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Four years ago Canada stormed through the World Indoor Lacrosse Championships en route to a dominating gold medal winning performance against the Iroquois Nationals. The 2003 tournament was the first since the original Nations in '80 World Box Lacrosse Championships in British Columbia some 27 years ago. This May, Canada looks for a repeat performance and the right to claim total supremacy in international senior men's lacrosse.

In 2003, six nations gathered in Southern Ontario to playoff for the International Lacrosse Federation (ILF) World Indoor Lacrosse Championship. In 2007 the original six, Canada, the Iroquois, the United States, Scotland, Australia and the Czech Republic will be joined by England and Ireland in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

"The 2003 Championship held in Toronto had 6 countries participating and this year's event has 8 countries," stated ILF President Peter Hobbs. "We are positive that with the ILF meetings being held in Halifax concurrently with the Championship that more of the 27 member countries of the ILF will wish to add indoor to their programs. We look forward to the challenges of the growth of all forms of lacrosse including indoor in the future."

Hobbs was unable to name the member countries that have shown interest in developing the indoor version of lacrosse, but believes some of the European countries which have similar weather patterns to Canada may be the prospects.

Since field lacrosse is the discipline played by all 27 ILF member countries, the introduction of box lacrosse has met some hurdles in its continued development.

"Limitation on this growth would appear to be specifically resources of facilities and equipment which are not readily available in many countries," reiterated Hobbs.

Canada's march to the gold medal in 2003 went largely unchecked as the red and white won their games by 23, 2, 24, 20, 11, 8, and 17 goals. This time around, however, the men wearing the maple leaf will face increased competition from foes old and new.

The Iroquois Nationals and USA will surely keep the Canadians on top of their game as their rosters are filled with plenty of NLL and collegiate stars. But don't fool yourself as there are other nations waiting in the wings.

With eight teams in the 2007 tournament, there are more opportunities for Canadians holding passports for other competing countries. Team England may surprise some teams with the addition of pros like goaltender Matt Roik (Philadelphia Wings), forward Jason Crosbie (Buffalo Bandits) and scoring sensation Lewis Ratcliff of the Calgary Roughnecks.

"His [Ratcliff's] numbers in the NLL season have been spectacular," stated England Head Coach Chris Hall of Victoria.

Ratcliff finished third in scoring leaders (104 points) in the 2007 NLL campaign with 50 goals, second to Rochester's John Grant Jr. (51) while leading all shooters with 203 shots on goal. Ratcliff will surely add to the scoring output for the English squad.

The 2007 edition of the Canadian National Indoor Lacrosse Team will look radically different from the squad that took the floor in 2007. Of the three goaltenders selected in 2003 only one, San Jose Stealth goalie, Anthony Cosmo has been selected for the 2007 championships and of the seven defenders selected again only one, Bruce Murray from the Arizona Sting has a World Indoor Lacrosse Championship medal on his mantle.

Canadian National Indoor Lacrosse Team General Manager Steve Govett, has assembled the best athletes that are poised to bring home the gold medal once again.

"You can expect that this team will be extremely athletic," mentioned Govett. "Our goal was to fill roles for this team that will win a gold medal. Our focus was not to create an all star team but a team of great role players that will fulfill the chemistry requirements to win a world championship. All of these players are great leaders on their own respective teams."

Another change for 2007 is the tournament relocating from the lacrosse hotbed of Southern Ontario to the young, but rapidly growing, lacrosse market of Halifax. Halifax has a long history of hosting tournaments, including the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) Men's Basketball Championships and various international hockey events, but this will be the first time a major lacrosse tournament will be held in Nova Scotia.

"Halifax has demonstrated great success in hosting international events — from their great facility, the Metro Centre, to their vast and well skilled volunteer base to their avid sports fans," stated CLA President Joey Harris. "Bringing this level of the game to the Maritimes will boost the profile of lacrosse and allow the CLA to assist Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in increasing their numbers, while at the same time allowing the CLA to expand into Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland."

