge Burrards finished the round-robin with two win and one loss records and a date in the finals. The 'Rocks edged the Burrards in a nail-biter 7-6 in the final to win the gold medal -- the Burrards settled for the silver. The bronze medal game, played earlier in the day, the third seed Langley Thunder doubled up the Coquitlam Adanacs 16-8 to win bronze.

The gold medal match in the B Division saw the Adanacs go a perfect three wins and no losses through the tournament, eventually beating the Maple Ridge Burrards 14-5 in the gold game. Earlier in the day, the Delta Islanders beat the North Shore Indians 9-3 to claim the bronze medal.

The 2017 Provincial Awards for the BC Intermediate A Provincials are as follows; All-stars: Connor Watson (Langley Thunder), Jalen Chaster (Coquitlam Adanacs), Boyd Jackson

(Victoria Shamrocks), Nick Scott (Maple Ridge Burrards), Garret Winter (Maple Ridge Burrards) and goalie Ryan Atkinson (Victoria Shamrocks). Point Leader: Connor Watson (Langley Thunder). Sportsmanlike Player: Connor Watson (Langley Thunder). Top Goalie: Nate Faccin (Maple Ridge Burrards). MVP: Thomas Vaesen (Victoria Shamrocks).

The 2017 Provincial Awards for the BC Intermediate B Provincials are as follows; All-stars: Aaron Royer (Coquitlam Adanacs), Alex Rademacher (Ridge Meadows Burrards), Neil Bains (Delta Islanders), Hunter MacMurphy (Coquitlam Adanacs), Neil Baker (North Shore Indians) and goalie Brodie Jacobs (North Shore Indians). Point Leader: Luke Benedet (Coquitlam Adanacs). Sportsmanlike Player: Mitch Robinson (Delta Islanders). Top Goalie: Donovan Chan (Coquitlam Adanacs). MVP: Luke Benedet (Coquitlam Adanacs).



BCJALL 2017 Season Wrap up

By: Owen Munro

It's hard to believe another BCJALL season has already passed us by. In the end, not much changed with the Coquitlam Adanacs reclaiming the throne atop of the league, beating the New Westminster Salmonbellies in the BCJALL finals. Ultimately, a great run to the Minto Cup was ended in the finals by Ontario champions Six Nations Arrows in a three-game sweep.

It was a tough pill to swallow after a year where the Adanacs proved to again be the cream of the crop and had a Minto Cup championship to defend. But the real story may be in the gains made by the other teams to try to catch up with the benchmark set by Coquitlam.

Langley, Port Coquitlam and Victoria all had successful seasons, which made for a thrilling playoff race between the clubs. Only two points ended up separating the two clubs, but the Saints' advantage in the wins department meant Langley battled Victoria in a do-or-die wild card game. The Shamrocks ended up winning that one before bowing out to the A's.

Port Coquitlam took a real run at things this year, but ended up falling just short in their

semifinals series with the 'Bellies. With a lot of third-year players graduating, the Saints may take a few steps back next year, but will also still have a viable core left over to keep them competitive. They will miss a guy like Andrew Gallant in net, as he was stellar ever since he came back from an injury midseason. He was a big contributor to the black and yellow going 9-1 at one point.

If the Saints are going to take a few steps back, expect the Thunder and Shamrocks to stay neck and neck to battle over who may take over that vacated spot. Langley could be the odds on favourites just based on the sheer number of offensively talented players they have. Ryan Martel and Nathaniel Kozevnikov were two massive additions coming out of the front gate this season, and Martel was honoured as Rookie of the Year. They will also return Nathan Mackeigan, who will only be a second-year player despite already spending time with the WLA Langley Thunder.

In goal, they look good with Torin Vanrheenan playing behind a solid defense. But Victoria is not a team to be counted out, especially with players like Marshal King on the floor. The Rocks will always be a tough team to come over and play on the Island, and looked like one of the league's top tier teams pretty con-

sistently last year with a similarly young roster. With a strong group coming up from this year's Intermediate A champions, you can expect Victoria to be a strong playoff contender next year.

New Westminster also experienced a better season after a couple of years of restocking the shelves with talent from all over the country. Larson Sundown proved to be one of the better import additions, as he quickly shone on New West's dominant left side. He ended up with 49 points in 12 games and still wasn't the best player on his team on most nights.

That nod would go to Connor Robinson, who ended up with a number of awards including the 2017 BCJALL MVP, the Bob Reid Memorial Award for Outstanding Achievement and the league's leading scorer. Robinson potted an incredible 50 goals and 80 assists in the regular season and also chipped in 33 points in his last playoff run before getting the call alongside a few other Junior 'Bellies in Drew Belgrave and Adam Dickson to join the parent WLA club for a Mann Cup run.

There was also some noticeable development from teams like Burnaby, Nanaimo and Delta, who all had strong points during the season. The Lakers have added a number of key future pieces and got some excellent goaltending from rookie Elijah Uema-Martin. Mason Pomeroy was a Second Team BCJALL All-Star and players like Kyle Durec and Damon Prince really started to come on at the end of the year.

It was a similar situation for the Nanaimo Timbermen, and they have their own special group of Intermediates coming up soon. Some of them -- Will Johansen and Zac Dhillon come to mind -- will be up with the big club sooner rather than later, and Nanaimo hope they can make an immediate difference. They also got an excellent season of goaltending from Darian Claxton, who despite going 2-9 in the wins-loss column, looked good while getting peppered with shots most nights. He was among the league leaders in shots stopped this year with 437 saves on 575 shots (.760 save percentage).

You can expect a lot of offseason activity as teams look to improve their rosters across the board. There is also the added unknown of players many people won't know anything about coming up from the Intermediate ranks. The Coquitlam Adanacs will be adding to their roster in the search of another Minto Cup championship, but they will have to be conscious of the teams like New Westminster nipping at their heels every step of the way.

All it takes is a couple of strong additions, trades or draft picks here and there to completely transform your chances of going to the big dance, and that's often what makes the BCJALL one of the most exciting products in sport today.

Tewanee Joseph Named Executive Vice President, Partnerships and Business Development



Tewanee Joseph takes on Stealth Executive VP Partnerships and Business Development Role in 2017-18

By: Trevor McManus, Langley Events Centre

Vancouver, BC (Monday, August 21, 2017) -- The Vancouver Stealth announced today that Tewanee Joseph has been named Executive Vice President for Partnerships and Business Development. Joseph has served as Senior First Nations Development Advisor for the Stealth since 2014.

Mr. Joseph served as Chief Executive Officer of the Four Host Nations Secretariat for the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Games where he negotiated the first partnership agreement between indigenous peoples, the International Olympic Committee and the Vancouver Organizing Committee for the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games (VANOC). Joseph's extensive experience also includes the 2011 Rugby World Cup in New Zealand, 2015 Canada Winters Games, Toronto 2015 Pan American Games, and the 2016 Canada Rugby 7s Vancouver. Joseph is also a Nike N7 champion and served on the Board of Directors for 5 years.

"We are very fortunate to have Tewanee take on additional responsibilities within our organization and look forward to having him fully integrated in all aspects of our business," said Doug Locker, President and General Manager of the Stealth. "Tewanee has a wealth of knowledge and is passionate about the game, and will be very involved in attracting new corporate partners, and organizations."

"I am honored to be a part of such an incredible organization. One that is committed to our community, our families and to the fasted game on two feet. I am looking forward to growing the sport and inviting all British Columbians to join in and be a part of our Stealth family," said Joseph.

Tewanee played lacrosse at both the Senior A and B levels' winning the President's Cup twice as well as two men's field lacrosse championships. In addition, he played for the Iroquois Nationals team and currently coaches lacrosse in North Vancouver.



Premier Wears Lacrosse Jersey in the Legislature

By: Jen Holmwood, Office of the Premier

VICTORIA - Premier John Horgan wore a New Westminster Salmonbellies lacrosse jersey in the legislative chamber September 12th after losing a bet to Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Judy Darcy.

Premier Horgan, a long-time booster of the Victoria Shamrocks lacrosse team, bet Darcy that her home team, the Salmonbellies, would lose the Western Lacrosse Association finals to his favourites.

The stakes: the loser would wear the opposing team's jersey in the legislature.

The Salmonbellies defeated the Shamrocks four games to one, closing out the best-of-seven series with a 13-11 victory on Sunday, August 27. Premier Horgan honoured his end of the bet by wearing a Salmonbellies jersey in the legislature.

Express Speed to Another Senior C Title

By: Ted Clarke/Prince George Citizen

Quinn Waddington had the tying goal in the pocket of his stick. Until he got pickpocketed by Carson Michaud, the man behind the mask for the Port Moody Express.

The robbery won't show up on any police blotter but it became painfully obvious to Waddington and the rest of his Ladner Pioneers that Michaud's cross-crease shoulder shrug in the last minute was the reason the Treasure Cove Casino Challenge Cup/B.C. senior C lacrosse championship at Kin 1 did not require overtime to decide.

The Express hung on to win 9-8 and were handed the Fred Doig Championship Trophy as senior C champs for the eighth time in the past nine years.

"We've been here a lot of times and we're used to winning and we expect to win and it's all about team bonding – they hang out together and they all stick up for each other," said Express head coach Rick Mang. "We just worked hard. At 5-1 I thought the game was over and then all of sudden it was 6-5 and give (the Pioneers) credit, they were one of the best teams in our league this year."

For half the game it did look like the rout was on. The Express scored two goals before the game was a minute old. Port Moody captain Cam Comeau got lucky 36 seconds in when his pass attempt deflected off the cage of a Ladner defender standing just outside the crease and in it went past goalie Allan MacLucas. Fifteen seconds later, Justin Thomas took a pass behind enemy lines and had tons of time to put the deke on MacLucas.

Port Moody led 3-1 in the second period when Rob Minni and Thomas each scored on the power play before Comeau threaded the needle from 20 yards out to increase the gap to 6-1. With youth on their side against an older Port Moody team, the Pioneer spirit refused to lag and Travis Blanchini, on a floor-length rush, and Eric Dufresne, with a close shot in tight traffic, gave Ladner life, down 6-3 after two periods.

"We knew they weren't going to let up easy, Ladner came in hot this whole tournament, 5-0 just like us, and we knew they were going to bring it," said the 25-year-old Michaud. "It helped take the pressure off when we got those two quick goals right away. This is my first year with the team but they've won eight of the last nine and all the experience showed. We didn't panic. When they made it 6-5 I knew I had to make that one at the end. I just put everything into it and I'm happy I got it."

The Pioneers peppered Michaud with sustained pressure midway through the third period and it paid off when Waddington and Ryan Chan each found the net to make it a two-goal game with five minutes to play. Waddington, a former UNBC student, set up Dufresne for his second of the game with 1:22 left and after getting pasted into the end boards with a dangerous-looking hit, Waddington returned from the bench and with his wicked right-handed shot just about tied it while standing just off the post.

"I thought I had a little hole there but it didn't quite work," said Waddington.

Three of the six Express goals came on power plays.



Port Moody Express Senior C team win Provincial Title in Prince George

"It took a little while for us to get our heads back into the game and I thought five-on-five we were the better team, but penalties cost us," said Waddington. "In a low-scoring game you can't give up power-play goals. We didn't do so well in our (West Central Lacrosse League) playoffs but we had a good run here and unfortunately came up a little short."

The Express lost just four of 18 regular-season games to finish second but got knocked out early in the WCLL playoffs. Their win Sunday more than made up for that. Comeau, the Port Moody captain and a former Vancouver Burrard, has been with the Express for 10 years and now has eight provincial titles to show for it.

"We're full value for these wins, we work hard all season long, it's not by accident," said the 38-year-old Comeau. "We're well-coached, we have a Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Famer behind our bench (Mang) and from the experience he has all the way down to our young guys, we came to Prince George expecting a sweep and we got it."

"We just worked our tails off and played our best game this season against an undefeated Airdrie team and then we worked so hard against that Ladner team which had a gritty comeback. We're getting younger here and I love to see us continue to win titles."

Airdrie survives weekend lacrosse marathon to claim bronze

Dog-tired after playing a semifinal playoff just hours before, the Airdrie Mohawks leaned on the broad shoulders of 60-year-old goalie Rod Quinn to deliver them a bronze medal at the Treasure Cove Casino Challenge Cup/B.C. senior C lacrosse championship.

Quinn put into practice the net-stuffing skills he learned as a Calgary teenager and backstopped the Mohawks to a 9-8 victory over the Mission Cedar Kings Sunday afternoon at Kin 1.

"I didn't feel (young) but it just feels good to go out with the guys, it peels the years off you," said Quinn, the oldest player in the Alberta-based Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League.

"I've played with these guys a long time and I just love them like my own. Basically, they're my own sons that I never wanted but I got."

