The Canadian Lacrosse Coaching and development legend, Bill McBain, passed away in Kelowna, June 17, 2011, after a lengthy illness. He was 73.

Born in Fergus, Ontario in 1937, McBain played lacrosse from age four until he entered the Canadian Navy at seventeen. He was involved in the game his entire life, first as player, then later as a coach, builder and mentor. His volunteer trek spanned over five decades from coast to coast starting in the late 1960’s. In 1969, Box Lacrosse was a core sport in the inaugural Canadian Summer Games in Halifax. Bill was recruited to help the Nova Scotia staff train a group of athletes with no previous lacrosse experience to represent the province in the upcoming games. The result was a heightened awareness for lacrosse during the Summer Games. McBain, seeing an opportunity to grow the sport, headed a group that held registration for the 1970 season where over 1,000 athletes responded. This was the beginning of a lacrosse marriage in the Maritimes and for Bill McBain.

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McBain’s first involvement at the CLA national level was in the early 1970’s stretching over fourteen years during which he served four years as CLA President. At the CLA, he ran the national championships and he was the driving force behind the Founders Cup. One of his most memorable achievements was personally contacting Mrs. Lester B. Pearson to initiate the top award available at the CLA as the Lester B. Pearson Award – an award he would receive in 2001.

“The return correspondence from Mrs. Pearson was a hand-written statement giving the CLA permission for her husband’s name to accompany this prestigious award,” stated a proud McBain in a 2008 interview.

After accepting his release from the Armed Forces and retiring from duty, Bill and his wife Mary moved to BC’s Okanagan Valley in 1989. Here he found a struggling association with little lacrosse background, and once more jumped on board to offer his expertise. He had a profound effect on the growth and development in the region. In a Capital News interview, longtime Kelowna lacrosse volunteer, Corinne Almas, couldn’t agree more of the impact McBain made in Kelowna.

“Bill loved kids and he thought every one of them should have a lacrosse stick in his hand,” said Almas. “When Bill came here, he gave lacrosse a sense of direction. We were really spinning our wheels, but he came along and took us to the next level. He had great ideas and great vision and did so much for the game. He showed us how to build lacrosse.”

McBain was largely responsible for starting up 22 local clubs in BC and was instrumental in the establishment of the Thompson Okanagan Junior Lacrosse League.

As Bill was assisting lacrosse in the Okanagan, the BCLA was struggling to form a Lacrosse Coaching Association. In his heart, Bill knew coaches were the most important factor to a great lacrosse experience. This was the ticket that Bill needed to really get back into lacrosse and make a major difference in its development.

At the BCLA, Bill was a fixture in the coaching realm as the figurehead leading the coaching certification program. He co-ordinated clinicians and instructed professional development seminars. The longtime Chair of the BC Lacrosse Coaching Association (BCLCA) was also the BCLCA Head Clinician and Master Learning Facilitator – a task he loved, teaching coach clinicians how to instruct and initiate coaching clinics.

“One day’s ‘new-age’ lacrosse coaches are a direct result of the tireless and selfless commitment Bill conveyed toward his coaches,” stated BCLA Technical Director Darcy Rhodes. “I worked closely with Bill on numerous coaching initiatives – all about giving coaches the best tools to coach.”

One would think this was enough lacrosse involvement for a person...but not Bill. He quickly realized the lacrosse technical teaching materials needed an overhaul to reflect updated teaching techniques. As a result, he drafted the CLA a technical package to place the CLA Coaching Certification Program at the forefront of new development.

Lacrosse took a big step in developing a newer community-based coaching certification program within the National Coaching Certification Program (NCCP).
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If you’re thinking about lacrosse in British Columbia three jerseys come to mind -- the red and blue of the New Westminster Salmonbellies, the green and white of the Victoria Shamrocks and the purple and gold of the Coquitlam Adanacs. huge leaps in 2011 and will be a team to watch out for over the next few seasons. Believe it or not the Coquitlam Adanacs had room to improve in 2011. How do you improve on a 19-1-1 regular season record, a BC title and a Minto Cup? Run the table and go undefeated at 21-0, and be the first team to do so in five years. Though parity throughout the league was at its best in 2011, the gap between Coquitlan and the rest of BC was pretty wide. National championship experiences, coupled with another year of having a legendary lacrosse mind like Curt Malawsky behind the bench, made the A’s an even scarier opponent. After losing Minto Cup MVP Robert Church to a broken leg early in the year, three teammates filled in to put up numbers. Aged up Intermediate Wesley Berg finished 3rd overall with 106 goals and 54 assists for 114 points -- the highest total in BC since 2002. Teammate Marty Dinsdale finished 2nd overall with 108 and transition star Travis Cornwall finished 3rd overall with 106 points in his final year of junior. The Adanacs version 2.0 had a bye in round one of the playoffs before dismantling the Victoria Shamrocks in the BC semi-finals. They outsouced Victoria 54-9, not allowing them to score more than 4 goals in a game. It wasn’t until game one of the BC finals that Coquitlam ran into a red-hot New Westminster squad that handed them their first loss in over a year, and their first loss at home in over two years. A great team got even better in 2011 and the National Lacrosse League will be dominated by former Coquitlan Junior Adanacs for years to come.

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BC youth women’s field lacrosse team hosted an English High School team in July.

“It was a perfect day of local lacrosse in the sun,” exclaimed women’s field lacrosse developer Naomi Walter.

The last minute addition of the youth squad gave the local senior teams some great friendly competition with high lacrosse talent based on pure athleticism.

Youth field lacrosse seems to have grown so fast here on the lower mainland,” stated Walter. “Although, generally the girls have only been playing the field version for less than a handful of years at most -- with the talent continuing to increase (both box and field), it seems evident they love to play!”

Many thanks to the Vancouver Women’s Field Team for helping make this Game Day a success. Kudos to the person who made the goalie gear appear for the youth squad moments before the first game. The players who stepped into play goald were naturals. The women’s field lacrosse players are looking forward to getting back at it as come the fall.

After such a successful outing plans for similar game days will be scheduled in the future. See you on the field!

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Bill McNair Leaves Canadian Coaching Program Legacy

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

McNair saw the need to expand a coach’s knowledge as they progressed through the sports system -- after all, the game was changing and there was a hunger to learn more. The integration of what coaches were being taught reflected exactly how the athletes were learning at different stages of development (as prescribed by the Government in the Long-Term Athlete Development (LTAD) model). A program CALA National Resource Person for Coaching, Diane Bratt, and McNair spearheaded not only for lacrosse, but ended up being a model for other sports in Canada.

“For an old school guy, Bill was pretty progressive in his thinking,” said Bratt. “He always made sure that the coaching program continued the latest sport science information and was delivered using modern technology.”

Bill evolved the CLA coaching programs as he co-ordinated the revamp of all coaching manuals, formed a national registration for lacrosse coaches in Canada and established minimum standards of coaching certification for all license disciplines. McNair’s goal was to ensure that every athlete playing lacrosse was privy to a knowledgeable certified coach. Every coach was introduced to the same technical materials at all coaching clinics, which meant all athletes learned the same skills and strategies from BC to Newfoundland.

Bill instructed all three levels of box certification clinics I attended and I was impressed by his passion for lacrosse,” stated BCLA Marketing Director Jeff Gombart. “He would push his coaching hat on, his track suit and wield his old wooden stick and get out in the box and teach lacrosse – he always empowered us to offer insight and made us feel a part of his clinic.”