With the 2007 tournament kicking off on May 14, two days after the National Lacrosse League crowns its 2007 champion, some of Canada's stars may be tired

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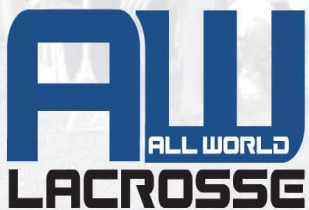
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MAJOR SERIES LACROSSE

Lakers have a dynasty going in Peterborough

2006 OLA champions and Mann Cup champions – Peterborough Lakers

The Peterborough Lakers captured their third consecutive OLA Major Series championship in 2006 and then went on to bring home their second Mann Cup in the past three years by defeating the Victoria Shamrocks in five games in the championship series in Peterborough.

It was sweet revenge for the Lakers, who lost to the Shamrocks in Victoria in the 2005 Mann Cup series.

Cheered on by packed crowds throughout the five game series, the Lakers stumbled only once in the five-game set, losing the third game 11-10 to give the western visitors some life. But comfortable wins in the other games (10-6 in Game 1, 12-8 in Game 2 and an especially convincing 12-5 win in Game 4), set the stage for the finale, which the Lakers again won going away.

Dan Carey earned tournament MVP honours and had two goals and an assist in the clinching game, turning in a solid all-round performance and providing great leadership. John Grant Jr. was the tournament’s leading scorer with 34 points in the five games, and he also had two goals and one assist in Game 5.

Pat O’Toole picked up the win in goal and his solid goaltending all tournament was a big part of the Lakers success. O’Toole had 20 wins during the season and with two assists in the last game, moved into a tie for most assists by a goaltender in the Mann Cup with 22, along with Buff McCready and Wayne Colley.

Peterborough’s Ryan Cousins had the distinction of winning his third straight Mann Cup title, as he was with the Lakers in both 2004 and 2006 and played for Victoria in 2005.

The Lakers finished the OLA Major Series regular season with a 13-4-1 record for 27 points, one point behind Brampton for first place, but beat Brampton in a thrilling six-game league final series, taking Game 6 by an 15-12 score in overtime to win the Ontario title.

The 2007 MSL season gets under way May 24 when the Lakers host Kitchener-Waterloo and Six Nations battles Brampton.

2007 MSL Schedule

2007/05/24 - 08:00 PM	Brampton	Six Nations	2007/06/12 - 08:00 PM	St. Regis	Peterborough	2007/07/05 - 08:00 PM	Brooklin	Six Nations
2007/05/24 - 08:00 PM	K-W	Peterborough	2007/06/13 - 08:00 PM	Barrie	Brooklin	2007/07/05 - 08:00 PM	St. Regis	Peterborough
2007/05/26 - 07:00 PM	Barrie	K-W	2007/06/14 - 08:00 PM	Six Nations	Peterborough	2007/07/05 - 08:00 PM	Barrie	K-W
2007/05/26 - 07:00 PM	Brooklin	St. Regis	2007/06/14 - 08:00 PM	Brooklin	Brampton	2007/07/07 - 07:00 PM	St. Regis	Brampton
2007/05/27 - 02:00 PM	Brooklin	St. Regis	2007/06/16 - 07:00 PM	St. Regis	Brooklin	2007/07/07 - 07:00 PM	K-W	Brooklin
2007/05/27 - 07:00 PM	Brampton	Six Nations	2007/06/16 - 07:00 PM	Peterborough	K-W	2007/07/08 - 02:00 PM	St. Regis	Barrie
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2007/06/03 - 07:00 PM	Brampton	K-W	2007/06/23 - 07:00 PM	Six Nations	Barrie	2007/07/15 - 02:00 PM	St. Regis	Six Nations
2007/06/06 - 08:00 PM	Six Nations	Brooklin	2007/06/23 - 08:00 PM	Brampton	St. Regis	2007/07/15 - 07:00 PM	Brampton	Barrie
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2007/06/09 - 07:00 PM	Peterborough	Six Nations	2007/06/28 - 08:00 PM	Six Nations	Peterborough	2007/07/19 - 08:00 PM	Barrie	Peterborough
2007/06/09 - 07:00 PM	Brooklin	Barrie	2007/06/30 - 07:00 PM	Peterborough	Barrie	2007/07/21 - 07:00 PM	K-W	Six Nations
2007/06/09 - 07:00 PM	K-W	St. Regis	2007/06/30 - 07:00 PM	St. Regis	Six Nations	2007/07/21 - 07:00 PM	Barrie	St. Regis
2007/06/10 - 02:00 PM	K-W	St. Regis	2007/07/01 - 07:00 PM	Barrie	Six Nations	2007/07/22 - 04:00 PM	Six Nations	St. Regis
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Veltman deserving winner of first Les Bartley Award