Quinn lives in Calgary but has ties to Prince George, having played for the Prince George grandmasters team several times at

the Canadian masters lacrosse championship 10 years ago and he felt right at home seeing familiar faces in the stands at the Kin Centre. He made 29 saves as the Mohawks outshot the Cedar Kings 38-37.

The teams were tied 6-6 heading into the third period. Greg Bradley and Mission shooter Harry Senkler traded goals and it remained tied until the 12:34 mark, when Bradley took advantage of a four-minute power play to whistle a low shot past Cedar Kings goalie Jeff Passimore. Before the second penalty had expired, Garrett Werschke made it a 9-7 count with a shot that went in off the stick of a Mission defender. Gavin Shand made it a one-goal game on a setup from Prince George native John Makowsky with five minutes left but that's as close as it got.

Earlier in the day, the Port Moody Express ended the Mohawks' title hopes with a 9-6 semifinal win Sunday morning.

"It would have been nice to take the first game but we weren't really ready to go and they came out harder than we did," said Bradley, a native of Richmond, who led the Airdrie attack with three goals and an assist.

"We won bronze last year too, so we were looking for a little more. We really like the competition out here because back home we're not getting close games where we can actually see what kind of team we have."

Makowsky, who collected two goals and two assists, said his legs felt like lead weights after the Cedar Kings lost their semifinal Sunday morning 15-10 to Ladner. It was tough for both teams going back-to-back in the bronze battle with less than 90 minutes rest. Airdrie and Mission played six games in three days.

"I am very tired, two games in a row is rough, especially when you have two teams that can run really hard and they're in shape," said Makowsky. "It was a tough fight the whole way and that's why I play with these guys, we fight to the end."

The four Prince George Senior Lacrosse Association teams had a tough weekend. The RPR Mechanical/BX Pub Bandits went 1-3 as the only PGSLA team to win a game. The Westwood Pub Devils, Co-op Petroleum Stylers and Quesnel M.Daniels Consulting Crossfire all went 0-4.

To Be a Team BC Manager

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

Every year, the Team BC program looks to the parents and fans of lacrosse, to be a part of a Box or Field Lacrosse team in the team manager role. It's a job that entails quite a bit of work, but the rewards are everlasting!

"The team managers are very special people that are worth their weight in gold," said BCLA President Sohen Gill. "The time and effort they put into their teams is immeasurable."

Some managers have a vested interest in a team, since their son or daughter may have been selected to a roster, others, have no children involved, but just love the game and being a part of the program, enter Team BC Men's Field team managers Fred Lachlan and Ray Richards.

Fred and Ray have been Team BC Field managers 8 years and 4 years respectively -- and it's their community ties and the love of the game that brings them back for more.

"The field game and players have grown to a stage well beyond my knowledge," mentioned Team BC U15 manager Ray Richards. "I have always loved being involved with the kids and wanted to give back to the game that has given me years of enjoyment and many lifelong friends. Hopefully one day, the kids will also feel the need to give back and be involved."

The Team BC Women's Field program has had Rita Stroup as team manager for over 4 years with all of the Stroup daughters

playing for Team BC in that time. The Women's program has grown to four teams in 2017 -- Stroup manages these teams with assistance from Michele Dean.

Team BC Field Technical Coach, Reynold Comeault, works closely with the Field managers and knows so much is done behind the scenes just to let the coach's coach and players play.

"Without the assistance of managers, Team BC couldn't provide the programs it does," said Comeault. "Rita Stroup, Michele Dean, Fred Lachlan and Ray Richards (Field Managers) spend countless hours sending emails, gathering information and acting as the buffer that allows our coaches to just coach. Managing a team that travels is so much work that goes unappreciated, yet it is one of the most integral components of a Team BC team."

The Team BC Box teams attend nationals, sometimes for a week. Their nationals experience is a grind, where plenty of assistance helps every step of the way.

Four-time Team Manager, Gord Kask, has done double duty over the years managing both Box and Field teams. He runs a tight ship and also offers mentorship to new managers to assist them along the way.

"The real reason I do it because I truly enjoy it -- I want the kids and parents to have a great experience and I want to make sure they don't have to worry about anything," said U13 Field and Midget Boys manager Gord Kask.

Bantam Boy's manager, Dean Favaro, returned as manager in 2017 with familiar faces to assist him which made his decision to manage easier. His team, much like others, parents chipped in from social media updates to keeping the kids cool with ice towels and bananas and water after the games -- all pulled together towards a common goal.

"When we set out on this journey together, I wanted to try and give the players and everyone involved the best experience they could possibly have and one that everyone would enjoy and remember for a lifetime," said Favaro. "My true hope is that I was able to provide that."

Hats off to all team managers: Rita Stroup & Michele Dean (Women's Field teams), Fred Lachlan (U18 Field), Ray Richards (U15 Field), Christa Balatti (Pee Wee Boys), Dean Favaro (Bantam Boys), Gord Kask (U13 Field and Midget Boys), Karen Stagg-Malcolm (U19 Women & Female Midgets) and Carrie Dunnett (Female Bantams).

"It's never easy finding the right people to manage our teams, but our Team BC managers rise to the occasion and exceed expectations to do a terrific job every year," noted Team BC Box Technical Coach Darcy Rhodes.

The many hats these people wear are incredible; from travel agent to fundraiser, facility manager to equipment manager, food preparations to laundry...these people make their team experiences ones the athletes will never forget. Through thick and thin, the managers are the glue for Team BC and their commitment is second to none. Thank you for all you do in making the Team BC experience special for the athletes.

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 Julie Spooner (Pt. Coquitlam)
 Shonly Wallace (Port Moody)
 Megan Stewart (Ridge Meadows)

Female Midget All-Stars

Sarah Svetic (Burnaby)
 Hailey Campbell (Nanaimo)
 Hannah Bernoe (New Westminster)
 Daniella Stroup (Pt. Coquitlam)
 Grace Parker (Ridge Meadows)
 Emma Betts (Semiahmoo)

Female Bantam A All-Stars

Teagan Ng (Coquitlam)
 Lauren Black (New Westminster)
 Isabella Irvine (Pt. Coquitlam)
 Lizzie Roemer (Ridge Meadows)

Female Bantam B All-Stars

Katrina Robinson (Coquitlam)
 Marcie Beck-Boreson (Langley)
 Chayce Cooper (Mission)
 Chantelle Lee (Nanaimo)
 Kayla Scott (Pt. Coquitlam)
 Rory Rothnie (Victoria)

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 Anikka MacDonald (Cowichan)
 Iandra Lamplugh (Peninsula)
 Gillian Lapierre (Pt. Coquitlam)
 Kaylea Paterson (Ridge Meadows 1)
 Jaylyn Morris (Ridge Meadows 2)



Midget A1 All-Stars

Luca Antongiovanni (Coquitlam)
 Ben McDonald (Delta)
 Cooper Gettel (Langley)
 Braeden Washington (Ridge Meadows)
 Arthur Miller (Saanich)

Midget A2 All-Stars

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 Kade Sims (Coquitlam)
 Callum Gorman (Kamloops)
 Colby Bowman (Nanaimo)
 Kaden Doughty (North Okanagan)
 Luke Warmenhoven (Peninsula)
 Jacob Dunbar (Semiahmoo)
 Ryder Bremmer (Surrey)

Midget B All-Star Awards

Brody Plowright (Abbotsford)
 Joshua Geldart (Coquitlam)
 Olivia Ohlmann (Langley)
 Zack Hebden (Kamloops)
 Max Arnold (Prince George)
 Riley Arsenaault (Saanich)
 Daniel Waiblner (Vancouver)
 Kohl Konrad (West Kootenay)



Bantam A1 All-Stars

Joshua Gabriele (Burnaby)
 Ryan Favaro (Coquitlam)
 Daniel Ramage (Juan de Fuca)
 Owen Barrow (Kamloops)
 Jake McInnes (Nanaimo)
 Joel McCormick (Ridge Meadows)

Bantam A2 All-Stars

Zack Wawryk (Coquitlam)
 Josh MacDonald (Cowichan)
 Caillum Leask (Mission)
 Gage LeClair (Penticton)
 Griffin Gouger-Davis (Prince George)
 Owen Robertson (Ridge Meadows)
 Jaxon Dillion (Saanich)
 Josh Alexander (Vancouver)

Bantam B All-Stars

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 Nathaniel Leroux (Chilliwack)
 Sean Coyle (Langley)
 Xander Davidson (Nanaimo)
 Brenden Jamieson (Oceanside)
 Joey Schmelz (Port Moody)
 Carson Cotie (Saanich)
 Caden Peters (Shuswap)

Bantam C All-Stars

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 Nolan Banks (Comox Valley)
 Ben Delorme (Mission)
 Jake Jones (Nanaimo)
 Peyton Fox (Nicola Valley)
 Jess Dodds (Vancouver)
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 Ryley Lockhurst (West Kootenay)



Pee Wee A1 All-Stars

Ryden Evers (Burnaby)
 Matthew Benedet (Coquitlam)
 Ollie Josephson (Juan de Fuca)
 Patrick Seward (Nanaimo)
 Reid Hinds-MacDonald (New West)
 Aidan McDonald (Ridge Meadows)

Pee Wee A2 All-Stars

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 Gage Vigar (Kelowna)
 Angus Rose (Mission)
 Cosmo Wilson (North Okanagan)
 Dylan Ilett (Prince George)
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Pee Wee B All-Stars

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Coaches Corner Goal-Setting

By: Duane Bratt, CLA National Resource Person

The ability to teach mental skills is a key responsibility for lacrosse coaches. It is just as important as teaching technical, tactical and physical skills. In fact, at the highest levels of lacrosse, mental skills is what separates champions from second place, and good teams from bad teams.

One of the tools that can be used to increase your team's mental abilities is by establishing goals. At the beginning of the year, the coach should facilitate a goal-setting session with the team. Goals are useful to define where a team wants to go, but more importantly how to get there. Think of it as driving home. You may want to get home, but if you don't know the directions to get there, you will just drive around in circles. The team may want to win a championship, but if they don't know the process of getting there, then they will not achieve it.

Another key characteristic about goals is that they should be SMART: Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Relevant, and Time-Bound.

There are many ways of conducting a goal-setting exercise, but here is one successful way of doing it. Coaches should give instructions, either written or verbally, in advance to the player's so that they can develop their own individual goals on their own. The list of goals should include offensive, defensive, and transition skills. For example, getting five good looks a game, not getting beat top-side, or running hard to the bench. They could also include items about preparation (have their stick properly strung before every game/practice) or emotional control (do not take bad penalties).

Once the players have written their goals, they should read them to the rest of the team. This is an important part of the process; they are making a commitment to their teammates and coaches. After all, these are the people that they are accountable to. After reading them,

each player should tape them to their stall to remind them every day of what their goals are.

After each player has gone through their individual goals, the coach should lead them through a team goal-setting exercise. They should identify what the overarching goal is (win a championship, make the playoffs, win a game, etc.). Then the process by which the team will get there. This should involve quantitative goals (how many shots for/against, loose balls, goals for/against, speciality team percentages, unforced turnovers, etc.) and qualitative goals (preparation, effort, etc.). As with the individual goals, these team goals should be posted in the dressing room to continually remind the team what they are striving for.

Finally, after each game, there should be a report card session of measuring the team's actual results with their goals. For example, if one of the team goals was to attain 60% of loose balls and they have a game where they only attain 45% of loose balls, they then did not meet their goals. This does several things. First, it continues to remind the team of their overarching and process goals. A common mistake that is made with goals is to spend time at the beginning of the season preparing them and then forgetting about them for the rest of the season.

Second, it helps to establish a cause and effect in the players' minds. For example, if a team loses a game by one goal when it went 0/4 on the power play and its goal was to go 50% on the power play. If the team had scored two power play goals – like they had promised – then they would have won the game. This deficiency could then be worked on in the next practice.

Third, it makes the team more accountable to the process instead of the result. Regardless of the score of any individual game, what matters is whether they were achieving their process goals.

Goal-setting can be done with players and teams of all ages and abilities. Although it is true that the younger and the less experienced the players are, the more the coach needs to help them establish and refine their goals. They key is to do it...because if you don't establish a goal and a process to achieve that goal, then you will never achieve it.

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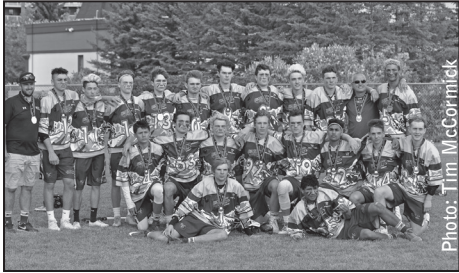


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Team BC Men's Field at Nationals



Team BC U18 Men's Field



Team BC U15 Men's Field

By LacrosseTalk Staff

Team BC Field U18 and U15 teams flew to the heartland of Canada to compete at the Alumni Cup and First Nations Trophy National Field Lacrosse Championships in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, September 1-3, 2017.