McNair was instrumental in heading up the CLA Coaching Committee that introduced resources for coaches. He never let on he knew everything about lacrosse, but he was quite versed in surrounding himself with the most knowledgeable lacrosse minds in Canada when creating manuals, instructional DVDs and other teaching resources. In a sense, he was virtually integrated in all aspects of the coaching fraternity from the writing of materials to the delivery of clinics.

“When one says the name Bill McNair, I think of the father of coaching in lacrosse in Canada,” said CLA President Joey Harris. “Bill was passionate about lacrosse and in particular the coaching aspect of the game. He was instrumental in taking lacrosse to the forefront of the pack with respect to how coaching should be delivered to both the coaches and players. He would travel anywhere to put on a clinic and was highly respected by everyone.”

McNair mentored dozens of coaches and builders over the years, including Kelowna’s Dan Wray. In a Kelowna Capital interview, Wray said McNair wasn’t only a tremendous ambassador for the sport, but one of the most kind and genuine people he’d ever known.

“Bill was a hunter, a fisherman, and he lived and breathed lacrosse…you can’t get much more Canadiana than that,” said Wray. “As for Bill the person, he had the biggest heart of anyone I ever knew. He was the kindest, most thoughtful man you could meet – like a father to me.”

“Wray could benefit from coaching,” added Wray. “He mentored so many people over the years; his legacy will be felt for a long time.”

Another lacrosse advocate, Team BC Box Lacrosse Co-ordinator, Mike Marshall, worked very closely with McNair on many projects -- some initiatives that were not so popular at the time, but now became the norm as we coach the game today.

“Back guided me with his persistence to get it right,” explained Marshall. “His fondness collaboration with him was the role change regulating Offence/Defence in minor and the backline that came from some provinces and individuals. He advised me he was relieved and told me things would straighten out – he was right!”

“Bill and Mary welcomed everyone into their home and made us all feel like an extended part of the McNair family,” explained BCLA Executive Director Rochelle Winterton. “While Bill and Coaching were synonymous in lacrosse, he was an influential leader to both box and field development and participation, spending a tremendous amount of work and travel to grow lacrosse in BC, from Cranbrook to Fort St. John. I miss those daily calls from Bill, pushing us to do the best we could to further enhance the BCLA, the CLA and all our programs.”

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Timbermen Give Boost to Young Player’s Confidence

By Denise Titian, Ha-Shilth-Sa Reporter

In late 2010, four young players from Port Alberni’s midget lacrosse team, the Tyees, were selected to try out for the Nanaimo Timbermen. In January, three of the four team members went to Nanaimo where Timbermen coaches had them run drills testing their skills. According to Thomas, two of the Midget Tyees were selected to play with the elite Nanaimo Timbermen. In January, three of the four team members went to Nanaimo where Timbermen coaches had them run drills testing their leg strength, cardio and stick skills.

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After being released from the hospital, Thomas was told he would not be playing league lacrosse.

He was chosen to represent the Valley. He was the only one selected, and this could lead to a career in professional lacrosse,” she gushed.

“Marcus’ has been playing the sport for only five years. “This came at an opportune time for Marcus,” said McRae. “The tryout was a time when he and foster mom Linda were ‘pulling out their hair.’”

“I was having troubles in school. I was starting to give up,” said Marcus, adding he was even skipping school.

Being selected for the Timbermen gave him the boost he needed at just the right time to put more effort into his school work.

“He’s the best in Port Alberni. He has a presence and kids respect him,” said McRae. Her son, Cameron, age 10, plays for the Tyees and clearly idolizes Marcus. He sat quietly through the interview with Ha-Shilth-Sa, focusing on every word Marcus said, eagerly taking in what he knew about lacrosse when given the chance.

Thomas is generous with his time and skills, often dropping by to give younger teammates pep talks. He is skilled at fixing sticks, and many kids go to him for stick repairs, which he has been doing for free.

And when the time came for the boys to go off together and talk lacrosse, Marcus’ demeanor changed to that of a nurturing big brother.

“Marcus’ foster parents, Bill and Linda, have a huge, kid-friendly home and property. Their entrance way wall is filled with framed portraits of children. Outside, on the front lawn, is a large swimming pool. More kids are riding bicycles near the basketball hoop. The couple also has horses that the kids like to care for.

Bill and Linda have given everything they can to help Thomas succeed, because they can see it is doing him a world of good. Yearly registration with the Nanaimo Timbermen costs $500, money that Nan, who all the kids call Linda, put up out of her own pocket.

In addition to registration fees, players must also take care of travel and equipment costs. Each player needs helmets, shoes and sticks. Marcus, ‘best stick cost $300 and he needs more than one.

He travels to Nanaimo three times a week to practice and play, sometimes leaving immediately after school and coming home late at night.

McRae said the ministry only reimburses $100 per month in travel expenses, and Kitap, an organization that provides financial assistance to kids in sports, gave $200 to go toward Marcus’ equipment.

“We are looking for sponsorship for Marcus,” said McRae. “Linda drives Marcus to Nanaimo three times a week, taking at least six hours for each trip.

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In the meantime, he needs to take care of other things, like working toward graduation and getting his learner’s license so he can drive Nan’s van.

As the afternoon winds down, Thomas and his friend Cameron wander over to a small cement pad that has goal nets on each end. A big smile spreads across Marcus’ face as he tells how his foster dad built that pad just for the kids.

“Maybe someday they will be the future of Nanaimo,” he said.

Marcus is willing to give his time and skills for the sport, too. He often drops by the Tyees’ home and property. Their entrance way wall is filled with framed portraits of children. Outside, on the front lawn, is a large swimming pool. More kids are riding bicycles near the basketball hoop.

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The boys effortlessly toss the ball back and forth to each other, sharpening their stick skills.

The Timbermen will be playing the following day, and Thomas looks forward to his summer with them. He hopes his team makes the playoffs so he can have an extended lacrosse season.
By: LacrosseTalk Staff

On Thursday June 23, 2011 the BC Lacrosse Association hosted the 10th Annual President’s Golf Classic, honouring Skip Chapman at the Camosun Golf Course in Port Coquitlam, BC.

The event was just shy of a total sell out and thank you to all who participated. Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Famers who attended included Paul Parcell, Bob Babcock and Sohen Gill. Many pro players and Senior A players also rounded out the field.

We take 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. The event started with a sprinkle, but was beautiful the rest of the day – as sponsors, lacrosse fans and players alike competed in the Texas Scramble event.

Each hole was sponsored by a company of which the BC Lacrosse Association is very grateful for their support. They included; Authentic Wine & Spirit Merchants [yellow tail] winces, Sports-Can Insurance, Good Life Fitness, Ocean Fisheries Ltd., BCLA, Delta Bumby Hotel and Conference Centre, A-teams Sports Gear, Warrior Sports Canada, Investors Group, Coquihalan Senior Adanacs, Beachcomber Hot Tubs, Delta Whistler Village Suites, Coastal Web Press Company, Lougheed Village Pub, Freedom 55 Financial, Pacific Flycatchers Ltd. and the Dorothy Robertson Family. Thank you for your continued support!

