

Team BC U15 Men's Field Lacrosse



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The Team BC U15 Field Lacrosse team competed in the Gold Standard Lacrosse Autumn Gold Showcase annual recruiting tournament in Towson, Maryland November 4-6, 2016. Once touched down, it was all business.

The AGS has evolved into a premier recruiting event each Fall. Elite club and high school teams from the US and Canada descended upon Towson University to compete in front of college coaches on Towson's excellent lacrosse facilities.

GAME 1 - Team BC (4) vs. True Michigan (Michigan) (5). True Michigan, a big and fast team, was opponent number one for Team BC. The teams were evenly matched trading goals with no team leading by more than a goal – halftime score was knotted at 3. In the second half, True Michigan picked up the pace and forced Team BC into making some unforced errors. True Michigan capitalized on BC's mistakes and pulled ahead to win 5-4. Both Team BC goalies had their hands full in each half with a barrage of shots. Team BC scorers were: Ryan Sheridan (1G, 1A), Mitchell Sandberg (1G), Arthur Miller (1G), Erik Forsselius (1G) and Noah Armitage (1A).

GAME 2 - Team BC (7) vs. Denver Elite (Colorado) (6). The U15's continued with great ball movement and team play while the defense controlled their own end. The BC boys has a strong showing for the in the first half with a 4-2 advantage over Denver. Denver kept plugging away at the lead and kept it close and Team BC held on for a 7-6 victory. It was another stellar game for both of the Team BC keepers, Kevin Sobey and William Powley. Team BC scorers were: Ryan Sheridan (3G, 1A), Seve Cordero (1G, 1A), Isaac Swan (1G, 1A), Mitchell Sandberg (1G) and Erik Forsselius (1G).

GAME 3 - Team BC (3) vs. Black Wolves (Washington, DC) (10). Game three was the toughest the Team BC. The Washington team was relentless and came at Team BC in waves. The Black Wolves controlled the face-off X and held possession throughout the game. Team BC was just not up to task on this game and when the final whistle blew, the U15's dropped a 10-3 decision. The U15 defense had their hands full from the opening whistle and seldom possessed the ball. Team BC scorers were: Reid Matthews (1G), Seve Cordero (1G), Patrick Dodds (1G) and Mitchell Sandberg (1A).

GAME 4 - Team BC (5) vs. Juiced Cherries (Detroit, MI) (8). The Juiced Cherries came out fast, before Team BC knew it, they were behind 5-1 at halftime. Team BC battled back and won the second half, but were unable to catch up to the Juiced Cherries in an 8-5 loss. The Cherries were strong on draws and possessed the ball 75% of the game. BC goaltenders kept the score close and gave BC a chance to win. Team BC scorers were: Mitchell Sandberg (1G, 1A), Reid Matthews (1G), Seve Cordero (1G), Ryan Sheridan (1G), Erik Forsselius (1G) and Travis Pullan (1A).

GAME 5 - Team BC (4) vs. Edge (Ontario) (7). An all-Canadian match up between Team BC and Ontario's Team Edge ensued at the Johnny Unitas Stadium. Team BC led 4-1 at half. Team Edge slowly battled back and picked their spots and overtook the lead and held Team BC scoreless in the second half with the final 7-4 in Edge's favour. This game proved to be a great physical battle, with stellar performances by all goalies. Team BC scorers were: Mitchell Sandberg (1G), Arthur Miller (1G, 1A), Seve Cordero (1G) and Drew Andre (1G), Ryan Sheridan (1A) and Patrick Dodds (1A).

GAME 6 - Team BC (4) vs. PB Revolution (Palm Beach, Florida) (6). In the final match of the tournament, the BC boys felt the strain of playing five games in two days. The U15's were tired and came out flat in the first half, as they fell behind 3-1 at half. With a strong second half push, Team BC fought back, but just fell short and dropped a 6-4 decision to Palm Beach. Team BC was the better team but was unable to translate their effort onto the scoreboard. Team BC scorers were: Reid Matthews (1G), Seve Cordero (1G), Ryan Sheridan (1G), Patrick Dodds (1G) Mitchell Sandberg (1A) and Erik Forsselius (1G).

It was a great experience for the U15's with the hopes they can act on their college connections in the coming years. The Team BC U15 boys had a great trip east. 200+ college and university coaches from 105 schools attended the tournament over the two weekends. Many thanks to Team Manager, Ray Richards, and the parents who assisted the team this year. Their help made the experience special and something athletes will always remember!