Both Team BC teams were looking to get back to the top of the podium after coming up short in 2016. Two silver medals both teams accepted, but were not happy with putting around their necks!

Fifth year Team BC U18 Head Coach, Ian Poole, and assistant Reynold Comeault, were well-prepared for what the First Nations Trophy U18 Nationals offered. After identifying nearly 100 athletes ten months earlier, the top 23 athletes were ready to faceoff with this year's competition.

"We had good competitive training sessions in preparation for Nationals," noted Ian Poole. "I thought we went into Nationals very prepared and focused on our goal. The guys knew what we needed to do to be successful."

After four consecutive visits to Nationals, and one title under his belt (2014), Coach Poole's team was ready grind out the 3-day event and get back to the top of the podium.

The 2017 Team BC U18 Men's squad went through plenty of ups and downs with player movement and coaches unable to commit, but Poole stayed the course and prepared his team to be in the best position possible to succeed.

"It was tough this year with coaches, as all of my assistants had to step away -- we also had a couple key players drop out prior to nationals, which left a couple of gaps," noted Coach Poole. "With that being said, I thought Rey and I worked great together and Rey did a great job controlling the bench."

This team was a good mix of youth and age with six 16 year-olds, eight 17 year-olds and nine 18 year-olds. From top to bottom, the roster offered talent, depth and endurance to the system.

The U18's ended up in second place after round-robin play with a 3 win, 1 loss record. Team BC opened day one with a hard-fought 12-8 victory against Alberta, and then redeemed themselves with a 12-4 thumping of Manitoba. On day two, Team BC lost to the arch nemesis Ontario team 13-8 and finished off the day with 10-goal victory over Saskatchewan, winning 15-5. In the crossover match, Team BC took charge over Saskatchewan and



handed them a 12-2 loss to punch their ticket into the gold medal game versus Ontario.

The finals were a tale of two teams as Ontario took command early and forced Team BC to play catch-up from the get-go.

Team BC U18's started off slow as Ontario netted eight unanswered goals to make the score 8-0 before Sekawnee Baker scored Team BC's first goal of the game with 12:00 left in the second quarter. The U18's put their hard hats on and battled back to make it a respectable 10-6 score at the half.

After trading goals in the third quarter, the hill was a bit too steep to climb after falling behind so much, so early -- a silver lining being BC outscored Ontario 13-9 the rest of the way.

The final score, Ontario 17, BC 13 and a fourth silver medal in five years.

"It was pretty disappointing this year," reflected Poole. "We ran into a solid Ontario team and just got off to a rough start in the final. The boys showed a lot of heart battling back, but we just came up short at the end. We had a couple injuries hit us and we missed a couple key players for the final -- I couldn't have been more proud of them."

Team BC's all-star selections included four players: Tyler Ewen, Caleb Pearson, Sekawnee Baker and Gavin Bruce.

"Unfortunately, our U18 team dug a hole in the championship game," mentioned Team BC Assistant and Technical Field Coach, Reynold Comeault. "Ian's never say die attitude rubbed off on our group as they battled back winning every quarter after the lopsided first. The players should be commended on their collective effort in representing our province well to the bitter end."

After five years of leading Team BC U18 athletes on the field, Head Coach Ian Poole will be stepping back from his coaching duties to spend more time with his young family.

"This was my last Nationals, for now -- with three young kids and trying to play and coach is just too much."

Poole has taken the Team BC program to new levels in his tenure making impressions on numerous athletes in their development on the field, and off. His commitment to Team BC will be sorely missed -- he'll be back on a sideline, somewhere, one day down the road.

"As the U18 coach for the past five years, Ian has brought a level of compete to our program that was greatly respected by all of the players and parents that he came in contact with," reflected Comeault. "Ian will always have the distinction of being the very first Team BC U18 coach to win a National Championship at this age group under the all-star team format."

"I look forward to the day Ian's boys are old enough to play for Team BC and he can once again carry on his talented ways with the Team BC Field Lacrosse Program."

The Team BC U15's brought home a gold medal. See LacrosseTalk cover story for more.









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Team BC U19 Women's Field Battle at Nats!



Team BC Women's Field take Silver in an 11-6 championship loss to Ontario

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

Playing 14 lacrosse games in 7 days is not for the meek, but the Team BC U19 Women's Field Lacrosse team and Team BC Female Midget team athletes were the exception.

The Team BC U19 Women's Field Lacrosse team, comprised of many Team BC Female Midget Box Lacrosse athletes (ages 15 & 16 years), left the muggy Halifax Forum, and gold medal in hand, to compete outdoors at the CLA U19 Women's Field Lacrosse Invitational National Tournament at Dalhousie University in Halifax.

Team BC won four and dropped two games in six round-robin games and outscored their opponents 54-41. Game scores were: wins over Team Alberta 13-7 and 11-4, wins over Nova Scotia 9-1 and 14-2, and two losses to Team Ontario 16-4 and 11-2.

"Our girls were beat up from the box nationals, but were a focused group that competed at

a high level, game in, game out," stated Head Coach Josh Wahl. "I'm so proud of our athletes and what we achieved at this tournament."

Team Ontario was mainly comprised of Field Lacrosse athletes ages 17-19 with a few national team members, while Team BC was a Box Lacrosse/Field Lacrosse hybrid team with athletes ages 15 and 16 years.

Team BC met Ontario in the gold medal game. Team BC improved every game versus Ontario narrowing the gap from 12 and 9-goal round-robin losses, to a very respectable 11-6 loss in the final.

Top Team BC point getters were Molly Schmidt (10G, 2A), Natalie Gane (6G, 6A) and Claire Snyder (5G, 4A). Alyssa Wahl played her first major tournament in goal and finished with a 3-3 record, a 8.33 goals against average and 50 saves.

The CLA U19 Women's Field Lacrosse Invitational National Tournament 2017 wrapped



Hamilton, ON #9 MacKenzie Beam, AB #18 Jelyvn Ward and BC #13 Hailey Anderson; and Top Goalie and Tournament MVP-ON #1 Kameron Halsall.

"We were very pleased with the complete level of our Midget Girls Box Lacrosse Team transitioning over to the Field game and stepping it up competing against a very talented Team from Ontario," stated Team BC Field Technical Coach, Reynold Comeault. "Although losing isn't something to be pleased with, the close championship game proved our girls held their own very well."

up with a Tournament awards and all-stars. The tournament all-star team was: Attack-BC #15 Molly Schmidt, ON #12 Nadiya Roy, ON #8 Jacklyn Hooey and AB #16 Jazmyne Ward; Midfield-BC #11 Natalie Gane, BC #8 Daniella Stroup, ON #5 Aurora Cordingly and AB #9 Julia Porter; Defenders-BC #25 Bria



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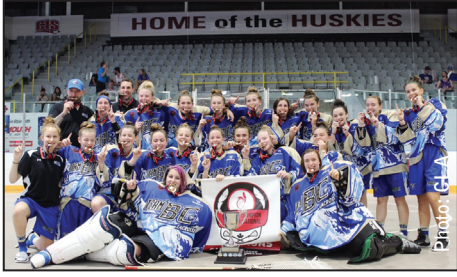


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Team BC Box at Nationals



Team BC Female Midgets National Champions.



Team BC Female Bantams Silver Medalist.



Team BC Pee Wee Boys Bronze Medalist.



Team BC Bantam Boys Silver Medalist.



Team BC Midget Boys Fourth Place.

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

Five Team BC Box Lacrosse teams competed in three provinces at the 2017 Youth National Box Lacrosse Championships. The Female Nationals were held July 17-21 in Halifax, Nova Scotia; the Bantam boys Nationals were held July 31-August 4 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan; and the Pee Wee and Midget boys Nationals, August 6-12, in Whitby, Ontario alongside the OLA Lacrosse Festival.

Team BC Box Lacrosse teams competed well at Box Nationals this summer and brought home five medals – one gold and three silvers and a fourth place finish.

Female Bantams-A determined Bantam squad headed to the home of The Bluenose with golden aspirations after losing in the dying moments one year ago. After a slow start, the Bantams regrouped and posted a 4-2 round robin record.

An opening game 4-2 loss to Ontario set the tone of the tournament for BC. A bounce back 11-1 win over Nova Scotia got BC on track, but only to be derailed after a physical 7-6 OT loss to Alberta. The Bantam girls regrouped and learned from their mistakes to rattle off three straight victories 11-0, 4-2 and 5-1 over Nova Scotia, Ontario and Alberta respectively. BC advanced to the finals and was ready for their rubber match with Team Ontario in the gold medal game. BC opened the scoring on a Teagan Ng shot 54 seconds in to the game, but Ontario countered with three of their own to end the first up 3-1. A scoreless second proved nothing. BC's Taylor Lee scored at the 4:05 mark, but Team BC and Ontario traded goals in the third, and as time ran out, Ontario netted an empty netter to go on and win the Bantam gold medal.

Team BC top scorers overall were Teagan Ng (10G, 5A), Lauren Black (7G, 6A), Alexa Ford (5G, 6A), Teagan Dunnett (4G, 2A), Laiken Greffard (3G, 3A) and Sylviann Jenner (1G, 5A). Goaltenders Leona Sinclair and Ainslee Rushton posted a team 2.86 goals against average over 7 games. Teagan Ng and Lauren Black were Team BC's tournament all-star selections.

"It seems quite cliché to say, but the team got stronger as the tournament progressed," said Head Coach Paul Kuhn. "In the final, we unfortunately allowed our intensity to spill over, and dug ourselves a hole we couldn't quite climb out of."

The Female Bantams successes came from all ends of the floor through the leadership of many.

"Our netminders were an outstanding pair who supported one another all tournament and we were fortunate to have a team full of leaders, whether they were a captain or an alternate

or had no letter at all, who showed grit and resiliency even during the toughest moments."

"Second place was still an accomplishment," said Kuhn. "I believe that the cohesion and camaraderie of the team will leave the girls with positive memories that will last a lifetime. The team represented the province admirably and exhibited those positive qualities, like fair play, respect, and determination, that we are accustomed to seeing from Team BC."

Female Midgets-See National Champions cover article.

Pee Wee-The Pee Wee boys finished the round robin in third place with a 4 win, 2 loss record. Team BC scores were: an opening 8-2 drubbing by Ontario, 8-3 over Alberta, 17-2 over Saskatchewan, 17-1 win over Manitoba, a 5-4 loss to First Nations and a 13-4 over Nova Scotia. Team BC dropped a 6-4 decision to Team First Nations in a remarkable and well-played semi-final game. Team BC regrouped for the bronze game and fought back with a spirited effort to win a decisive 8-4 victory over Alberta. Team BC top scorers overall were Samuel Allen (12G, 7A), Aidan McDonald (7G, 12A), Matthew Benedet (4G, 11A), Carter Quested (4G, 8A) and Nathan Chalmers (6G, 6A). Goaltender tandem Hayden Black and Malcolm Tyler yielded a measly 33 goals in 8 games – 4.00 and 4.33 goals against averages respectively. Malcolm Tyler was Team BC's tournament all-star selection.

"We prepared well with 17 sessions prior to leaving for Whitby – all the players soaking it all in and many had to learn some new roles and responsibilities," noted Head Coach Gerry Van Beek. "We had players from eight different associations and we all came together very well in such a short time. The coaching staff was phenomenal, they, with the parents, gave the players a rewarding experience that I know the players will remember forever. I'm very proud of the Team BC Pee Wee squad on and off the floor."

Bantams-The Bantams went into Nationals with a well-rounded team of gamers with a hunger for winning. They ended up in second place after the round robin with a 6 win and 1 loss record – their only blemish being a 14-1 loss to Ontario. Team BC scores were: 10-1 over Nova Scotia, a 14-1 loss to Ontario, 10-0 over First Nations, 7-3 over Alberta, 10-1 win over Saskatchewan, 14-0 over Manitoba, and a 9-3 win over Quebec. Team BC top scorers were: Joshua Iacino (15G, 5A), Noah Manning (5G, 11A), Sean Clark (5G, 10A), Quinn Ridley (4G, 8A) and Finn Halladay (7G, 3A). Goalies Brendan Hunchak and Brayden Wandler posted 1.33 and 5.46 goals against averages respectively.

Team BC met a relentless Team Alberta squad, coached by Team BC Alumni Richard

Lachlan and Keegan Bal, in the semi-finals. Both teams fell into a defensive battle ending the game knotted at 3 apiece. Overtime proved fruitful for Team BC netting 4 goal to Alberta's 1 for a 7-4 OT victory and a spot in the gold game versus Team Ontario.

In the gold game, BC gave it their all against a big and talented Ontario squad. Ontario dominated the first frame jumping out to a 4-0 lead after one. Alec Billings open BC's scoring 46 seconds into the second, followed by another by Iacino, only to be answered by Ontario. Team BC rattled off three goals in 2:59 to tie the game at 5-5 late in the period, but Ontario answered again to end the period up 6-5. In the third, Ontario went on a 5-0 run to go on and take the gold 11-5 over BC. Josh Iacino was selected Team BC's tournament all-star.