The golf diets were sponsored by Fintray Sports Inc. and Whistler Water and Beaver Buzz provided all the beverages during the day. A special thanks to Thrifty Foods-Austin Station for their sponsorship of all the long-drive and closest to the hole promotions as well as the fruit and cookies at registration; and to Old Dutch Chips for additional munchies.

Many thanks also go out to the endless list of companies who donated prizes for the foursome gifts. Thanks to: 57 Below Liquor Store, Authentic Wine & Spirits Merchants, BCLA, Beachcomber Hot Tubs, Big Kahuna Sports, Camosun-Golf Course, Dave & Spirits Merchants, BCLA, Beachcomber Hot Tubs, Tofino Gekko, Textile Innovations, Thrifty Foods-Austin Station, W.LA, Woody’s Pub, Van Houtte Coffee and Whistler Golf Course.

The Dorothy Robertson Family Putting Contest was won by Maple Ridge’s Steve Jansson winning the $100 Definite Seaford Vancouver prize. The Hole #14 Whistler Golf getaway package included a round of golf and one night stay at the Delta Whistler Village Suites went to Cory Sears. Diane Hammond and Investors Group offered great hole promotions to help raise awareness of their companies. Mike Heads won the Skip Chapman pencil count guessing exactly 571 pencils.

The men’s Thrifty Foods closest to the hole was won by Terry Docker while Jordan Beveridge smoked a huge drive to win the Thrifty Foods long drive contest. For the ladies, Chantelle Beveridge was closest to the pin while Bard Tatham had the long drive. And last but not least, the winning foursome, after a 5-team tie-breaker, scoring 10 under par, was the Lance Andre foursome including Lance Andre, Mike Leon and Steve Jansson. Thank you to all the participants and volunteers like Sohen Gill, Heather Gale, Corrine Perriman, Barham Bensmiller, the BCLA staff and the Camosun staff for making this a great event. Be sure to keep June 21, 2012 free in your calendar for next year’s event.

Cathrea Resigns as Co-Head Coach at Simon Fraser

Jeff Cathrea coached SFU from 2002-2011.

By: William Howard, SFU Lacrosse Media Relations

Simon Fraser University men’s lacrosse Co-Head Coach Jeff Cathrea has announced his resignation after completing his 7th season at SFU in 2011. Cathrea made the decision to step down in order to pursue a Master’s degree in physical therapy.

Cathrea has been involved with the men’s lacrosse program at Simon Fraser for over a decade. Cathrea began as a player at SFU in 1997 where he would become a four-year starting Attackman and four-year Captain for the Clan. In forty-eight (48) games, Cathrea would amass an impressive 159 Goals, 51 Assists and 210 Points. This would be good for #4 All-Time in the Clan’s record books for Goals and #5 All-Time in Points. This would also make Cathrea one of Simon Fraser’s most decorated lacrosse athletes being named a USILA East-West All-Star in 1998, three-time PNCLL 1st Team Conference Championships in 2008 and 2009 and as the USILA 1st Team All-American in 2000.

In 1999, Cathrea would also win the PNCLL Conference Scoring Title and be named to the USILA All-Tournament 1st Team on route to becoming the USILA Tournament Offensive MVP.

Named Co-Head Coach at Simon Fraser prior to the start of the 2005 season, Cathrea would help compile a 76-32-1700 record. Over that period, he helped lead the Clan to back-to-back PNCLL Conference Championships in 2008 and 2009 and three MCLA National Championship Tournaments, including an appearance in the MCLA Semi-Finals in 2010 and consecutive MCLA Quarterfinal appearances in 2008 and 2009.

Cathrea, along with fellow Co-Head Coach Brent Hoskins, held the school record for both wins in a season (16) and wins in a career (76). They were also honored as three-time PNCLL Division I Coaches of the Year from 2008-2010.

Hoskins will remain at the helm of Simon Fraser and will announce his new coaching position later this fall. Hoskins had previously served as Defensive Coordinator in 2003, an Assistant Coach in 2004 and Co-Head Coach since 2005. Hoskins also played four seasons for the Clan from 1999-2002 where he was named a PNCLL All-Star and a USILA 2nd Team All-American at close defense.
The WLA is No Longer a Three Team Race

By: Teddy Jenner

The Western Lacrosse Association announced this year’s All Stars and league award winners.

The Western Lacrosse Association, the Coquitlam Adanacs, the Victoria Shamrocks and most recently the New Westminster Salmonbellies. Between them they have 20 WLA titles, 20 Mann Cup appearances and yet only six Mann Cup titles (Victoria-1, Coquitlam-1, New Westminster-1). This year, the Salmonbellies were labelled the team to beat with many already penciling them in as hosts of the 2011 Mann Cup. Things haven’t gone quite as expected though with the New West not dominating as expected and Victoria getting swept in the first round. In fact, nothing was really par for the course this year in the WLA.

Many are noticing that the gap is tightening. From top to bottom every team was competitive this year, more so than in the past and that will prove to be a huge factor in developing the game in BC. With more and more National Lacrosse League players calling the West home during the summer months, the level of competition in the WLA continues to increase.

When we came down to the final week of play in the 2011 regular season every team still had a shot to make the play-offs which made for some fantastic action on the floor. The last weekend of play saw Nanaimo, Maple Ridge and Burnaby fighting for the 4th and final spot and a shot at the ‘Billes.

While we’re in the midst of the WLA post season, the question being asked is can anyone take over the ‘big three’ - will it not matter of ‘can’ but seemingly ‘when’.

It’s often been remarked that the Salmonbellies, while importing names like Jeff Zywicki and Rory Smith and trading for the likes of Alex Gajic, Curtis Hodgson and Kevin Crowley, the draft has been a puzzle where they’ve done some of the best team building. Looking at the growth of the Burnaby Lakers, Maple Ridge Burdards and Langley Thunder you can see how drafting smart can vastly improve your team’s chances.

Just this year alone- Brodie MacDonald, Chris Seidel, Dan Lewis, Colton Clark, Riley Loewen, Scott Jones and Cartan Scharfs, all BLC drafted talent, all made an impact in their first year. It’s a key factor in team development when you get guys who can produce right from the start.

When teams draft properly and use that talent to improve, it makes everyone better. We didn’t have a case where the first overall pick said he would only play for one team. There was plenty of talent and they all wanted the opportunity to make an impact regardless of where.

WLA Announces 2011 League Awards

The Western Lacrosse Association announced the 2011 All Stars and league awards.

The 2011 WLA First Team All-Star Team: Tyler Richards (New Westminster), Curtis Manning (New Westminster), Ian Hawkesbee (New Westminster), Curtis Dickson (Maple Ridge), Scott Range (Nanaimo), and Rhys Duch (Victoria). The Second Team All-Stars are: Brodie MacDonald (Langley), John Lintz (Langley), Rob Van Beek (Langley), Cory Cammey (Coquitlam); Dane Dobie (Coquitlam), and Ilja Gajic (New Westminster).

The WLA League Awards are as follows: Leo Nicholson Trophy-Outstanding Goaltender Tyler Richards (New Westminster), AB Bronze Trophy-Most Sportswoman Team Burnaby Lakers, Ed Bailey Trophy-Rookie of the Year Brodie MacDonald (Langley), Dorothy Robertson-Coach of the Year Rod Jensd (Langley), Norm Kovalyk Trophy-Executive of the Year Bill Hicks (WLA-Maple Ridge), Maple Ridge Outstanding Play Sportmanship Assistance to Minor Lacrosse Tyler Cote (Maple Ridge), Commission Trophy-Most Valuable Player Scott Ranger (Nanaimo), Goodall-Nicholson Defensive Player Curtis Manning (New Westminster), Three-Star Award: Scott Ranger (Nanaimo), League Top Scorer: Scott Ranger (Nanaimo) and the Fred Hoffos Trophy-All Stars.