By Roger Lajoie
LAX Talk Ontario Editor

For a franchise as stepped in tradition as the Toronto Rock is, the 2007 National Lacrosse League season won’t go into the history books as a great one to say the least.

The Rock finished a disappointing 6-10 in the regular season and barely qualified for the play-offs, needing to back into the final spot after ending the regular season with three straight losses.

For team that won five NLL titles in seven years, that represents a disappointing season to be sure. But there was nothing disappointing about the team’s choice to be the inaugural winner of the Les Bartley Award.

Rock veteran Jim Veltman got the nod and was presented with the award before the team’s last home game of the season against New York in early April.

The 41-year-old Brampton native continues to be an inspiration to his teammates as he’s continues to be able to play the game at such a high level after almost two decades in the sport.

“This is a great honor for me because Les was such a great man,” Veltman told reporters. “He will never be forgotten.”

The award will now be presently annually to the Rock player who best exemplifies the importance of character and commitment to the team as determined by the coaching staff.

Veltman certainly personifies character and commitment on the lacrosse floor and has for many years. He has been a mainstay of the franchise for years and helped serve as a mentor to the younger players on the club this season.

Bartley coached the Rock to four of those championships. He lost a courageous battle to cancer in May of 2005 at the age of 51.

His widow Gloria Bartley made the presentation in front of an appreciative crowd at the Air Canada Centre, who gave her and Veltman lengthy ovations.

Bartley was a huge part of the Rock’s success in becoming the dominant team in the NLL immediately after the franchise re-located from Hamilton, and was considered one of the best coaches in NLL history.

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come the tournament playoffs. At the finish, however, Canada’s collection of lacrosse talent should tip the balance towards a second World Indoor gold medal and total international senior men’s lacrosse supremacy for the red and white.

The 2007 Team Canada roster competing at the Warrior 2007 World Indoor Lacrosse Championships is as follows. Goal: Steve Dietrich, Gee Nash and Anthony Cosmo; Defense: Ryan Cousins, John Gallant, Peter Lough, Bruce Murray, Scott Self, Andrew Turner and Taylor Wray; Forwards: Dan Carey, Dan Dawson, Colin Doyle, John Grant Jr., Tracey Kelusky, Gavin Prout, John Tavares, Shawn Williams and Jeff Zywicki; and Transition players: Nenad Gajic, Pat McCready, Brodie Merrill, and Steve Toll.

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OLA SENIOR B

Aces come up at just the right time in Junior B

2006 champions: Wellington Dukes

The Wellington Dukes got hot at just the right time in 2006 to win both the OLA's Senior B title and then follow that up by going out west to claim the national championship.

Wellington finished with a 10-4 record in the regular season, good enough for 20 points and second place in the OLA standings, just one point behind first place Ajax-Pickering.

And with a perfect 7-0 record at home, making them the only team in the league to go

unbeaten on home floor, the Aces entered the playoffs as one of the team's to beat.

But by the time the playoffs were over, the Dukes were THE team that couldn't be beaten, as they survived some playoff scares to win the Ontario title and then followed that up by surviving a trip to New Westminster to bring home the President's Cup to Ontario as well.

After sweeping aside St. Clair in two straight games in the opening round, the Dukes faced Owen Sound in a gritty five-game series

in the second round that went right down to the wire. Wellington finally prevailed 11-10 in the fifth and final game, barely making it to a finals date with the Ajax-Pickering Rock.

But taking advantage of their home floor yet again, the Dukes prevailed in the best-of-five final, winning 3-1, and finishing up with an unblemished 13-0 mark at home including the playoffs.