"We unfortunately lost two top athletes to injury and were beat up," said Coach Daren Fridge. "The system we played and how we overcame adversity allowed us to get contributions from many different areas. We were athletic and could withstand a battle which really showed the heart and grit of these players."

"Our comeback in the Ontario gold game was great -- the energy in the building and other provinces cheering us on, was an amazing feeling. Manager Dean Favaro was incredible again, and the collective effort with parents that stepped up made all aspects of managing this team easy. It was an amazing experience, based on parent feedback. This is one of the most enjoyable coaching experiences I have ever had."

Midgets-The Midget team looked to better their 2016 bronze performance in 2017. Parity was evident with the Midgets as it was a four-team battle at the top with improved Alberta

and First Nations squads. The Midgets placed third after the round robin with a 5-2 record. Team BC scores were: a 12-4 opener loss to Ontario, a 10-2 win over Quebec, 11-3 over Saskatchewan, a 9-6 win over First Nations and Nova Scotia, and a close 6-5 loss to Alberta in the final round-robin game.

Team BC met Team Ontario in the 2-3 game and were trounced 12-5 by their rivals and a spot in the bronze medal game.

Team BC met Team First Nations for the bronze and had plenty to prove to claw back and battle for the bronze. In a game that had everything from game stoppages for injuries, two penalty shots and goalies called for illegal sticks, it wasn't enough to come back from a two-goal deficit as the Team BC Midget lost a hard fought 7-6 game to the First Nations in the bronze.

Team BC top scorers were: Kyle Brunsch (10G, 10A), Trevor Funk (4G, 13A), Drew Andre (5G, 11A) and Dre Kask (5G, 9A). Goaltenders Matteo Tack and Braeden Washington held their opponents to 47 goals against in eight games for a team 5.88 goals against average. Kaidin Sheehan-Davies was named the Team BC tournament all-star.

"While it didn't turn out well in terms of a medal for Team BC, we as a staff can agree that this team came together and fought hard for each other. The coaches did a wonderful job in preparation," said Head Coach Lance Andre.

Team BC Box Lacrosse Technical Coordinator, Darcy Rhodes, was proud of all athletes, coaches, managers and volunteers that made the Team BC experience impressive.

"The 2017 Team BC Box Lacrosse program once again had a successful year at Nationals competitions," stated Rhodes. "Not all teams medaled, but all players and coaches should be proud of their achievements and the mark they have made on their lacrosse development. It is always nice to get such positive feedback on how well Team BC represents themselves as a Province at Nationals."

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Female Pee Wee Gold: Coquitlam Adanacs



Female Bantam A Gold: Coquitlam Adanacs



Female Bantam B Gold: Nanaimo Timbermen



Female Midget Gold: Port Coquitlam Saints.



Female Junior Gold: Coquitlam Adanacs.



Pee Wee A1 Gold: Juan de Fuca Whalers.



Pee Wee A2 Gold: North Okanagan Legends.



Pee Wee B Gold: Cowichan Valley Thunder.



Bantam A1 Gold: Burnaby Lakers.



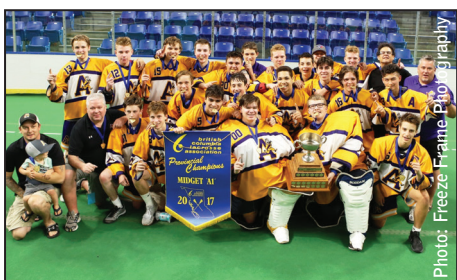
Bantam A2 Gold: Ridge Meadows Burrards.



Bantam B Gold: Oceanside Sharks.



Bantam C Gold: Victoria Esquimalt Eagles.



Midget A1 Gold: Coquitlam Adanacs.



Midget A2 Gold: Peninsula Warriors.



Midget B Gold: Saanich Tigers.

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

The 2017 Subway® BCLA Box Lacrosse Provincial Championships took place during the month of July in four centres around BC. The 2017 Provincials had 102 teams with over 2000 athletes, coaches and volunteers participating in the championships.

The events and locations were: Female Provincials July 6-9 in Port Coquitlam, the Pee Wee Provincials July 6-9 in Fort St. John, the Bantam Provincials July 13-16 in Parksville and Nanaimo and the Midget Provincials July 20-23 in Langley.

The 2017 Subway® BCLA Box Lacrosse Provincial medal winners were as follows.

Pee Wee Girls-Gold: Coquitlam, Silver: Port Coquitlam, Bronze: Ridge Meadows 2. Pee Wee A1-Gold: Juan de Fuca, Silver: Coquitlam, Bronze: Burnaby. Pee Wee A2-Gold: North Okanagan, Silver: Kelowna,

Bronze: Prince George. Pee Wee B-Gold: Cowichan Valley, Silver: Juan de Fuca, Bronze: Comox Valley.

Bantam A Girls-Gold: Coquitlam, Silver: Ridge Meadows, Bronze: New Westminster. Bantam B Girls-Gold: Nanaimo, Silver: Langley, Bronze: Victoria-Esquimalt. Bantam A1-Gold: Burnaby, Silver: Ridge Meadows 1, Bronze: Coquitlam 1. Bantam A2- Gold: Ridge Meadows 2, Silver: Cowichan Valley, Bronze: Coquitlam 2. Bantam B-Gold: Oceanside, Silver: Port Moody, Bronze: Saanich. Bantam C-Gold: Victoria-Esquimalt, Silver: Mission, Bronze: Vancouver.

Midget Girls-Gold: Port Coquitlam, Silver: Semiahmoo, Bronze: New Westminster. Midget A1-Gold: Coquitlam, Silver: Ridge Meadows, Bronze: Saanich. Midget A2-Gold: Peninsula, Silver: Semiahmoo, Bronze: Surrey. Midget B-Gold: Saanich, Silver: Prince George, Bronze: Vancouver.

Junior Girls-Gold: Coquitlam, Silver: Ridge Meadows, Bronze: New Westminster.

The SUBWAY® Team Sportsmanship awards went to Pee Wee A2 Abbotsford Warriors team, Female Pee Wee Peninsula Warriors team, the Bantam C Vancouver Burrards and the West Kootenay Wolfpack Midget B team.

The Warrior Tournament MVP's were as follows.

The Warrior Sports Canada Most Valuable Player award selections were: Pee Wee A1 – Grayson Manning (Ridge Meadows); Pee Wee A2 – Cosmo Wilson (North Okanagan); and Pee Wee B – Adam Bailey (Comox Valley). Bantam A1 – Joshua Gabriele (Burnaby); Bantam A2 – Owen Robertson (Ridge Meadows); Bantam B – Kohl Krastel (Oceanside); and Bantam C – Nathan Newman (Mission). Midget A1 Luca Antongiovanni (Coquitlam); Midget

A2 – Luke Warmenhoven (Peninsula); Midget B – Kody George (Abbotsford). Female Junior – Bianca Santucci (Coquitlam); Female Midget Natalie Gane (Port Coquitlam); Female Bantam A – Teagan Ng (Coquitlam); Female Bantam B – Chantelle Lee (Nanaimo); and Female Pee Wee – Jordan Baxter (Coquitlam).

A special thank you to Subway® Restaurants of BC for being the title sponsor of the BCLA Box Lacrosse Provincial Championships including sponsoring the Meal Program offering a \$5 Cash Card to every athlete participating in the 2017 Provincials, as well as, the title of the Team Sportsmanship Awards; major sponsors Warrior Sports for being the title sponsor of the Trix with Stix competitions, supplying the lacrosse balls, Fair Play hats, and tournament MVP packages; to Shawna Iverson (Branded Athletics) and Randy Clough (X-Treme Threads) for the custom socks Game MVP award; to Dean Whitson of Silver Ridge Promotions for producing great apparel items for all lacrosse fanatics; Freeze Frame Photography and Bob Orr for shooting photos at all Box Provincial events and STA for assisting team travel for all BCLA Box and Field Lacrosse Provincial Championships.

Also, we could not put on such quality tournaments without our many volunteers from all over BC. Thank you to the Provincial Tournament Committees and host committees with their volunteer teams for their endless hours of work preparing for the events. Your help is appreciated by the athletes, parents and friends of lacrosse.

Subway® BCLA Lacrosse Zone Players Announced

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

The 2017 Subway® BC Lacrosse Zone Players of the Year were announced earlier this summer. Eight BC Lacrosse zones from across BC nominate an athlete who best exemplifies what it takes to be a top athlete on and off the floor.

The following Midget aged athletes were selected as their Zone Player of the Year in 2017. Zone 1- Brian Martin (West Kootenay), Zone 2-Tanner Koroluk (Kamloops), Zone 3-Alyssa Wahl (Port Coquitlam), Zone 4-Nicholas Dos Santos (Surrey), Zone 5-Antonio Lupinacci (Burnaby), Zone 6-Makenzie Jenner (Saanich), Zone 7-Addison Miller-Gauthier (Vanderhoof) and Zone 8-Nolan Endel (Prince George).

Each 2017 Subway® BC Lacrosse Zone Players of the Year received a custom embroidered track jacket and a \$500 scholarship for being named to this prestigious award. The overall 2017 Subway® BC Lacrosse Zone Player of the Year was Zone 4 representative, Nicholas Dos Santos of Surrey. Nicholas, in addition to the custom track jacket, received a \$1000 scholarship for the accolade. Dos Santos is a Box and Field Lacrosse athlete from Surrey.

Luca Antongiovanni, a member of the Coquitlam Adanacs Midget A1 team, was named the 2017 Subway® BCLA Midget Provincial Champions MVP. He was an integral part of the 2017 Midget A1 gold medal winning team at the Midget Provincials in Langley. Luca received a custom track jacket and a \$1000 scholarship. Congratulations to all award recipients!



Burnaby Cablevision Celebrates Historical Minto Cup

By: Timm Williams

September 15, 2017, marked the 40th anniversary of Burnaby Cablevision's historic Minto Cup victory in Whitby, Ontario.

The Minto Cup, emblematic of Junior 'A' lacrosse supremacy in Canada, is said to be one of the toughest championships to win in the sport. For BC teams, it is even tougher to win when the Minto Cup is played in Ontario. The Minto Cup has historically alternated between Ontario and British Columbia and the host rotation now includes Alberta.

While BC teams have won the Minto Cup championship nine times since Burnaby's 1977 victory, incredibly, no BC team since, has been able to capture the cup when the championship has been played in Ontario. Over that 40 year span, numerous BC teams have come home from Ontario empty-handed including powerhouse teams such as the Victoria-Esquimalt Legion of the late 1980's, led by twin superstars Gary and Paul Gait, the five-time Minto Cup champion Burnaby Lakers of the late 1990's-early 2000's and, most recently, the Coquitlam Adanacs, who have represented BC in seven of the past eight Minto Cup finals.

Adding to the significance of Burnaby's 1977 accomplishment is the fact that, prior to that series, the last BC team to capture the Minto Cup, when played in Ontario, was the 1953 New Westminster Salmonacs.

The 1977 Burnaby Cablevision team is, arguably, the greatest Junior 'A' lacrosse team to hail from British Columbia. The club went 27-1 in the regular season and scored an amazing 579 goals, an average of 20.68 goals per game. They defeated the New Westminster Salmonbellies 4 games to 1 to capture the Western Canadian Major Junior 'A' Championship. In Ontario, Burnaby dropped the first two games of the Minto Cup before storming back to win the next four games to defeat the Ontario champion Whitby Builders.

Burnaby went on to win three consecutive Minto Cups (1977, 1978, and 1979); a feat no other BC team has accomplished since the Minto Cup became the Canadian Junior Lacrosse Championship in 1937.

The team was built by its General Manager, the late Jack Crosby, a member of the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame, and coached by Dan Mattinson, who led the team from 1974 to 1984. Following the 1977 victory, Mattinson said "we had a team meeting after the second game where we talked about



Photo: CLHoF Archives

1977 Burnaby Cablevision Junior A Lacrosse Team.

the need to focus on scoring goals and playing defense, instead of arguing penalties and interference calls. There were other adjustments, as well, but once we realized we were the better all-around team, we never looked back. Not to say it was easy; we dug ourselves a hole and needed to focus on our team strengths to get out of it. Speed, along with defense, turned the series around for us. We had the fire power and goaltending to win."

The 1977 Burnaby Cablevision team was inducted into the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame in 2001 and the 1977-79 Minto

Cup winning teams were inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 2009. In addition to Jack Crosby in the Builder Category, four members of the 1977 team have been inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in the Player Category: Rod Banister, Eric Cowieson, Dan Perreault, and Dan Wilson.