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Photo: Dan Brodie

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Paisley Hamill (Poco)
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Zoe Lowen (New West 2)
Morgan Moore (Coquitlam)
Claudia Funanu (Burnaby)
Danielle Hardy (Nanaimo)
Nikita Bagg (Poco)

Samantha Feng (Port Moody)

Female-Pee Wee
Isabelle Coldheart (Cowichan 1)
Rylee Mackenzie (Coquitlam 2)
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Sarah Kuhn (Burnaby)
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The 2011 SUBWAY® BCLA Box Lacrosse Provincial Championships took place during the month of July in four centres around BC. The 2011 Provincials had 110 teams with over 2400 athletes, coaches and volunteers participating in the Championships.

The events and locations were: Pee Wee and Female Provincial July 7-10 in North Okanagan and Port Coquitlam respectively, Bantam Provincials July 13-17 in Victoria and Midget Provincials July 20-24 in Coquitlam.

The 2011 SUBWAY® BCLA Box Lacrosse Provincial medal winners were as follows.


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The Team BC Program has done a great deal in developing lacrosse from the perspective of our athletes as well as our coaches.”

Team BC Field Lacrosse Co-ordinator Rey Comeault.

Past Team BC athletes are currently working their way through the development cycle and are making their mark on the sporting and lacrosse communities. For example, the inaugural 2005 Team BC Bantam team had 23 athletes on the roster – nine athletes currently attend colleges with lacrosse programs; 6 play in the BC Jr. A Lacrosse League; 2 in the BC Jr. B League; one attends an NCAA school and plays hockey; four athletes careers are unknown; and one has been drafted by the Buffalo Sabres of the NHL.

Another account that our athletes are progressing and going places is proof in the number of athletes on the 2011 Team BC U19 field team roster already enrolled in colleges with lacrosse programs. Half of the 21-player roster are enrolled or will be in the 2011-2012 academic year. This trend of lacrosse players attending college has been on the increase over the years and will surely gain momentum as athletes commit to schools well before their grade 12 graduation.

The Team BC process continues to grow and improve with feedback from athletes, coaches and volunteers. The BCLCA and the coaches have never worked harder improving their knowledge over the years. Their experiences have been positive with many coaches returning to duty on a Team BC bench.

“Team BC is not a perfect system and we strive to tweak it every year and we are not fearful of constructive change,” explained Mike Marshall. “We think our reputation for fairness in selection is a good one and we have always preached that we are not an all-star team, but a group made up of differing properties, in order to compete as a complete team. I have always stressed impartiality and equity in our dealings with players and coaches which seems to bring a good response. I do however think it is a system that has improved not only players, but coaches as well and especially the game of lacrosse in our province of British Columbia.”

The Team BC Box and Field Lacrosse programs annually battle Ontario for lacrosse supremacy. In many instances, Team BC has fallen just short of a title. Team BC box teams last netted a national title with the Bantams in 2006 and Pee Wees in 2008 while Team BC field teams have fared only slightly better with the U16’s last winning gold in 2008 with the U16’s still chasing gold. The Team BC teams battle hardly every year to be national champions. The efforts admirable, preparations intricate, but no matter the finish, it is the experiences for all involved that will be everlasting.

“...we are always one goal, or one save away from that gold medal,” said Mike Marshall. And that said, it is the Team BC goal to be that much better for next year in search of gold!

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The 2011 Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget Bantam National lacrosse tournament took place July 31 - August 6 at Iroquois Park in Whitby, Ontario, while the Female Bantams and Midgets hosted the all-female nationals July 23-28 in New Westminster.

After being shut out of all gold medals in 2010, 2011 was looking brighter for golden results. The Team BC Female Bantams and Midgets were both poised to compete at a high level after a great final result for the Bantams in 2010. The Midgets ran the board winning 6 games in the round-robin losing none while the Bantams won 5 games, dropping one game to Ontario by one goal. Both teams were positioned in the finals versus arch enemy Ontario.

The BC girls gave it their all but fell short in the finals. The Bantams lost a hard fought final game 4-3 to Ontario while the Midgets could only muster a single goal, losing 3-1, again to Ontario.

With the Team BC Female team’s golden hopes dashed it was up to the boys teams to bring home the gold from Ontario.

The Team BC Pee Wee team went 8-1 in the round robin action—the one blemish was a 6-2 loss to Ontario. BC would get bumped from the gold game losing a 5-4 decision to the Iroquois. The boys re-grouped to trounce Alberta and bring home the bronze. Arguably, this Pee Wee team was one of the best fielded in years, but couldn’t prove it in the gold game. Both head coaches agreeing a great missed opportunity. “The Ontario coach said to me ‘this is the best Pee Wee team from BC I’ve ever seen,'” stated Pee Wee coach Lance Hofseth. After the Iroquois semi-final loss, the two would chat again with Hofseth saying ‘we handed you the gold medal.’ True enough, Ontario went on to beat the Iroquois 10-1 while BC beat Alberta by the same score.

The Team BC Midgets had a lackluster round robin for their standards posting a 6-2 record with losses to the Iroquois and Ontario by the same score 7-3. The Midgets would meet the Iroquois again in a semi-final rematch only to drop a 7-4 decision and a spot in the bronze game. BC would pull up their socks and do battle with the new kids on the block, Alberta, who have been on the heels of BC for a few years. BC would grind out a 9-8 victory to bring home the bronze.

The Team BC Bantam team had the last gasp effort to win a gold medal for BC. They too posted an 8-1 record in the round robin, dropping an 11-3 loss to Ontario. BC earned spot in the semis against the Iroquois who they beat 5-4 the day before.

Another tight match ensued with BC posting a 3-2 win and a spot in the gold medal game.

The BC Bantams went into the gold medal game as big underdogs after their 11-3 loss to Ontario. The gold medal game was a close affair with BC opening the scoring and a hard defensive battle the rest of the way. BC held a 3-2 lead into the third only to have Ontario tie it late in the game and take a lead late in overtime to seal the 4-3 victory.

“We should have beaten them,” stated team manager Luis Macedo. “We were the better team – we hit so many posts.”

A special thanks to all Team BC volunteers, Team Managers and BCLA partner Firstar and major sponsor Warrior Sports Canada for the flashiest uniforms in the tournament.
By: LacrosseTalk Staff

The 2011 First Nations Trophy/Alumni Cup Nationals took place September 2-4, 2011 in Burnaby, BC. Team BC was well represented by the Team BC U19 and U16 teams hungry for gold.

Six teams competed for the First Nations Trophy from BC to the Atlantic Provinces. The U19’s finished the round robin with a 4-1 record netting a whopping 26 goals per game while yielding less than 5 per game. The U16’s finished with 3 wins and 1 loss.

The Under 19 First Nations Trophy round robin scores were: BC 31 Manitoba 0; BC 29 Alberta 4; BC 35 Team Atlantic 0; Ontario 15 BC 12; and BC 24 Saskatchewan 5.