The 2006 President's Cup was held in New Westminster, B.C. The Aces were terrific dur-

ing the round-robin, going a perfect 5-0 and out-scoring their opposition 53-32. That was good enough to advance Wellington to the gold medal game against the Sherwood Park, Alberta Outlaws, the second place team in the round-robin.

Wellington turned in another solid performance in the final to finish the tournament at 6-0, downing the Outlaws 9-5 in the title game to win the President's Cup.

The 2007 Senior B season is already underway.

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4/28/07	SR.B	Norwood	at	Six Nations	7:00 PM
4/29/07	SR.B	Ajax-Pickering	at	Brooklin	4:00 PM
4/29/07	SR.B	Owen Sound	at	Wellington	7:00 PM
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5/5/07	SR.B	Ajax-Pickering	at	Six Nations	7:00 PM
5/5/07	SR.B	Owen Sound	at	Brooklin	7:00 PM
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5/11/07	SR.B	Six Nations	at	Wellington	8:30 PM
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5/13/07	SR.B	Wellington	at	Owen Sound	7:00 PM
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5/22/07	SR.B	Brooklin	at	Norwood	8:30 PM
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NOTL Thunderhawks increase number of players

This spring a few Niagara-on-the-Lake 'Thunderhawk' mothers brought Lacrosse to their local school.

The students from St. Michaels Elementary Catholic School in NOTL spent their phys-ed period learning Canada's National Summer Sport. Students from JK to Grade 8 had two hours of lacrosse over a two week period.

The unit was kicked off with a demonstration in front of the entire school by Chris Driscoll, technical director of the OLA and a player with the Toronto Rock. The OLA generously provided lacrosse sticks from their 'stick loan' program to run the gym activities. The parents and teachers, along with expertise from Mike Accursi, Tim Engemann and Eric Vinc, taught the students to scoop, cradle, pass, catch and shoot.

The response was phenomenal. Many students expressed interest and wanted to continue to learn the sport. NOTL Minor Lacrosse recognized that some of these students may not be ready for rep play. Therefore we developed a Lacrosse Skills Camp for players who are not ready to jump right into rep play. The program will run twice a week for 10 weeks. We kept this program affordable and designed it to teach and develop the basic skills of lacrosse. Near the end of the Camp we will introduce 3 on 3 games.

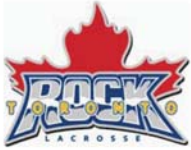
We also started Girls Box Lacrosse this season to help entice more girls in our area to the sport. The in-school instruction combined with the implementation of these two new programs was a huge success. Our association enrolled 25 new players from St. Michael School alone and we will have our first Girls Box Lacrosse team of 15 novice/peewee girls.

Running this school program not only increased our enrolment but it also gave us free advertising opportunities within the school system and positive publicity in the local newspaper. Articles with pictures were published and of course it mentioned the new Skills Camp and Girls Box lacrosse. All of this success for just going into one school!

Next year NOTL Minor Lacrosse plans to approach other schools in our area with our in-school lacrosse program. With the continued support and dedication of our parents, volunteers and members of our community NOTL Minor Lacrosse will no doubt continue to grow and evolve for many years to come!



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OLA JUNIOR A

Younger Lakers follow in Major Lakers footsteps

2006 champions – Peterborough Lakers

The Junior A Peterborough Lakers have obviously been watching their Major Series namesakes. Peterborough made it a clean sweep for the Lift Lock City with both the Minto Cup and the Mann Cup in 2006, as the Lakers captured the Minto Cup tournament in Hagersville, Ontario.

Shawn Evans scored three goals in the final game to help lift the Lakers to a 9-5 win over the Six Nations Arrows and take the Canadian Junior A lacrosse championship despite not winning the Ontario title in 2006.

Chad Evans added a pair of goals while Simon Kayser, Cory Vitarelli, Kyle Sorensen and Mike Grimes also had goals for Peterborough and Dan Sams made 47 saves in goal for the Lakers.

Peterborough finished just fifth in the regular season standings with a solid but certainly not spectacular record of 12-10 and entered the playoffs considered a bit of a longshot to make it to the OLA Final.

But the team seemed to gain a lot of confidence after a 4-1 opening round playoff series win over Toronto, and the Lakers followed that up with another five-game series triumph over the very tough Whitby Warriors.