The team will reunite on September 23, 2017, for a golf tournament and barbeque, where they will look back at their accomplishments and celebrate their historic Minto Cup victory.

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In Memoriam

Angrove, Doug. May 12, 2017. Doug Angrove died of brain cancer. He was 59. Doug grew up in Esquimalt and played Jr A and Sr A in Victoria.

Clark, Adam.

Gamble, John Michael. After a brief battle with cancer, John passed away April 5, 2017. A talented athlete, John excelled in boxing with the South Hill Firefighters boxing club and both junior (Richmond Roadrunners) and senior men's lacrosse teams.

Gow, Matthew. May 12, 2017. Son of long-time BCLA and Vancouver Island lacrosse volunteer, Jim Gow. Matthew grew up playing baseball, hockey and lacrosse as a youth. He played minor lacrosse with Saanich and later Intermediate and Junior Lacrosse with the Victoria Shamrocks.

Schonewille, Al, passed away July 25th after a battle with cancer. Al coached or volunteered with Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse Association for many years, coaching his son and daughter. The Schoenewille family has run the CMLA Female Tournament for many years while Al played Master's Field Lacrosse with the Tri-City Masters. He will be sadly missed.



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Abbey Flintoff (New Westminster)
Britny Kalanj (Pt. Coquitlam)
Camryn Bell (Port Moody)
Ashleigh Lesser (Ridge Meadows)

Midget A1 Warrior Fair Play Awards

Nathan Twa (Coquitlam)
Max Yingling (Delta)
Stryker Roloff (Langley)
Cole Fraser (Ridge Meadows)
Dallyn McQuarrie (Saanich)

Bantam A1 Fair Play Awards

Sean Fox (Burnaby)
Robbie Turpin (Coquitlam)
Jacob Campbell (Juan de Fuca)
Nate Van Unen (Kamloops)
Sean Clark (Nanaimo)
Andrew Thompson (Ridge Meadows)

Pee Wee A1 Fair Play Awards

Arjun Gill (Burnaby)
Devon Graham (Coquitlam)
Jakab Fikowski (Juan de Fuca)
Patrick Seward (Nanaimo)
Luke Phelan (New Westminster)
Ashton Wandler (Ridge Meadows)

Female Midget Fair Play Awards

Sammy Gee (Burnaby)
Haley Campbell (Nanaimo)
Avery Dean (New Westminster)
Brianna Bruce (Pt. Coquitlam)
Makenna Carl (Ridge Meadows)
Jodie Brakstad (Semiahmoo)

Midget A2 Warrior Fair Play Awards

Julian Varagas (Burnaby)
Kyle Woodley (Coquitlam)
Dayton Barrow (Kamloops)
Jayden Tomiyama (Nanaimo)
Jaxxon Collard (North Okanagan)
Jack Bowie (Peninsula)
Jamie Basran (Semiahmoo)
Jeremy Breedveld (Surrey)

Bantam A2 Fair Play Awards

Ian Black (Coquitlam)
Austin Webb (Cowichan)
Prabh Mal (Mission)
Devin Cole (Penticton)
Thomas Ginter (Prince George)
Sid Singh (Ridge Meadows)
Josh Fredette (Saanich)
Jasper Bell (Vancouver)

Pee Wee A2 Fair Play Awards

Austin Reed (Abbotsford)
Ryder Gelsvik (Kelowna)
Manny Gill (Mission)
Nate Williamson (North Okanagan)
Ridley Gouger-Davis (Prince George)
Cormac Munro (Ridge Meadows)

Female Bantam A Fair Play Awards

Nicole Goble (Coquitlam)
Paige Brooks (New Westminster)
Jessica Bahowrie (Pt. Coquitlam)
Gabby Fafard (Ridge Meadows)

Midget B Warrior Fair Play Awards

Brody Plowright (Abbotsford)
Stefano Di Tomaso (Coquitlam)
Oliva Ohlmann (Langley)
Cale Kilbreath (Kamloops)
Caleb Mueller (Prince George)
Nick Lepessis (Saanich)
Luke Friebe (Vancouver)
Sam Walters (West Kootenay)

Bantam B Fair Play Awards

Daniel Cooper (Burnaby)
Josh Rideout (Chilliwack)
Wyatt Dayman (Langley)
Lynden Wellwood (Nanaimo)
Koen O'Connell (Oceanside)
Ryan Hamed (Port Moody)
Jason Bobroske (Saanich)
Jaedon Mooney (Shuswap)

Pee Wee B Fair Play Awards

Colin Kelly (Comox Valley)
Seth Plater (Cowichan Valley)
Chance Glazier (Fort St John)
Spencer Clermont (Juan de Fuca)
Tyson Jarvis (Nicola Valley)
Callum Davie (Ridge Meadows 1)
Luey Patterson (Ridge Meadows 2)
Pacey Bremner (Vanderhoof)

Female Bantam B Fair Play Awards

Ella Bowden (Coquitlam)
Jordan Reed (Langley)
Isabell Gerbrand (Mission)
Jayde Wassell (Nanaimo)
Jessie Schubert (Pt. Coquitlam)
Rory Rothnie (Victoria)

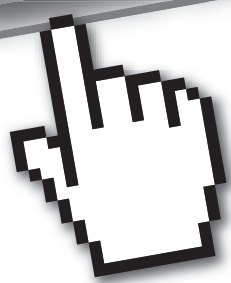
Female Pee Wee Fair Play Awards

Keira Scott (Coquitlam 1)
Camryn Waldron (Cowichan)
Megan Fercho (Peninsula)
Gillian Lapierre (Pt. Coquitlam)
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Simon Fraser Set To Kick Off Season

By: Clayton Fenney

As the only Canadian university to compete for a US National Collegiate Championship, Simon Fraser starts its 23rd season in the Men's Collegiate Lacrosse Association (MCLA) Division 1 this September in Burnaby, BC. Since the founding in 1996, the Clan have attained a record 9 PNCLL Conference championships, and have played in the MCLA National Championship 11 times. SFU Lacrosse also boasts over 50 MCLA All-Americans, over 150 PNCLL All-Conference selections, 10 National Lacrosse League players, and 10 players who have been selected to compete at FIL World Championships.

With the 2018 season approaching, the reflection period of the 2017 season is coming to an end. Finishing #25 in the nation after a heart-breaking loss to the Oregon Ducks in the PNCLL Conference championship game, to

end the season, the Clan looks to rebound in 2018 to secure a 10th PNCLL trophy, and the ever-important MCLA National Championship tournament berth.

Fraser finished the season with a record of 8 wins and 4 losses, and added two more MCLA All-Americans to its board with goaltender Jeremy Lashar and defenseman Mackenzie Terrio. Adding to this, the Clan took home 9 PNCLL All-Conference selections, and the Defensive Player of the Year Award. Concluding the season, SFU lost six graduating seniors in Clayton Fenney, Tyler Kirkby, Jeremy Lashar, Jordan Lashar, Jordan Stroup, and Iain Vickars going into the 2018 season.

Brent Hoskins, in his 16th season as head coach, looks forward to the season kicking off in the first week of September with the beginning of school.

"While losing a number of leaders graduating out, the core returning group has a lot on their shoulders, but are more than able to do it", Hoskins said, "with the addition of around 15 incoming freshmen and transfers, the team looks to have a great balance of veteran and new talent."

Simon Fraser starts the campaign off this fall with their annual road trip to California, where the Clan takes on Diablo Valley College, #3 Cal Berkeley, and Stanford in exhibition scrimmages. Added to this SFU will face UBC in a two game home and home, an intra-squad game, and a potentially another scrimmage versus an MCLA team if scheduling permits.

The annual SFU Alumni Legends Game will take place on October 22nd at 2:30pm on Terry Fox Field. Alumni please get in touch with Rick Clark to confirm attendance at rickclark@alumni.sfu.ca. Prior to the game will be



Photo: Paul Evans

SFU goalie Jeremy Lashar is one of six graduating Seniors in 2017.

an intra-squad game featuring the 2018 SFU Lacrosse Team and prospective 2019 recruits. Following the two games there will be a fundraiser burger-and-a-beer event on campus.

Follow along with the Simon Fraser University Clansmen this lacrosse season online at www.sfulacrosse.com and on social media (Facebook - Simon Fraser Lacrosse, Twitter - @fraserlacrosse, and Instagram - @fraserlacrosse).

CUFLA Preview 2017

By: Pat Gregoire

The Canadian University Field Lacrosse Association enters its 32nd season this fall and it might be the league's most competitive year since its inception back in 1985. In CUFLA, there are always a few powerhouses that are pegged as favourites to hoist the Baggataway Cup at the end of the season, but in 2017, there are many contenders to be crowned champions of Canadian collegiate lacrosse.

Western Mustangs-Although the defending champions graduated a strong core of veteran players, the Western Mustangs have a great group of impact players that are ready to defend their national championship. 2017 CUFLA MVP Cody Ward returns for another season with the Mustangs and will no doubt be a force to be reckoned with. Last season, the St. Catharines, ON native led the entire league in points (66) and goals (52). Reid Reinholdt enters his second CUFLA season and will add scoring from the midfield for the Mustangs. Last season, the Coquitlam, BC native totaled 41 points in 11 games while

also adding eight points in three playoff games en route to their championship. Not to mention, Reinholdt is also coming off an impressive NLL rookie campaign and will look to keep that momentum rolling into this fall ball season.

The Mustangs are set between the pipes as junior Manraj Nijjar has established himself as one of the best goaltenders in Canadian university lacrosse. In two seasons with the Mustangs, Nijjar has only lost one game, dating back to his freshmen season in 2015. Nijjar posted an impressive 7.85 goals against average last season, good for second in the league. Austin Haber and Mike Byrne will also be monsters at defensive midfield, shutting down opponents' top midfield threats. Byrne will also be a stud once again at the faceoff x.

McGill University-It was a very disappointing and surprising ending for the McGill Redmen in 2016 as they lost in the first round of the playoffs to the Ottawa Gee-Gees. But as expected, head coach Tim Murdoch and the Redmen are hungry and motivated for a huge bounce back season.

The Redmen will carry a large roster of 40 players, 23 Canadians from four provinces, 18 Americans from 13 states and one Australian. Goose Bolton returns this year as a senior and captain starting on attack. Last season, Bolton filled the net with 30 goals while adding 10 assists. Liam MacDonald, Maxime Murdoch, Alex Linton and Ian Macleod will all play big offensive roles this season.

As always, McGill has an incredibly strong freshmen class with 16 players arriving on campus ready to make an impact for the Redmen. Probably their most interesting add of the 2017 season is attackman/midfielder Patrick Brandell from Lake Forest High School in Illinois. Brandell heads to Montreal as a 20-year-old freshman that was once committed to Dartmouth (NCAA DI) but instead decided to take his talents north of the border. Brock University-The Baggataway Cup finally made its way back to St. Catharines last fall but unfortunately for the Brock Badgers, it was only there for the weekend. The host of the 2016 Baggataway Cup finals fell in the semi-finals to Trent, extending their championship drought to seven years.

The Badgers will have a new bench boss in 2017 as they promoted Tim Luey from defensive coordinator to head coach. Luey will be joined by Matt Attwood who will run the offence and Justin Pychel who will take the reins on defence.

The Badgers offence will rely heavily on Brandon Slade once again. Over four seasons, the three-time All-Canadian has netted an impressive 237 points in his CUFLA career (regular season and playoffs).

On the defensive side of the ball, the Badgers will look to Josh Harris and Parker Baile to lead a strong and athletic group in their own end. Trent University-The Trent Excalibur had one of their most successful seasons in program history, falling just one win short of capturing their first Baggataway Cup. A strong core returns for the 2017 season and the Excalibur are looking

to build off the success they had in 2016. Garrett Eddy, Jeff Fernandes, Nick Karam, Danny Michel, Cole McWilliams, Travis Szabolcs and Travis Ferguson all return and will contribute on the offensive side of the ball. Fernandes was electric in his rookie CUFLA campaign, netting 25 goals and 25 assists for a team-leading 50 points.

Although the Excalibur lose two huge defensive studs in Cole Murduff and Brandon Armstrong, Trent's defence should still be elite with young talent in 2017. Ethan Schott and Johnathan LeClerc return to Trent as versatile, strong and athletic defenders that can play either LSM or close defence. Gutch Salinas (fresh off a standout performance at the Founders Cup Canadian Jr B championship tournament), Curtis Romanchych and Justin Leith also have the ability to be impact players in their first CUFLA seasons. The Excalibur also have a huge add in Pat McCrory; he heads to Trent after winning a Baggataway Cup with Western last season.