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Nine Clan Players earn Individual Honors in 2011

By William Howard, SFU Lacrosse Media Relations

Fresh off a 9-9 season that saw a young Clan squad finish as runners-up in the Pacific Northwest Collegiate Lacrosse League (PNCLL) Division I Finals, several members of the Simon Fraser University men’s lacrosse team earned individual honours in 2011. Four Clan players were named to the MCLA Division I All-America Team, while nine SFU players received PNCLL Division I All-Conference recognition. Among the nine all-conference selections were four PNCLL first team honours, with attackman Calvin Craig also being named PNCLL Freshman of the Year and Offensive Player of the Year.

Craig led the way for Clan amassing 100 goals and 32 assists for 132 points in 17 games, topping the MCLA in goals-per-game (5.882) and finishing second in points-per-game (7.765). In only his freshman season, Craig became the first SFU player to score 100 goals in a season, also setting the single game records for both goals (15) and points (19). Craig was the only freshman on the MCLA All-America first or second team, in addition to being named PNCLL Freshman of the Year, PNCLL Offensive Player of the Year and to the PNCLL All-Conference First Team.

Joining Craig on the MCLA All-America Team and rounding off our Fraser’s list of PNCLL First Team All-Conference selections, were senior Luke Genereux and sophomores Colton Dow and Eric Ransom as MCLA All-America Honorable Mentions.

Genereux was named an MCLA All-American for the second straight year after receiving honourable mention status last season. Genereux was also named a PNCLL First Team All-Conference selection for the third and final time in his collegiate career, after earning the same honour in both his freshman and junior year.

Dow finished the 2011 campaign with 56 goals and 55 assists for 111 points in 18 games. His 3.055 assists-per-game ranked second in the MCLA, while his 6.167 points-per-game ranked third. His 55 assists set a school record for assists in a season, second in the MCLA, while his 6.167 points-per-game ranked third.

Ransom also had an impressive sophomore year, finishing fourth in team scoring with 53 points on 34 goals and 19 assists in 17 games, making him the highest scoring midfielder in the PNCLL and earning both All-American and All-Conference recognition for the first time.

Garnering PNCLL All-Conference Second Team honors were freshmen Cory Keesdibyo and Riley Wanzer and junior Rick Bezuidenhout, while PNCLL Honorable Mentions National Clare and Max Weselowski rounded out the list of PNCLL All-Conference recipients.

Keesdibyo had an outstanding freshman season, starting 16 games at attack and finishing third in team scoring with 41 goals, and 34 assists. His 75 points are the third most all-time by a freshman at SFU. His 54 assists ranked second on the team, while his 41 goals ranked third.

Wanzer also had an impressive freshman year. The Washington State native started 17 games at LSM and finished fourth on the team in ground balls with 73. He also led all Clan long-stick defenders in goals on the season with 4.

Bezuidenhout earned a reputation as one of the Clan’s top short stick defensive midfielders in 2011, finishing fifth in team scoring with 25 goals and 10 assists for 35 points, while also playing a pivotal role for the Clan on both defense and transition.

Clare wrapped-up an accomplished collegiate career by being named a PNCLL All-Conference selection for the third time, after being named to the PNCLL All-Conference Second Team in 2010 and First Team in 2009. Clare was also named an MCLA All-American Honorable Mention as a junior last season. Clare finished second on the team in ground balls with 96.

Lastly, Weselowski enjoyed one of the finest statistical seasons for a face-off specialist at Simon Fraser in 2011. Stepping in as the Clan’s starting face-off specialist three games into the season, the first-year drawman led the team in face-offs won (261), face-off winning percentage (68%) and ground balls (125). His 261 wins in 454 attempts are both program highs, while Weselowski also set the school record for face-off victories in a season with 261.

Jamie Stewart (New Westminster Minor President)

Jamie Stewart has been a valuable asset to the New Westminster Minor Lacrosse Association since playing youth lacrosse in New Westminster. Growing up as a ‘Belle, you played but were expected to give back… and he has!

Jamie has been part of the New West executive since 2001, as a Member at Large and Head Coaching Co-ordinator. He has served as Association President since 2004 – all the while coaching teams along the way.

Jamie has spent time with both field and box teams. This certified Level 2 Box and Level 1 Men’s & Women’s Field coach is a fixture in the development of New Westminster athletes. As a coach, his teams are always successful finishing in the medals. Recently, he coached in the 2010 BC Summer Games and in 2011 coached a U16 field team, Midget A1 box team and the Female Midget team. Jamie also headed up a group that hosted the Female Box Lacrosse Nationals in New Westminster this past July.

Stewart was involved in other association initiatives like replacing the old wooden floor, getting minor players to become coaches in their association and starting the Elementary Schools program to name a few. Jamie’s efforts have not gone unnoted as his association was the recipient of BCLA’s Leon Hall Merit Award Association of the Year (2008) and he was the recipient of the John Cavallin Minor Coach of the Year Award (2009). Congratulations Jamie!
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Lupul, Schonewille, Fell Win BCLA Scholarships

By: LacrosseTalk Staff

The BC Lacrosse Association is proud to announce Peyton Lupul (New Westminster), Elizabeth Schonewille (Aldergrove) and Eric Fell (Port Coquitlam) as the 2011 BCLA scholarship recipients. Lupul was the Wayne Gross Scholarship recipient, while Schonewille received the Dorothy Robertson Scholarship and Fell the Ted Friggle Scholarship.

Peyton Lupul has been heavily involved in the New Westminster lacrosse community for a number of years. He has played his entire Minor lacrosse career with New Westminster was been a remarkable representative of the organization. Lupul is not only and avid competitor on the floor, but also gives his time off the floor volunteering with the ‘Bellies association. A longtime official of minor lacrosse, he is always willing to assist at various clinics and events. In addition to officiating lacrosse, Peyton is one of three referee mentors whose responsibilities include the training and development of younger New Westminster referees.

Outside of the arena, Peyton, was a proven exceptional student with a challenging work load achieving honour roll status. Lupul plans to study Engineering Science at Simon Fraser University achieving honour roll status. Lupul plans to study Engineering Physics. Lupul has plans to study Engineering Science at Simon Fraser University.

Eric Fell is a product of the Port Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse Association, albeit a late bloomer starting lacrosse at age 15. Eric, a born leader, has contributed in box and field lacrosse in the Saints organization, played high school field lacrosse for the Terry Fox Ravens while captaining his teams over the years. He fell in love with the game, not only as an athlete, but an official and coach in the Port Coquitlam system.

Outside of school, Eric volunteers in the community as a summer camp leader, worked with the Wet Mat Program feeding and sheltering the homeless and has been involved with the city of Port Coquitlam’s Emergency Preparedness Program. All this, and working part time, while maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Eric has taken the step with his career and will attend Simon Fraser University to study sciences and to one day become a pilot in the airline industry.

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

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Shillington Called to CSHOF

By: Lacrosse Talk Staff

Calamos Gladio Fortior – Latin for, “The pen is mightier than the sword” is a metonymic adage coined by Edward Bulwer-Lytton in 1839. An adage which best describes the latest inductee into the Coquitlam Sports Hall of Fame (CSHOF).

When anyone thinks about a lacrosse historian in BC there is one person that comes to mind. He is someone that has a deep passion in documenting lacrosse’s colorful past and an unparalleled love in preserving its history. This person is lacrosse statistician and archivist, Stan Shillington.