The Lakers did lose the OLA title to Six Nations as the Arrows were very strong all season with a 19-3 regular season record and 12-3 playoff mark. But even though they lost that final series four games to one, the Lakers served notice that they would be a force to be reckoned with as one of the two Ontario teams as the hosts of this year’s event, which now takes on a Memorial Cup type of format each year.

The 2007 OLA season opens up May 11 when Peterborough visits Whitby and Ottawa plays at Akwesasne.

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OLA JUNIOR B

Oakville Buzz turn in a season to remember

2006 champions – Oakville Buzz

The Oakville Buzz captured the Ontario Lacrosse Association Junior B title with a 19-1 regular season record and a 12-1 playoff record, totally dominating every facet of the regular season and playoffs in Ontario.

Oakville then went on and dominated the Founder’s Cup as, which brought together the

top Junior B teams in the country, going 4-0 in the round-robin portion of the event.

The Buzz then completed a tremendous 36-2 overall season by downing the Windsor AKO Fratmen 10-4 in the championship game in Windsor.

Oakville earned a reputation for being not just the most talented team in Junior B lacrosse

this past season, but also the hardest working one.

Led by captain Bobby Debrone, who was the club’s leader, and Kyle Hagel, who scored three games in the final game to snare MVP honours for that tilt, the Buzz brought back the Founder’s Cup to Ontario for the 24th time in the past 25 years.

The Buzz were also just too good for everyone all season, turning in one of the greatest overall seasons in Ontario lacrosse history in 2006.

The 2007 Junior B season is already under way.

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Hill Academy provides unique environment for lacrosse

By Roger Lajoie
LAX Talk Ontario Editor

Many young lacrosse players can’t wait to get out of school so they can go out and train to be a great lacrosse player.

Just imagine then how much they’d like to attend a school where training to be a great lacrosse player is a big part of the curriculum.

That’s the general concept behind The Hill Academy, a unique school in Orangeville that offers student-athletes an Ontario Secondary School Diploma while at the same time helping to develop them as student athletes in a variety of sports, including lacrosse.

The Hill Academy was founded by experienced educator and athlete Peter Merrill, and former CFL player Farell Duclair. They have designed a distinctive learning program that they believe will allow student-athletes an environment where they can get their high school education and train for their selected sport at the same time.

The school opened its doors in September and has Grade 11, 12 and “Breakaway” year students (college preparatory) enrolled this

academic year. The hope next year is to expand the numbers of students and offer programs starting at Grade 9.

Brodie Merrill is the Director of Hill Lacrosse. An MLL and NLL All-Star and member of Canada’s national team, Merrill brings his experience in the sport to the school which he says affords young players an ideal opportunity to combine academics and athletics.

“We really felt that there was a real disconnect between sports and academics in the public school system,” Merrill says.

“In just one year it’s incredible to see the improvement in these kids and how much of an impact a place like this has made to their development in athletics.”

The school has a full academic staff and is approved by the Ministry of Education, but also offers students the kind of full training in their sport as a part of their daily schedule that is usually only available at a college or university.

“We have 17 students in the lacrosse program this year but we’d like to have as many

as 60 in future years,” Merrill says. “Getting a scholarship to an NCAA school is a real goal for many students and a place like this really helps in that regard.”

Students spend the majority of their day in the classroom like most Ontario high school, students, but also get on the spot training in their sport. Some of the students live on campus during the academic year, but many commute from their homes.

Jayson Card attended The Academy and is now with the Hofstra University varsity lacrosse program and Merrill says he’s confident many more student-athletes will benefit from the unique training in the years ahead.

The Hill Lacrosse program offers both indoor and outdoor lacrosse instruction. The school wants to create a “hybrid”, more complete lacrosse player, linking the creativity and stick work of indoor lacrosse with the disciplines of field lacrosse.

Along with a strength and conditioning program, Hill Lacrosse prepares young student-athletes for success in collegiate lacrosse and beyond.