Queen's University-The 2017 season is a massive year for the Queens Gaels. Not only do they host the 2017 Baggataway Cup, but they also have a new coach in Alec Johnston. Johnston has a lot of talent to work with in his first season that will help them earn their spot in Baggataway Championship weekend. Senior Jordan Nanos has established himself as one of the most elite defenders in all of CUFLA and will continue to contain and slow down his opponent's top attackman. 2017 All-Canadian Honourable mention Chris Boushy had a stellar sophomore season, finding the back of the cage 19 times while adding 17 helpers for 36 points. Senior Riley Venton had a breakout season in 2016, tallying 22 goals in 12 games. Captain and senior Alex Bulla will add scoring from midfield once again.

Over 2000 Embrace Aboriginal Development Program



ISPARC

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

In conjunction with the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation Council (ISPARC), BCLA Aboriginal development continued on a course to create an All-Aboriginal Lacrosse Tournament along the same idea as the All-Native Basketball Tournament held in Prince Rupert each year. To that end, we have been working towards more Indigenous youth involved in lacrosse by developing a program called the SPIRIT Lacrosse Program.

The SPIRIT Lacrosse Program is modeled after the Lacrosse Fits Program that was developed by Kylo Harris and Dave Little out of Winnipeg. The program uses lacrosse skills and Fundamental Movement Skills as the backbone of the program.

This year's program built on the success of the second evolution of SPIRIT Lacrosse. The Module Three of the FITS Program continues as part of the curriculum in the original three areas (Chilliwack, Cowichan and Merritt) and to develop Module 2 SPIRIT programs in Prince George, Songhees, Kamloops and Vancouver. Finally, we added 5 new Spirit Lacrosse Programs in Port Alberni, Williams

Lake, Nisga'a Territory, Fort St. John and Nanaimo. With the SPIRIT Lacrosse Program, 47 schools were visited with 1932 Indigenous participants. Thirteen SPIRIT Lacrosse Programs also run with 273 participants. We continue to build capacity with 24 Indigenous coaches trained across the province this year as well as training one Indigenous facilitator.

Aboriginal Development Program - The Aboriginal Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity Partners Council, now renamed the Indigenous Sport, Physical Activity & Recreation Council (ISPARC) and the BCLA teamed up, for a third year, and presented the SPIRIT OF LACROSSE program to identified areas around BC. Last year we were able to have nine locations participating in this program: Chilliwack, Cowichan Valley, Haida Gwaii, Kamloops, Merritt, Prince George, Shuswap, Victoria and Vancouver. This year, we added Fort St. John, Port Alberni, Terrace and Williams Lake. Our overall goal is to develop on-going lacrosse programs within these areas and create opportunities to build relationships between the Aboriginal communities and the local lacrosse associations.

Wheelchair Lacrosse

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

Annually, BC Wheelchair Basketball hosts the Junior Wheelchair Multi-Sport Camps. This year, lacrosse was part of the fun.

From August 9-13, 2017, BC Wheelchair Sports (BCWS) promoted the Junior Sports Camp to hundreds of athlete's ages 11-18 years with and without physical disabilities.

Each summer BC Wheelchair Sports Association offers a fun camp where participants get the chance to play a variety of wheelchair sports. Friends and family members (including



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Wheelchair Lacrosse was part of the 2017 BC Wheelchair Multi-Sport Camps

those without a disability) are welcome and encouraged to attend! The camp was lead by trained staff and supported by current mentor athletes and volunteers.

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Ray Richards (Team BC U15 Field Manager)

Ray Richards has been a lacrosse lifer as an athlete, referee, coach and team manager for 49 years. He began as a youth player in East Vancouver in the late 1960's as a player and ref. Son of Hall of Fame Builder, Rick Richards, Ray has carried on the tradition of lacrosse volunteerism in the Richards family admirably.

As a youngster, he was always around the Burrards as a water boy & stick boy and went on to play with the Jr. Adanacs and Sr. Burrards. Ray got into coaching in 1987 with the Coquitlam Jr. Adanacs, then back to minors coaching Box & Field for a decade with the Poco Saints. In 2003, he joined the Intermediate A Saints for 7 years winning Provincial medals along the way.

In 2014, Richards took on the Team Manager role with BCLA's high performance Team BC Field Lacrosse program. He enjoys taking these teams to Field Nationals and recruiting trips to Baltimore. With no children involved in lacrosse, Ray managed the team to three consecutive National silver medals from 2014-16.

A top lacrosse memory was the most recent Alumni Cup U15 Nationals where the Team BC U15's were crowned National Champions with a victory over Ontario in September 2017.

Congratulations Ray!

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Lacrosse the Country

A Small Offseason

By: Trevor McManus, Stealth

Aptly named “the Kitten” Corey Small can be described as unassuming off the floor. But on the floor, he is anything but a kitten, ferocious lion maybe, All-Star yes, Stealth MVP absolutely.

Corey Small entered the 2017 NLL season with 84 points as his career high. After the season ended, he was placed in the Stealth’s franchise record books with 111 points tying teammate Rhys Duch with the most points in a single season.

Of his 46 goals in 2017, he can narrow down his favorite.

“I think the goal in New England game, the overtime goal,” said Corey Small. “It was probably the biggest goal in my NLL career and just what it meant to the franchise. To be able to host a playoff game as the Vancouver Stealth, it was great.”

Small helped lead Vancouver to their franchise’s foray into the playoffs north of the border. Unfortunately, their Champion’s Cup dreams were laid to rest on May 6, 2017 after a 13-12 loss to the Colorado Mammoth. Moments later Small was interviewed and his only thought at that moment were about redemption.

“I know we just ended but I am just so eager to get out there and get another shot at it.”

He took that heartbreak into the WLA season where he continued his hot hand. Small led all players in goals, assists and



points. His 38 goals was seven better than his closest competitor, his 50 assists bested his competition by 14 and his 88 points was a staggering 22 more points than the next player.

He helped lead the Victoria Shamrocks to the WLA Finals where they bowed out in five games. Small was awarded the Denny Huddleston Memorial Award as the regular season scoring champion and was named to the First Team All-Star. He was awarded the George Blackstock Memorial Award winner for Most Valuable Player by the Victoria Shamrocks.

Corey Small is in a league of his own right now.

“I think you can really sense a culture change in the Stealth organization, it wasn’t like the locker room was bad or anything. But, the first few seasons in Vancouver I was in games and we thought we could win. Now with the change in coaching we go into games expecting to win. I think if we continue our progression we had, we are going to have a great 2018 season and a run at the Champion’s Cup.”

Small believed in what he was preaching, so much so that he signed a two-year deal with the Stealth this summer.

“As an organization, we could not be happier to have Corey Small back,” said President and General Manager of the Vancouver Stealth Doug Locker. “Corey is among the elite players



Photo: Garrett James Photography

Stealth’s Corey Small ready to lead the Stealth in 2018.

in the NLL and we are thrilled that he will be a member of the Stealth organization for the next several seasons.”

After being snubbed as the NLL MVP in the 2017 season, Small went on to put up some of the most impressive numbers in WLA history. In what he hopes is not a trend, Small was not named the WLA MVP in 2017.

For Stealth fans, lets hope that this most recent snub puts an even bigger chip on his shoulder and gives him a little more motivation heading into the 2018 NLL season.

Canada Falls to U.S. in World Games Final, Bring Home Second Silver Medal of 2017



Photo: CLA

Canadian Women’s Field team at World Games

By: CLA

WROCLAW, POLAND - Canada will bring home a silver medal from lacrosse’s first ever World Games competition after coming up short in the final, losing 11-8 to the United States in front of a large crowd in Wroclaw, Poland.

It is their second silver of the summer, falling to those same Americans in the final of last weekend’s 2017 FIL Rathbones Women’s Lacrosse World Cup in Guildford, England.

“We are so close,” said head coach Scott Teeter. “The girls played their hearts out today and I could not be more proud of them. Even though it was not the medal we wanted, we have definitely made great strides forward.”

The U.S. continued their dominance on the international women’s lacrosse stage, but if the World Games final was any indication, Canada is closing the competitive gap.

“The gap is closing,” added Teeter. “We hit a few posts and had a couple of costly turnovers, but made a lot of plays out



Canadian Women’s Field athletes pose for selfies at World Games

there. The Americans are a great team, but we are proving to the world that we are as well.”

“We are getting closer and closer to reaching our ultimate goal at the senior level,” added Erica Evans who finished the tournament with a team leading 18 points in four games.

The Canadians got off to the quick start, with Evans and Dana Dobbie each finding the back of the net in the opening minutes of the game. The U.S. would draw even, and eventually take their first lead of the game, thanks in part to a hat-trick from Alyssa Murray.

Canada’s Lydia Sutton and Kay Morissette, who scored with 13 seconds remaining in the half, helped cut into the lead, which stood at 6-4 entering the break.

“Today, we worked hard all over the field and believed that we were capable of playing with the U.S. team,” said Evans. “Having played so many games together now, we knew our strengths and used those today.”

With momentum on their side, Canada struck quickly again to open the second half, with Evans and Morissette each scoring their second goals of the game to tie things up at 6-6.

That’s when the offence went dry.

The Americans got the next five goals, unanswered, by taking advantage of turnovers and pressuring the defense on the clear. Their potent attack, along with some help from a stagnant Canadian offence that went scoreless for a 22 minute span, helped them build an 11-6 lead.

Dobbie and Tessa Chad each scored in the final five minutes of the game to cut into the lead, but the U.S. ragged the ball to kill off the remaining few minutes to capture the gold medal.

The championship game brought an end to lacrosse’s inaugural World Games tournament, which was also the first time the sport was part of an international multi-sport event.

“The experience of playing at the World Games was awesome,” said Evans. “There were a lot of athletes from other sports that came out to watch lacrosse and took a liking to it. It was amazing to get to showcase our sport to the world.”

The world, along with the with representatives from the International Olympic Committee, were watching and evaluating a sport that has been very vocal about its future Olympic aspirations.

The potential to be played on the world biggest stage is something that excites national team veteran Dobbie.

“I would do anything to see lacrosse in the Olympics one day and I hope we were able to make strides towards that today,” she said, proudly. “We have so much to be proud of, but even more to look forward to.”

The future of the Canadian national team program is something that Evans, one of Canada’s brightest stars, is really looking forward to.

“Being able to get better and see the growth of the sport in Canada is so exciting,” added Evans. “The future looks bright and I’m excited to be a part of it.”

Schedule

- Thursday, July 27 vs Australia (15-10 Win)
- Friday, July 28 vs Japan (18-5 Win)
- Saturday, July 29 vs Australia (14-8 Win)
- Sunday, July 30 vs United States (11-8 Loss)

The National Lacrosse League 2017-18 Draft Results



Teams draft prospects ahead of 2018 Season

By: NLL

The National Lacrosse League (NLL), welcomed the newest crop of rookies at the 2017-18 NLL Draft at Toronto Rock Athletic Centre in Oakville, Ont. on Monday, September 18th ahead of the league's 32nd year with the 2018 regular season set to begin on December 8, 2017.

FIRST ROUND

Buffalo – Josh Byrne
 Rochester – Jake Withers
 Calgary – Zach Currier
 Georgia – Zed Williams
 Rochester – Austin Shanks
 Rochester – Eric Fannell
 Georgia – Trade to New England – Colton Watkinson
 New England – Anthony Joaquim
 Georgia – To Calgary – Tyler Pace
 New England – JP Kealey
 Calgary – Ryan Martel

SECOND ROUND

Vancouver – Ryan Fournier
 Buffalo – Chase Fraser
 Rochester – Adam Perroni
 Georgia – Drew Belgrave

Saskatchewan – Nick Finlay
 New England – Nick Chaykowsky
 Toronto – Zac Masson
 Saskatchewan – Johnny Pearson
 Georgia – Ethan Schott
 Georgia – To Calgary – Anthony Kalinich
 Calgary – Cole Pickup
 Calgary – Cole Shafer

THIRD ROUND

Georgia – Frank Brown
 Colorado – Ryan Lee
 Calgary – Liam Patton
 New England – Larken Kemp
 Colorado – Connor Cannizaro
 Vancouver – Sam Degroot
 Toronto – Riley Hutchcraft
 Saskatchewan – Chris Boushy

Georgia – Mason Jones
 Buffalo – Dallas Bridle

FOURTH ROUND

Buffalo – Mackenzie Mitchell
 Toronto – Alex Tulett
 Buffalo – Connor Laird
 New England – Nick Mariano
 Colorado – Jarrod Neumann
 Vancouver – Jeff Wittig
 Toronto – Josh Jubenville
 Saskatchewan – Austin Murphy
 Georgia – Nick Farris

FIFTH ROUND

Buffalo – Dylan Molloy
 Rochester – Trevor Stacey
 Calgary – Steph Charbonneay
 New England – Matt Rambo

Georgia (from Colorado) – Bennett Drake

Vancouver – Erik Kratz
 Toronto – Christian Burgdorf
 Georgia – Isaiah Davis-Allen

SIXTH ROUND

Buffalo – Braedon Wallace
 Rochester – Kessler Doolittle
 Calgary – Mitch McDole
 New England – Cam Milligan
 Colorado – Rowan Kelly
 Vancouver – Andrew Garant
 Toronto – Dan Craig
 Saskatchewan – Anthony Hallborg
 Georgia – Adam Osika

2017 Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

ST. CATHARINES, ON – July 1st, 2017 – The Ontario Lacrosse Association announces the newest members of the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame and Museum, located in St. Catharines,

Ontario. Established in 1997 and celebrating its 20th class of inductees, the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame recognizes the achievements of those individuals who have made a notable impact to the sport of lacrosse in Ontario as players, builders, veterans, special contributors and/or charter members.