Stan got his start in lacrosse in 1953 as one of the founders of the Renfrew Athletic Club. His devotion to the sport ran deeper than just volunteering or coaching. As a founding member of the Fraser Lacrosse Commission he worked closely with youth athletes coordinating Provincial Championships in the late 60’s.

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In Memoriam

Roy Cavallin

Bus Byford: A former Vancouver Burrards’ stalwart Bus Byford passed away July 12, 2011. Harry James ‘Bus’ Byford, born August 16, 1926, in Vancouver excelled in many sports, particularly lacrosse and soccer, while growing up in the city’s Mount Pleasant district. In 1947, Bus began his eight-year box lacrosse career with Burrards and, two years later, was joined on the team by his younger brother Jack. Both were key members of the Vancouver club that captured the 1949 Mann Cup championship. Bus also participated in the Vancouver in the 1951 and 1952 Mann Cup series that were captured by Peterborough. In his 176–game senior career, Bus scored 100 goals and 73 assists for 173 points.

James Denton, a former youth lacrosse player from Comox, passed away July 24, 2011. James will be sadly missed by his family and many friends. A funeral in Jamie’s name will be established at a later date.

Matthew Taylor: It is a somber time for Nanaimo lacrosse…to announce the passing of one of our former Nanaimo lacrosse athletes (both box and field) and lifelong volunteer of the game (both box and field), Matt Taylor. He was only 20 years old. He passed away on Tuesday July 12, 2011. His devotion to the sport ran deeper than just volunteering or coaching. As a founding member of the Fraser Lacrosse Commission he worked closely with youth athletes coordinating Provincial Championships in the late 60’s.

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By: Jean Bouteller

The 2008 U19 World Lacrosse Foundation recognized four athletes who are striving to reach their field lacrosse goals. The Foundation is committed to helping dedicated athletes reach for the highest levels of excellence and performance in the game they love.

Two year of the grant funding has once again provided the Foundation board with some difficult decisions. The following athletes were awarded funding in June 2011: Tanner Rentzsch, Ryan Landels, Liam Drabik and Dakota Holtz.

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

The application deadline for next year’s awards is May 31, 2012. Potential candidates for the award can find detailed information on the 2008 U19 World Lacrosse Foundation’s website www.2008worldgoalfoundation.com

Ryan Sanderson

By: Stan Shillington

Ryan Sanderson, a popular member of Nanaimo’s well-known lacrosse clan, passed away in his sleep on July 8, 2011.

Proficient on both offence and defence, Ryan spent seven summers in Ontario and British Columbia senior lacrosse and a similar seven winters in the National Lacrosse League.

The Sanderson family is synonymous with the game of lacrosse in the Orangeville-Sharpton communities of Ontario. Brothers Terry, Shane, Lindsay and Philip all played and coached the game while offsprings Ryan, Josh, Brandon and Nathan also enjoyed senior box. A fifth offspring Chris — errieved as a goalie with the Canadian field lacrosse team.

Ryan, born February 18, 1975, the son of Philip, took up the game at the age of four, eventually moving through the age brackets to the Orangeville Norsemen junior club that captured two of three Minto Cups during his tenure.

In 1997, Ryan — along with his cousin Brandon and junior teammate Randy Kruger — travelled West to join the Coquitlam Adanacs; but, a year later, tight family ties drew the Sanderson boys back to the East, Ryan joining the Brampton senior squad and Brandon lining up with Peterborough.

Ryan played in 199 senior league and playoff games with Coquitlam and Brampton, accumulating 196 points before retiring after 2004. He also enjoyed NFL winter lacrosse with Buffalo, Baltimore and Albany over the same seven-year span.
1960 Minto Cup

By: Stan Shillington

Brampton Excelsiors were heavily favoured to capture the Minto Cup in 1960. After all, the Ontario powerhouse had been to the Canadian Junior championship series in four consecutive years, winning the last three. Few even considered the Whitby Red Wings to be a possible contender.

But, dragon-slayer they were: First, the Red Wings flew past St. Catharines in a tough, seven-game match and, then, disposed of Brampton in six.

And, so, Whitby jumped on a cross-country train to do battle with the New Westminster Junior Salmonbellies for national bragging rights.

Whitby coach Bev Groves’ offence was anchored by pesky peanut Terry Davis and speedy Bryan Gibson but, to bolster the lineup, he added league stars John Roberts of Fergus, Wally Thorne of Brampton, Peter Borge of St. Catharines, and Jim Vilneff of Peterborough.

The ‘Bellies also added a foursome – Sid Warick and Ed Nelson of Vancouver Lobbins, and Wayne Whittleworth and Buz Braastrom of New Westminster Pastimes.

Game One on September 8 was all New Westminster. ‘Bellies ran off an 8-2 lead by halftime and, then, split 16 goals in the last 30 minutes to win 16-10.

“We couldn’t have possible played any worse than we did tonight,” a dejected Groves moaned. “We had two tough series against St. Catharines and Brampton and then got on the train.

“It’ll take us awhile to find our legs and get use to the wooden floor.”

Two days later, the Whitby lads indeed found their legs, particularly Gibson, who registered his second consecutive, three-goal hat-trick.

Gibson, who was attending the University of Michigan on a track scholarship, had participated in the Canadian Olympic team trials a few weeks earlier, placing fourth in both the 200 and 400-meter races.

But the tough Royal City defence soon adjusted, cutting Gibson’s goal output to just one in the remaining contests.

The Easterners took an early 4-2 lead in Game Three only to see the ‘Bellies catch their second wind and run off seven straight goals on their way to a 12-5 victory.

Whitby manager Ivan Davis blamed the loss on “just too much Western hospitality,” citing his team’s Sunday fishing trip and a BC Lions football game on Monday.

“From now on, we’ll stick strictly to lacrosse,” he said.

New Westminster, however, hobbled Whitby’s attackers – with the exception of Terry Davis – in Game Four. Davis collected three goals but his teammates could only manage a paltry single marker, allowing the host to eke out an 8-4 win and take a 3-l series advantage.

Both clubs battled back and forth in Game Five, sharing a 3-3 first period score and 7-7 at the half; but Whitby’s offence dried up in the second half while ‘Bellies registered four goals on the way to an 11-7 victory and the coveted Minto Cup.

While the victors happily (and loudly) celebrated their success, coach Harry Preston and manager Jake Trotzuk sat quietly, savoring the fruits of six years of teaching and training young athletes.

The pair had taken an East Burnaby bantam team (under 14 years of age) and stayed with the club through the age levels into junior.

Players come and go over a six-year period, but five originals remained from that bantam club – Keith Jackson, Kelvin Kyle, Dave Tory, Barry Brownlee and Bob Bateman.

For Preston and Trotzuk, it made the triumph all the sweeter.

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McMaster University is the perfect example of the increasing parity in the league. It won the 2010 CUFLU championship, despite being the fourth-seeded team in the western division in the regular season.

It’s the same story in the eastern division, as Carleton University made its first appearance in the playoffs in four seasons in 2010.

“McMaster was a Cinderella story last season, they were fourth seed that had an incred- ible playoff run,” said Tim Murdoch, McGill University’s head coach. “The watch word for CUFLA in 2011 is ‘parity’; we expect eight teams standing for the national title.”