The school says the lacrosse program offers the following benefits:

- Work on essential individual stick skills, daily
- Master throwing, catching, passing, shooting, the draw, cradling, and checking
- Learn Offensive and defensive play
- Learn tactical and technical side of lacrosse
- Participate in a year-round, individual athletic development program
- Work on improving speed, strength, power, quickness, agility, and flexibility
- 3 athletic progress reports per year
- Participate in US and Canadian recruiting tournaments and/or camps
- “It’s a completely different approach we take and in a very competitive world for scholarships, we feel we provide students with a real advantage here.”
- For more information on The Hill Academy, visit www.thehillacademy.com.

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6/24/07	Jr. B West	Wallaceburg	at	Windsor	7:00 PM	
6/25/07	Jr. B West	Elora	at	Orangeville	8:00 PM	
6/26/07	Jr. B East	Green Gaels	at	Markham	8:00 PM	Markham Village
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6/26/07	Jr. B East	Nepean	at	Gloucester	8:00 PM	

Ontario Lacrosse Festival just keeps getting bigger

By Roger Lajoie
Lacrosse Talk Ontario Editor

The Ontario Lacrosse Festival is nothing short of a phenomenal success story for the sport in Ontario.

The 2007 Ontario Lacrosse Festival will be the fourth annual Festival and this year’s event is really living up to its name – as a Festival celebration of the sport in every sense of the word.

Last year 4,370 athletes representing 230 teams from across Ontario and the country took part in the event, with this year’s Festival sure to be even bigger than it was last August.

“This event brings out some of the best young athletes in Canada for what is really a celebration of the sport of lacrosse,” says Festival Chair Ron MacSpadyen of the Ontario Lacrosse Association.

“The response from the first three years has been tremendous and we expect more of the same this August.”

Last year’s lineup of games and events really was staggering, with 17 national and provincial championship divisions of competition taking place over the 10-day Festival. Players from age four to 12 took part, and also got to enjoy numerous exhibits, like the outdoor Festival Fun Zone, which was filled with sponsors and exhibits showcasing unique lacrosse related experiences that the whole family could enjoy.

And whole families certainly did enjoy! More than 25,000 spectators attended the Festival, making it by far the largest lacrosse event of its kind anywhere in Canada last year.

Two national champions were crowned at last year’s Festival, as the peewee lacrosse championship of Canada and the bantam lacrosse championship of the country were part of the program. Also contested were provincial championships in peewee, tyke and novice categories, along with the Ontario peewee girls provincials and a special paperweight shootout featuring players aged four to six.

Once again this year there will be lots of inter-active activities for kids of all ages, all of the latest lacrosse equipment and supplies will be on display, and the Toronto Rock and the National Lacrosse League will be prominently featured as well.

But the Festival never stays stagnant, not with MacSpadyen running the show.

“We’re always looking for new ways to add more excitement and get more and more people and sponsors involved,” he says.

New to the 2007 Festival will be a Junior A All-Star Game, sure to be a big hit; the addition of Gait as the new presenting sponsor of the event, and the expansion of the girls box provincials from one day to two days.

“The economic impact of a mass-attendance event like the Festival on a market like the Oshawa-Whitby area brings in millions of dollars in economic activity,” MacSpadyen adds.

“There really is something for all fans of lacrosse. It’s a can’t miss event for fans of this great game.”

There are still limited sponsorship opportunities available for this year’s Festival, so for further information contact MacSpadyen at 416-426-7068 or at ron@ontariolacrosse.com.

For all the news on-line on the Festival, visit www.ontariolacrossefestival.com.