The Class of 2017 Inductees are Jamie Batley (Peterborough), Paul Day (Grimsby/Peterborough), Roy Ledoux (Cornwall), Scott McMichael** (Brooklin), Ken Montour (Ohsweken) and Bert Russell (Brampton). The induction of these six individuals brings the total number of Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame members to 298. The 2017 Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame Induction Dinner will formally recognize these six people in front of friends and family on Saturday, November 11th at 6:30 PM at Marriott Gateway on the Falls Hotel (6755 Fallsview Blvd., Niagara Falls, ON).

Jamie "Bats" Batley – Peterborough – Player Category (Box, Men's Field)

As a player, Jamie Batley was known as an exceptional playmaker and goal scorer; a truly lethal combination.

Over his career, Jamie won his share of individual awards and citations, as well as several team awards.

Jamie was the Ontario Lacrosse Association's Junior "A" scoring leader in 1987, tallying 55 goals and 112 assists. The following year, he recorded 68 goals and 66 assists, and was awarded both the Junior "A" Most Valuable Player Award and Peterborough Junior Athlete of the Year.

Jamie became a member of the 1990 Canadian Men's Field National Team which competed in Australia, and an All American Award winner at University of Maryland, Baltimore County Division 1 in 1993 as one of only six UMBC players to score ten or more points in a single game (1993 season, UMBC at Ohio State: 5 goals and 5 assists). Following his UMBC graduation, Jamie participated as a member of the Six Nations Chiefs, winning Mann Cup championships in 1995 and 1996.

Upon his retirement from playing in 2004, Jamie joined the coaching staff of the Major Series Lacrosse Peterborough Lakers, where he added an additional five Mann Cup championships over his 10-year tenure.

Jamie continues to be involved in lacrosse in Peterborough as a "good sports citizen."

Paul Day – Grimsby/Peterborough – Builder Category (Box)

Originally from Peterborough, Paul Day grew up playing minor lacrosse with the encouragement of his father Phillip (himself an accomplished lacrosse devotee). Through one year of Junior "B" and six years of Junior "A",

Paul emerged with two Minto Cup championships as team captain of the Peterborough Maulers.

Paul retired from playing after the 1997 season as a member of the Niagara Falls Gamblers, and shifted his focus to building and coaching championship teams; a passion that began in 1993 when he joined the St. Catharines Junior "A" Athletics. Paul has also spent time with the St. Regis Braves and Brampton Excelsiors of Major Series Lacrosse, and is currently the General Manager of the Peterborough Lakers franchise. In addition to his involvement with amateur lacrosse in Ontario, Paul has been a member of the Rochester Knighthawks coaching staff for 18 seasons, having won National Lacrosse League Champions Cups in 2007, 2012, 2013 and 2014. At the national team level, Paul has won three World Championships with Team Canada (2007, 2011 and 2015).

In addition to his coaching and managing duties, Paul continues to teach lacrosse at schools and clinics within Niagara. Recently, Paul began an instructional partnership that has connected him to associations in California, where he travels to share his love of the game as his schedule permits.

Roy (Leroy) Ledoux – Cornwall – Builder Category (Box)

In his 46th season as a member of the lacrosse community, Roy Ledoux's impact on the lacrosse community in Eastern Ontario is unmatched. Roy began playing in the Cornwall Minor Lacrosse Association in 1965, and rapidly developed a passion for the game. By 1970, Roy was involved as a referee and house league coach, and by his third season, he had joined the competitive coaching ranks.

Roy coached the Cornwall Celtics Juvenile team to a bronze medal in the 1978 National Championships, and established the Cornwall Flames Senior "B" Team in 1981. Although the team was short-lived, Roy learned from his involvement and rededicated his efforts to reviving the Cornwall Minor Lacrosse program. First as a coach, and then as a team manager, fundraising coordinator, association president and finally as Zone 5

Director, Roy oversaw the resurgence of the Cornwall Celtics and an expansion to eight associations within Zone 5.

Beginning in 2006, Roy dedicated his efforts to the resurrection of the Cornwall Junior "B" lacrosse team and then spearheaded efforts to introduce the Akwesasne Indians to the Junior "A" league from 2009 through 2011.

The Indians eventually reclassified to the Junior "B" league, where Roy became the team manager. Under his direction, the Akwesasne Indians won their first franchise Founders Cup championship in 2015. Roy is still actively involved in both the Akwesasne and Cornwall associations, where his continuous connection has translated into a positive lacrosse experience for generations of young players in Eastern Ontario.

Scott "Scotty" McMichael** – Brooklin – Player Category (Box)

The phrases "toughest defender," "fastest in transition" and "team leader" are often mentioned when former teammates and opponents describe what it was like to play with Scott McMichael. According to Peter Vipond (himself an Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame member inducted in 2004), there is little appreciation for how good Scott was playing at both ends of the floor. Despite his prominently defensive role, he averaged at least one point per game throughout his Junior and Senior lacrosse careers.

After winning the Founders Cup as a member of the Scarborough Saints in 1985, Scott joined the Major Series Lacrosse Brooklin Redmen where he was an Assistant Captain of the 1988 and 1990 Mann Cup Championship teams. To those he played with, he was a respected and proud member of the Redmen organization who was characterized by his strong work ethic, leadership abilities and the capacity to bring out the very best in his teammates.

Ken "Monster" Montour – Ohsweken – Player Category (Box, Men's Field)

Ken's playing career began in his hometown of Ohsweken as a goaltender of the Six Nations Minor Lacrosse Association. As a box goaltender, Ken was the recipient of the Larry Ruse Award (awarded to the midget goaltender in box lacrosse who posts the best GAA) in 1995, and in the same year, was recognized for his outstanding play as a participant in the Indigenous Games held in St. Paul, Minnesota.

In 1996 and 1999, Ken was a member of the Iroquois Nationals Men's Field Lacrosse U-19 team which competed in Japan and Australia, respectively. Also in 1999, Ken was named the Ontario Lacrosse Junior "A" League's Most Valuable Player and was a Tom Longboat Award (an honour bestowed to outstanding First Nations athletes and sportsmen) finalist. Ken was a four-time member of the Canadian University Field Lacrosse Association cham-

pionship Brock Badgers university men's field lacrosse team, and was presented with the Ontario University All-Star Award and Championship Game Most Valuable Player Award in 2003.

Ken played his entire Junior "A" and Senior "A" career in Six Nations with the exception of the 2001 and 2002 seasons, where he travelled to the west coast to participate as a member of the Coquitlam Adanacs of the Western Lacrosse Association, who captured the Mann Cup championship in 2001. As a professional player, Ken was a member of the National Lacrosse League's Buffalo Bandits, where he won the league's Top Goaltender Award in 2009. An injury sustained during the following season forced Ken into early retirement, though he continues to work as a goaltending coach both in Six Nations and in indigenous reservations throughout the United States and Canada to share his passion for the game.

Bert Russell – Brampton – Veteran Category (Box)

Throughout his illustrious 17-year playing career, Bert Russell consistently finished in the top 5 on his team and top 10 in the league. As a player for the Brampton Junior "A" Excelsiors, Bert's strongest assets were his outstanding speed and excellent shot. In 1955, Bert was acquired on loan to the Long Branch Monarchs to bolster their quest for the Minto Cup, which they won with his contributions. That same year, Bert was selected as Most Valuable Player by the Brampton Excelsiors.

Aside from two seasons, Bert was an Excelsior from start to finish. By the time he retired from playing, he had won two Minto Cup championships, had been a finalist on three Mann Cup teams and won several Ontario Lacrosse provincial championships beginning in the Midget Minor division and culminating in Major Series.

In addition to lacrosse, Bert was a multisport athlete who was recognized for his proficiency in track and field, football and basketball. Bert continues to stay active on the tennis court and golf course, though he maintains that his passion for lacrosse will never fade.

The Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame and Museum is located at Lock 3 of the Welland Canal Parkway in St. Catharines, Ontario. Please contact Chuck Miller (chuck.miller@bell.net) for further information related to the Ontario Lacrosse Hall of Fame and its members.

Heritage Cup Game Rare Chance to See Best In International Play

By: Neil Stevens

OTTAWA, ON - Shawn Evans is one of the grittiest forwards to ever pull on pads and his scoring exploits have made him the pro league MVP.

Dhane Smith has moves only he can execute and has such impact on the floor that he's also earned the MVP nod in the NLL.

Curtis Dickson is known in lacrosse circles as Superman for his gravity-defying leaps into creases to score goals.

Dan Dawson is a prolific pro playmaker and his leadership traits are such that he was chosen to be captain of the most recent lineup to win the men's indoor world championship.

These players and many more will be putting their talents on display on Oct. 21 in Hamilton in a revival of the Heritage Cup game, giving southern Ontario fans their first chance in more than a decade to see the best in the world in an international scrap in their neck of the woods.

Canada will draw players from the 2015 team captained by Dawson, including captain Jordan MacIntosh of the 2017 NLL-champion Georgia Swarm. Added to the roster is Brodie Merrill, who had to withdraw from the worlds trip in '15 due to injury. All in all, Oct. 21 promises to be a memorable reunion.

Providing the opposition will be a U.S. all-star team that might include newly-crowned NLL rookie of the year Tom Schreiber.

Ed Comeau will be Canada's head coach. Comeau headed up the coaching staff when Canada won its fourth straight world indoor championship in Syracuse, N.Y., in September 2015 and most recently coached MacIntosh and the rest of the Swarm to the NLL title.

"The world championships have not been in Ontario since 2003 to this is a great opportunity for fans to come out and watch the best players from Canada and the United States compete," says Comeau.

Canada's record in the four world indoor tournaments held to date - 2003 in southern Ontario, 2007 in Halifax, 2011 in Prague and 2015 in Syracuse - is 23-0. Langley, B.C., will be the host in 2019.

"Team Canada sets the standard," says Regy Thorpe, who has played for the Heritage Cup and who now coaches the U.S. side. "Everyone is chasing them but we're excited to see more Americans playing in the NLL and getting the experience we'll need to be competitive."



This will be the fourth Heritage Cup game. Canada's coach for the first two was the late, great Les Bartley.

In 2002 in Mississauga, Ont., the U.S. defeated Canada 21-16. It remains the lone U.S. win over the Canadian men's indoor team in international play. Canada's all-star lineup included John Tavares, Gary Gait, John Grant Jr., Colin Doyle, Jim Veltman, Tracey Kelusky, Steve Toll, Blaine Manning, Gavin Prout, Josh Sanderson, Dan Teat and Curt Malawsky, but the back end sagged. Bolstering the U.S. attack were nine Wings including Kevin Finneran, Mark Millon, Jake Bergey and Tom Ryan from the Philadelphia team that won the 2001 NLL championship in Toronto.

In 2004 in Denver, Canada trounced the U.S. 17-8. Tavares, Gait, Grant, Doyle, Veltman, Kelusky, Toll, Manning and Prout all returned, and added up front for Canada were Dawson, Kaleb Toth and Peter Lough.

Nine years later, when the Heritage Cup was last contested in 2013 in Montreal, a new wave of talent was available and Comeau coached Canada to a narrow 12-11 victory over the Iroquois Nationals 12-11. Dawson was one of the few returnees and Dangerous Dan was in his prime. Among those joining him up front were Evans, Ryan Benesch, Kevin Crowley, Stephan Leblanc, Jordan Hall and Cory Vitarelli.

The Nationals had a strong lineup that included NLL stars Cody Jamieson, Sid Smith, Jeff Shattler and Johnny Powless as well as Randy Staats, who would go on to win the NLL award for 2016 rookie of the year.

The national team's deal with Hamilton's First Ontario Centre includes another Heritage Cup game in 2018.

"The game in October will be a kick-start of an annual Heritage Cup game," says Team Canada director Johnny Mouradian.

It's the best way to prepare for what is ahead.

"There is no question that the 2013 game against the Iroquois Nationals in Montreal helped prepare our staff and players for the 2015 world indoor championship," says Mouradian. "Bringing the guys together in Hamilton for the

winning 14 titles; Peterborough has played in 22 series, also winning 14 titles.

These two storied lacrosse clubs have faced each other in four previous Mann Cups in 1959, 1970, 1982 and 2010. New Westminster won the first two series 4-1 and 4-0, while Peterborough won the last two series, both by 4 games to 2.