Murdoch expects four squads in Ontario to be favoured for the 2011 CUFLA championship: the University of Western Ontario, Brock University, University of Guelph, Western and McMaster, while in the East, Bishop’s University and Carleton will compete with McGill.

“Look for Western to have a big push given they are hosting the Baggatayway Cup [on Nov. 5-6],” said Ryan McGrath, CUFLA’s commission- er. “With each team recruiting from coast to coast, the quality of play continues to improve with each season.

Part of the increasing level of competition and quality of play is thanks to players from British Columbia, who chose to study in and play in CUFLA instead of NCAA in the United States.

“More and more BC student athletes are choosing CUFLA, which in many cases is more affordable than the typical US scholar- ships,” said McGrath.

This is one of the reasons why New West- minster’s Kyle Robinson chose to pursue his academic and sports careers at McGill.

“I wanted to play in the NCAA, and study and play lacrosse in a school that offered a reputable degree, said Robinson, a defenceman. “McGill ended up being the best choice, be- cause it is strong academically and I am able to continue playing lacrosse at a collegiate level, and it is a lot less expensive that most high-end American universities.”

With five players from BC, including Robin- son, on the Redmen’s roster for 2011-12, McGill has the largest number of British Co- lumbians in the league.

According to Murdoch, they combine mental and physical toughness, a winning attitude as well as a high level of skills.

“They are typically gifted box lacrosse play- ers,” he said. “The majority of them play box lacrosse that is popular in BC, but they convert easily to field lacrosse.”

Simon Fraser is the only university in Brit- ish Columbia that has a lacrosse team, and it plays all of its games in the US and recently announced plans to join the NCCA.

In addition to lower tuition fees, CUFLA offers other advantages for Canadian lacrosse players, who wish to study and stay on the north side of the border.

“It offers a league that maintains strong com- petition while allowing the players to focus on their studies and not having the enormous time commitment [CUFLA’s season runs from Sep- tember to November] associated with NCAA sports,” said Robinson.

McGill is committed to recruit a larger num- ber of student athletes from BC, and Murdoch is planning the university’s first-ever recruiting trip to the west coast in 2012.

“I hope to see even more great BC players consider CUFLA as an affordable high quality option for both their academic and lacrosse aspirations,” said McGrath.

CUFLA’s 2011 season officially opens on Sept 10th with the Gentleman’s Club meet at Wilfrid Laurier University. The lacrosse festi- val will have three CUFLA games, as well as Laurier’s women’s team, the reigning Canadian champions, playing Monmouth College Col- lege, NCCAA champions.
By: Neil Stevens

PRAIRIE - Canada’s team charted it all the way to the capital of the Czech Republic, and they brought it all the way back home.

There was no way the players were going to give up the world indoor lacrosse championship shield.

“We earned it,” said captain Colin Doyle. “We were a great team. There’s no doubt about that. Our roster was stacked with talent. This was a team that came here for a purpose and was focused and driven. It was an unbelievable experience with these guys.”

Doyle of Kitchener, Ont., and the NLL’s Toronto Rock, is a re- peat world champion. Many others on the team were first-timers.

“I’m just happy to be a part of this,” said elated defender Bill Greer. “It’s an absolute honour to be part of this team. It’s such a great group of guys. We played a team defence to shut opponents down and we knew our offence would pile up some goals. We let them do their job and we did our job.”

There were many facets of Canada’s domination of one and all, and the goaltending of Matt Vinc was repeatedly mentioned during post-game interviews.

“Vino was unbelievable,” said Greer of the NLL’s Edmonton Rush.

“Vino on his head,” said Iroquois Nationals forward Cody Jamieson, Vinc’s teammate with the NLL’s Rochester Knighthawks. Vinc said he was a little nervous when the Iroquois Nationals opened the scoring in the game for gold.

“It was a tight game but when we exploded for six in the second quarter that made my job easier,” said Vinc. “The defence kept them away like they did most of the tournament. I had basically outside quarter that made my job easier,” said Vinc. “The defence kept them away like they did most of the tournament. I had basically outside quarter that made my job easier.”

Canada’s most difficult game turned out to be its semifinal clash with the United States, which it won 15-10. The US won bronze by defeating the Czech Republic, which had its highest-ever finish, fourth.

“One thing I noticed is that the gap is narrowing every four years we hold this competition,” said Bill Greer. “The Czechs are a great team as well and they’re going to do their job. We just have to stick to our job.”

Canada had a great showing and the Iroquois are very talented. Our team had great balance and once we hit our stride we were awfully tough to stop.

It was the third world indoor gold medal for John Grant Jr. of Peterborough and the NLL’s Colorado Mammoth.

“I like winning, period,” Grant said. “No matter what team you’re on, whether it’s a ball hockey team back home in the gym or being a world champion, it’s a thrill and I think that’s why each one of these guys was here. They want to win at whatever they’re doing. I’m just lucky and proud to be on this team. When you’re surrounded by such excellent lacrosse players, it’s just a thrill to be on the floor with them.”

Grant has now played in 42 internationals, and he says he’s gone as far as he can.

“I not only enjoyed the experience of playing for Canada’s swift transition breaks had the Nationals reeling.

“Canada’s speed was a determining factor, too. We were the favourites and we just had to prove to everybody we were the best team here,” said Duch. “I don’t think I’ve ever been around a tournament team that was so dedicated and committed to a goal. It was a team full of 25 leaders and what emerged was gold. That’s reflective of management, veterans, coaches and players being committed. Coming into the tournament we were the favourites and we just had to prove to everybody we weren’t going to lose.”

Blazers rookie Kyle Rabi said winning the title and having a ribbon holding a gold medal placed around his neck was an amazing feeling.

“I was honoured to be on the team and then to actually win the championship with this group of guys, from the staff to the coaches and players, is awesome,” he said. “When you can come together and win something like this for your country, it’s something special for sure.”

Rory Smith took an early major penalty. He bowed his head in the penalty box, hoping his teammates would bail him out.

“I thought I cost the team,” said the tough defenceman. “But my major wasn’t played. I actually did a little prayer in the penalty box - a five-minute penalty in a world championship game is brutal. It’s awful. Thank God, it didn’t matter at all. They got one but Jordan Hall came back two goals. I felt great to see that.”

Being a world champion is a new experience for Smith.

“Never actually won anything in my life so it’s great to win something with Team Canada,” he said.

Brett Mydske of New Westminster is another outstanding young defenceman.

“It was an all-around team effort from the goalheading on out,” he said after the title game. “People have been saying all tournament that this is the best team Canada has ever put together and we showed it.”

Mike Carnegie said the defence clicked because everyone was on the same page.

“Communication level was so high and the skill and athleticism was so high that even if you make a mistake the recovery was so high,” he said. “The fact a lot of the guys had played together before and had played big games helped, and know what’s on the line and having the willingness to sacrifice and play a role, doing whatever it takes to win, another part of it. I think that’s why our defence was so good.”

Canada’s swift transition breaks had the Nationals reeling.

“A lot of guys like Brodie, Mydske, Greer and Chappy (Sandy Chapman) can run the ball up the floor really well,” said Carnegie. “Some of the representatives, our trainers, our physios.”

The offensive was a matter of the players’ bodies taking it to the floor.

And now he’s a world champion.

“It’s a humbling experience to know you’re part of such a quality group,” said Carnegie. “Right from management, the CLA representatives, our trainers, it was a first-class organization. I’m just proud and happy to be a part of it.”

Big defenceman Jeff Moleski was another first-time world champ.

“It was an unbelievable experience,” said the Prince George resi- dent. “It’s nice to be in the best in the world.”

Jeff Zywicky of Nepon, Ont, who scooped the overtime winner in the 2005 world indoor tournament, sat out Saturday but was a team player all the way.

“It was a good time,” he said of the unique experience of playing in the Czech Republic. “Prague is an awesome city. It was a good experience, and it’s great to win. It was a great group of guys and a great team.”

Head coach Eddie Corrigan, assistants Derek Keenan, Paul Day, Jim Milligan and Glenn Clark did a marvellous job of pulling everything together for executive director Dean French and GM Johnny Mouradian, and Dr. Rani van Heest and physios Karen Nichol and Stephen Chapman did a great job keeping the players’ bodies together.

Warren Sanderson, answered a late call to handle equipment and was one of the most inspirational people around the team.

“This was the greatest team ever put on a lacrosse floor.”
Watson Gets Call to Hall of Fame

by Neil Stevens

Watson retired following the 2011 season, ending his career by winning Championship Game MVP honors as Toronto defeated Washington 8-7 in the 2011 NLL Championship Game at Air Canada Centre. Watson was in net for all six Toronto Rock championship winning teams, and in the only goaltender in league history to win six championships. He will be the third goaltender to be inducted into the Hall of Fame, joining Dallas Elink and Sal LoCascio.

In addition to the championships, Watson is a two-time winner of the league’s Goaltender of the Year Award (2001 & 2008) and Champion- ship Game MVP (2003 & 2011). He posted a 16-4 career record in playoff games, and an average GAA of 7.18 with a career save percentage of .885 on more than 100 career games. For his career, Watson dressed for 216 regular season games, playing more than 10,000 minutes in net. He made 6,471 saves and an 11.12 career Goals Against Average (GAA), including two seasons with a GAA of under 10 goals per game (8.89 GAA in 2001, 9.31 in 2010).

To be inducted into the Hall of Fame, nominees needed to be selected on a minimum of 75 percent of the ballots cast. Of those being selected on at least 75 percent of the ballots, the two with the most votes would be inducted into the Hall of Fame. Of the six nominees on this year’s Hall of Fame ballot, Watson was the only nominee to be selected on the required minimum of 75 percent of the ballots cast.

Ballots were cast by the ten NLL member clubs, current members of the Hall of Fame and members of the league’s governing media. Voters were allowed to select up to three of the six nominees on the ballot. The percentage of ballots on which each nominee was selected is as follows: Bob Watson - 86%, Pat Coyle - 54%, Troy Cordingley - 46%, Steve Dietrich - 41%, Ted Dowling - 32% and Cort Malwae - 27%. The date and location for Watson’s Hall of Fame induction ceremony will be announced in the near future.

The National Lacrosse League Hall of Fame was established in June 2005, and its charter members in 2006. The Hall of Fame currently has 16 members, and has also recognized two members of the media. For more information on the Hall of Fame, please visit NLL.com/HallOfFame.

Lacrosse in Uganda? You Bet

by Neil Stevens at loose47@live.com

There are some amazing stories about how lacrosse is spreading around the world.

Tom Hayes of Clayton, Pennsylvania, is director of development for the Federation of International Lacrosse and he knows all the stories because he’s involved in them. He’s 70 now and he’s been promoting the sport for a good part of his life.

Here’s one of them.

Ricardo Aruna was watching TV in Argentina when a lacrosse game came on. He loved it. He contacted Hayes to ask if a clinic could be arranged. Meanwhile, they improvised.

“They made their own sticks out of bamboo and string them with string and tennis balls and injected them with water,” Hayes recalls.

“Plastic piping was used to form goal posts and that tape that police use at crime scenes was used to mark out lines on the field.”

Real sticks and equipment eventually arrived, lacrosse thrilled, and Argentina had a team in the world field lacrosse tournament in England last July 2010.

And then there was this missionary who went to Africa.

Kevin Dugan, now director of lacrosse at Notre Dame, was in a mission program during univer- sity and landed in Uganda with a lacrosse stick. It drew quite a bit of attention. He returned the fol- lowing year with 30 sticks, field lacrosse equip- ment followed, an association was formed and earlier this year Uganda became a new member of the Federation of International Lacrosse.

“In 2014 they’ll be in Denver with a field team (at the world championships),” says Hayes. “Kevin said to me, ‘Coach, I’ll tell you, they’re not going to be very skilled but we’ll have the best athletes there.’”

Hayes talks about these things to a curious reporter during the 2011 world indoor men’s tournament. Canada defeated Slovakia 27-1. A lot of work remains to be done there, but Slovakia has only been a FIL member for seven years. Its programs are in their infancy.

Hayes and a handful of others set up a govern- ing body 40 years ago comprised of five coun- tries. World field tournaments were held every four years. Now, with the recent amalgamation of men’s and women’s governing bodies, all lacrosse is under one umbrella. There are 42 members today.

The indoor game has taken off since the first world men’s tournament in 2003. There are eight teams competing this year. Hayes predicts more European countries will take up indoor.

“I see indoor developing in the same way field developed,” says Hayes. “In 1992 we only had nine teams playing field. Here we are in 2011 so in 20 years we went from nine to 42. We hope that all these countries will evolve into the indoor game. Twenty years from now we should have the same number playing indoor.”

Hayes reeds off Poland, Latvia, Finland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Netherlands, New Zealand, possibly Japan, Korea and Thailand when asked where the next indoor teams might come from.

“The difficulty is we’re not a rich sport,” says Hayes. “We have to depend on the nation itself to grow the sport.”

“We provide them with clinics, grants, events. Once they start a sport it’s up to the passion of that program to keep the sport going. Some do a better job than others. We have so many new member countries that it can make a juggling act to keep them going.

“But what I’ve seen in the past is that it is the sport that sells itself. Give a kid a stick and that’s it. It’s getting the sticks to all these kids. We try to do the best we can. We have a lot of outreach programs. We have 42 countries and I have another 42 I’ve had contacts with. Our key right now is driving towards the Olympics. We became an Olympic sport and there’s no limit then.”

Olympic sports get most of the funding from governments while others, such as lacrosse, are out in the cold. Lacrosse was an Olympic sport in 1928 and in 1932 and Hayes hopes for its return.

A big step will be taken in August when the FIL applies to become the 105th sports federa- tion in Sportaccord, which used to be known as the General Association of International Sports Federations. The International Olympic Commit- tee doesn’t pay attention to sports that aren’t in Sportaccord, and it requires an applicant to have at least 40 members. Uganda and Israel put FIL for over 40 years this year. The FIL hopes for a decision on its application to Sportaccord at that group’s convention in Quebec City next year.

“If you’re not part of this group, you’re not getting into the Olympics,” says Hayes. “We’re trying to take the steps to that now.”

Membership in Sportaccord usually means preparation of an application to the IOC in 2013 or 2014. Thus, re-entry into the Olympics couldn’t happen for lacrosse before 2020 – probably no sooner than 2024.

It might be viewed by some as a far fetched no- tion but the groundwork is being done behind the scenes by Hayes and other FIL executives, including current president Stan Cockerton of Ottawa.

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