The Salmonbellies jumped out to an early lead as the teams got acquainted, winning the first two games 12-10 (OT) and 13-8 to hold an early 2-game advantage. The Lakers got things going winning the next three games 13-12, 9-7 and 11-10 to take their first series lead.

In game six, Lakers star Shawn Evans opened the scoring on an outside shot past Alexis Buque at the 4:33 mark. This was a sign of things to come. The teams traded goals, but it was Evans scoring his hat trick goal late in the period to make the score 5-3, and the Lakers on a roll.

Evans tickled to the twine just 26 seconds into the second, then Adam Jones and Zach Currier made the score 8-3 just four minutes into the middle frame as Peterborough took control of

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- 3 Burnaby Lakers
- 4 Maple Ridge Burrards
- 5 New West Salmonbellies
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- 7 Brooklin Redmen

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- 6 Okotoks Raiders
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- 8 Langley Thunder
- 9 Whitby Warriors
- 10 Victoria Shamrocks

2017 and 2018 Heritage Cup games will help us get ready for the 2019 world championship in Langley."

"Dhane Smith was our youngest player last time around and he made a real impact for us. We have a coaching staff that isn't adverse to selecting younger players. We also have a minor lacrosse system in Canada that continues to develop the type of team-first character players that win gold medals."

Tickets for the Heritage Cup can be purchased online through Ticketmaster for \$20 each (plus fees). All group sales requests (8+ tickets) must be made to Toni Hayward (905-546-2391 or groupsales@coreentertainment.ca). The price for a group ticket is \$17 CAD each (plus fees).

Man oh Mann – Lakers Win 2017 Title

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

The New Westminster Salmonbellies hosted the Century 21 Peterborough Lakers in the 2017 Mann Cup at historical Queen's Park Arena, September 8-16.

Peterborough finished in first place with a regular season record of 18-1-0 and #1 national ranking. Round 1, the Lakers beat the Brooklin Redmen 4 games to 2 -- and in the finals, Peterborough beat the reigning Mann Cup champs, Six Nations Chiefs, 4-1, for the eastern title.

New Westminster, after a slow start, finished in third place in the WLA with an 11-6-1 regular season record and a #5 national ranking. The 'Bellies went the distance with the first place Burnaby Lakers and won 4-3 -- and in the WLA finals, New Westminster outlasted the perennial powerhouse Victoria Shamrocks 4 games to 2.

This was the 85th Mann Cup series played since the Mann Cup was emblematic of Senior A lacrosse supremacy in 1932. Since 1932, New Westminster has played in 31 Mann Cups

the game. 'Bellies Crowley and Donaldson narrowed the gap to end the period 10-5 in favour of Peterborough.

New West's Mitch Jones opened the third period on a goal at 1:30 only to be replied by Peterborough. 'Bellies Logan Schuss put the team on his back netting two goals in 31 seconds to make the score 11-8 with under ten minutes left. Adam Jones again answered with an extra attacker on the floor to maintain a four goal margin. Crowley, and Schuss, with his fourth goal of the game, got the game within two goals at 12-10. Robert Hope and Shawn Evans (5G, 3A), put the nail in the coffin to maintain the lead and win Peterborough's second title in five years.

The recipient of the 2017 Mike Kelly Award for the Mann Cup Most Valuable Player was Peterborough's Shawn Evans. The Peterborough native picked up his 5th Mann Cup title and finished the series with a team high 30 points.



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Jim Scherr Named First Federation of International Lacrosse CEO

By: *FIL Admin*

TORONTO, ONTARIO—Jim Scherr, former CEO of the U.S. Olympic Committee, has been named as the first CEO of the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL).

The FIL, formed in 2008 as the result of a merger between the International Federation of Women's Lacrosse Associations and the International Lacrosse Federation, is the international governing body for lacrosse. The organization has experienced rapid growth in recent years, and now boasts 56 member nations on six continents. The FIL conducts international championships for men's and women's lacrosse.

In 2012, the FIL was accepted into SportAccord, the umbrella organization for Olympic and non-Olympic sports. The following year, the FIL was accepted into the International World Games Association (IWGA). This summer in Poland, women's lacrosse will be one of the 31 sports included in the IWGA's World Games schedule, marking the first time lacrosse has been included in the event that dates back to 1981. That event will take place following the FIL Women's World Championship in Guildford, England.

"Over the last 10-15 years, we've seen such positive growth. Not only with the number

of countries, but the movement towards our Olympic vision. The day-to-day details had gotten to be too much for a seven-person volunteer board to handle. Now we can move forward in a more professional, timely manner. We're hoping this is just our first full-time position with more to come. I think the sport deserves it."

—Stan Cockerton, FIL President

Stan Cockerton

The FIL has found an experienced leader in Scherr, who has been involved in sports administration for nearly 30 years. He competed for the U.S. Olympic team in wrestling in the 1988 Seoul Games.

After serving 10 years as the executive director of USA Wrestling, Scherr joined the USOC in 2000 as the chief of sports performance. He served in that role until 2003 when he was named the interim CEO for the USOC and then served as the CEO from 2005 to 2009.

Jim Scherr

"I think it's a fantastic opportunity. Lacrosse is growing around the world, and I think it has tremendous potential to return to the Olympic program. The goal of the IOC is to modernize the Olympics and make it more relevant.

Lacrosse certainly brings that. It's an ideal Olympic sport."

—Jim Scherr, FIL Chief Executive Officer

Scherr's most recent role was as the executive director for the National Wheelchair Basketball Association, the governing body for the U.S. Paralympic team. He has also served as the COO of the Baku European Games Organizing Committee, the commissioner of the National Collegiate Hockey Conference and the CEO of 776 Original Marketing.

"Jim had experience in all of the job description pillars we were seeking," Cockerton said. "Marketing, event management, governance, strategic thought, and he has a wealth of international experience."

Scherr's task will be to focus on strengthening the FIL while pursuing the Olympic vision.

"The first thing is to get to know the individuals from the countries around the world that have driven the sport forward and build on those relationships," Scherr said. "We want to improve the championships and increase the marketability of the sport."

While doing so, the sport will be better positioned to gain Olympic recognition. Scherr has plenty of experience of understanding the value



of the Olympics from his dual experiences as athlete and administrator.

"The public is captivated by the stories of the athletes," Scherr said. "People associate incredible individual effort with the Olympic rings and they also associate it with more than sport. It's a worldwide peace effort that brings the world together like nothing else does."

Scherr begins his duties as FIL's Chief Executive Officer next month on June 19th.

—Brian Logue, Contributing Editor (Director of Communications, US Lacrosse)

About the FIL

The Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) is the international governing body for men's and women's lacrosse. The FIL currently has 56 member nations and holds five World Championships (women's and men's field, women's and men's U19 field and men's indoor.) The FIL is responsible for the governance and integrity of all forms of lacrosse and provides responsive and effective leadership to support the sports' development throughout the world.

Lacrosse Legend Gaylord Powless to be Inducted Into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame

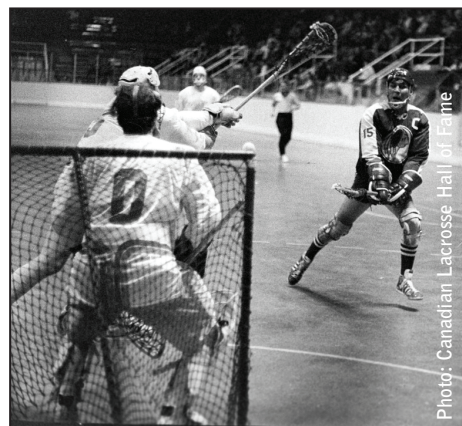


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Lacrosse Legend Gaylord Powless to be Inducted into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame

By: *CLA*

OTTAWA, ON - Legendary Canadian lacrosse player Gaylord Powless was named one of nine Class of 2017 inductees to Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, considered the country's highest sporting honour, during a media conference on Wednesday, April 19 in Toronto.

It's yet another accolade for a man whose legacy continues to live on throughout the lacrosse community.

Powless, who earned the nickname 'The Marvellous Mohawk', learned his lacrosse growing up on the Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation Indian reserve near Brantford, Ontario. The oldest son of Ross Powless, himself a lacrosse great, he received his first lacrosse stick at age two and continued to play and coach the "Creator's Game" for over five decades, carrying on an important family and cultural tradition.

His nomination was spearheaded by Julia McCrea, a school teacher and self-proclaimed history buff, who also helped get him inducted into the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame in 2015. She first became aware of Powless' story after reading his biography, *Warrior: The Life of Mohawk Lacrosse Champion Gaylord Powless*, in 2013.

"Last fall, I looked into Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and while lacrosse is one of our national sports, I realized that its athletes are significantly underrepresented," said McCrea. "I got the blessing from the family to move forward with gathering the materials and submitting the nomination."

With this honour, Powless will be enshrined alongside fellow Canada's Sports Hall of Fame lacrosse inductees Jack Laviolette (1960), William 'Billy' Fitzgerald (1961), Patrick 'Joe' Lally (1965), Dr. George Beers (1979), Jack Bionda (1982), Ike Hildebrand (1985), and Bill Isaacs (2015).

A skilled scorer and unselfish playmaker, Gaylord was a lacrosse prodigy growing up, winning the Tom Longboat Award as the best Indigenous athlete in Canada at the age of 17. Around that same time, he was recruited by famed coach Jim Bishop to join the Oshawa Green Gaels, and helped lead the Junior A squad to four consecutive Minto Cup championships from 1964 to 1967.

Powless went on to enjoy a successful career at the senior level, highlighted by a Mann Cup championship with the Brantford Warriors in 1971. Between 1968 and 1977, he played professionally in the National Lacrosse Association for Detroit, Syracuse and Montreal, while also suiting up for amateur teams in Rochester, Coquitlam, Brantford, and his hometown of Six Nations.

He also donned the maple leaf on several occasions, representing Canada on the international stage twice in 1967, winning gold at the Indian International Field Lacrosse Tournament at Expo 67 in Montreal and bronze at the inaugural lacrosse world championship in Toronto.

While his career was cut short, retiring due to injuries at age 30, Gaylord amassed numerous individual accolades throughout his 14 years playing the game. He was chosen as the Minto Cup's most valuable player in 1964 and 1967, the top scorer in Junior A lacrosse in 1966 and 1967, and won the Ken Ross Trophy for ability and sportsmanship in 1965 and 1966.

In 1990, he was inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame, joining his father Ross (1969) as the only father-son tandem in the players' category.

His name has since been memorialized through the naming of the arena in Six Nations, the Gaylord Powless Arena, and of the annual prize given to the most sportsmanlike player in Ontario Junior A lacrosse, the Gaylord Powless Award.

While he was a dominant force on the lacrosse floor, with an unmatched passion for the game, his daughter Michelle Powless-Anderson remembers him as so much more.

"He was more than just an athlete, he was a great father and grandfather," she said. "Growing up, I didn't realize how good of a player he really was. I don't ever remember him bragging about himself. He was very humble."

"Dad was also an amazing coach; he loved teaching the game and the kids loved him," added Powless-Anderson, who continues to hear stories of the impact her father had on the young players he coached. "He never yelled or lost his temper. When he spoke, people listened. He commanded respect."

"I'm more proud of those things than my dad being an exceptional athlete."

Sadly, Gaylord Powless died from cancer on July 28, 2001 at age 54, but his influence as a role model and inspiration to generations of Indigenous youth carries on. Through the game of lacrosse, he helped create bridges, friendships, and goodwill between Indigenous and non-Indigenous players and cultures in Canada.

"I am so proud of Gaylord's pursuit of excellence in lacrosse," said younger sister Gail Powless-Ayres. "While I wish he were here to savour this achievement, I like to believe he is here through his grandchildren who continue to keep lacrosse alive. He would be so proud of his legacy."

"I am very proud of my big brother," added Richard Powless, "I only wish he was still living to receive this honour."



As an Indigenous person, Gaylord had to withstand tremendous racism from coaches, players, fans, and sports writers. His reaction was to recognize that he was a target for bullying and abuse and to overcome it by being the best player, and the highest scoring athlete he could be.

"I have worked and volunteered with Indigenous people at various times and am well aware that their significant achievements often go unrecognized," said McCrea. "I also felt that with the recent work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, it was a perfect opportunity to give recognition to a First Nations athlete such as Gaylord Powless and tell his story to the nation."

Powless will enter Canada's Sports Hall of Fame alongside fellow athletes Carol Huynh (Wrestling), Cindy Klassen (Speed Skating), Lanny McDonald (Ice Hockey), Mike Weir (Golf) and Simon Whitfield (Triathlon), the legendary Edmonton Grads basketball team, and builders Dr. Robert W. Jackson and Dr. Charles Tator.

The Class of 2017 will be officially inducted during the Induction Celebrations on November 9, 2017 at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Please visit www.sportshall.ca for more information.

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