2007 OLA Calendar of Events

May 2007			16-17	Boyd Balkwill Memorial Tourn.	Orillia	20-22	Masters Invitational - Owen Sound	Owen Sound
6	Coaching Clinic: Clarington	Bowmanville	16	Junior "B" All-star Game	Guelph	20-22	Six Nations Confederacy	Six Nations
25-27	OMFLL Provincial Field Champs	Kitchener	22-24	Masters Invitational - Huntsville	Huntsville	20-22	Halton Hills Bulldog Classic	Halton Hills
26-27	Jack Bionda Shootout	Huntsville	22-24	Barry Burman Shootout	Orangeville	20-22	Clarington Dan Greer Memorial	Clarington
31 - June 3	NOTL Thunderhawks Tournament	NOTL	23	Arthur Pee wee Tournament	Arthur	21-22	Senior Women's Field Provincials	Brampton
31-June 3	Cornwall Veterans Memorial	Cornwall	23-24	St. Catharines Art Brown Tourn	St. Catharines	26-29	Welland Greg Campbell Memorial	Welland
June 2007			24	Troy McDougall Memorial	Arthur	27-29	2nd Provincial "A" Qualifier Tourn	Whitby
1-3	Innisfil Wolfpack Shootout	Innisfil	29 - July 1	West Durham Rock Classic	West Durham	28-29	U19 Girls Field Provincials	Owen Sound
1-3	Six Nations Memorial	Six Nations	29 - July 1	Hamilton Super Series	Hamilton	August 2007		
1-3	Ruth Dietrich Memorial	Kitchener	30 - July 2	Midland Civitan Invitational	Midland	3-12	Ontario Lacrosse Festival	Whitby
1-3	Peterborough Laker Classic	Peterborough	July 2007			3-5	Pee Wee Provincial Championships	Whitby
1	OLA Golf Tournament	Cambridge	1	Rating Appeal Meeting		4-12	Women's World Lacrosse Festival	Peterborough
		Golf & Coun- try Club	3	Final Ratings Release	OLA Website	5-7	Tyke Provincial Championships	Whitby
			5-8	NOTL Thunderhawks Tournament	NOTL	5-11	Pee Wee Lacrosse Championship of Canada	
2	Arthur Bantam Tournament	Arthur	6-8	Herb Lee Memorial	Sarnia	5-11	Bantam Lacrosse Championship of Canada	
2	Elora PeeWee Tournament	Elora	6-8	Scott Gerrie Memorial	Fergus	7	Paperweight Shootout	Whitby
3	Elora Bantam Tournament	Elora	6-8	Ray Broadworth Memorial	Gloucester	8-9	Girls Box Lacrosse Provincials	Whitby
3	Arthur Novice Tournament	Arthur	6-8	Jack Bionda Shootout	Huntsville	9	Junior "A" All-star Game	Whitby
8-10	Masters Invitational - Midland	Midland	6-8	Bill Buckley Summer Classic	Hamilton	10-12	Novice Provincial Championships	Whitby
8-9	Spartan Marj Bazlewski	NOTL	7-8	OLA Prov Tourn. Scheduling Mtg	Toronto	10-12	Midget Provincial Championships	Kitchener
8-10	Milton Invitational	Milton	7	Arthur Midget Tournament	Arthur	10-12	U15 Girls Field Provincials	Peterborough
8-10	John McCauley Tournament	Brampton	7-8	EG/Newmarket Redbirds Invit	EG/Newmark	25 - Sept 1	Minto Cup	New Westminister, BC
9-10	Stayner Fair Play Tournament	Stayner	7-8	Cambridge Chiefs Tournament	Cambridge	31 - Sept 3	First Nations Trophy	Kitchener
9-10	Shelburne V-Day Tournament	Shelburne	7	Bonnie Falkiner Memorial	Orangeville	31 - Sept 3	Alumni Cup	Kitchener
9	Elora Midget Tournament	Elora	13-15	1st Provincial "A" Qualifer Tourn	Whitby	September 2007		
10	Elora Intermediate Tournament	Elora	13-15	Barrie Tornado Classic	Barrie	7-15	Mann Cup	BC
15-17	Harry Kazarian Tournament	Owen Sound	13-15	Spartan Fred Conradi	NOTL	22	Laurie Montgomery Fall Harvest Field Shootout	
15-17	Chuck Miller Royal City Classic	Guelph	13-15	Nickel City Classic	Sudbury	October 2007		
15-17	Bob Patching Tournament	Caledon	13-15	Jack Bionda Shootout	Huntsville	5-7	Ross Cup/Victory Trophy	Coquitlam, BC
16-17	Toronto Stars Girls Invitational	Toronto	14-15	Elora Minor Tournament	Elora	27-28	Women's University Field Lacrosse Finals	
16-17	Stayner Fair Play Tournament	Stayner	16	ProvTourn Schedules Released	OLA Website	November 2007		
16-17	North Perth Outlaws Tournament	Wingham	19-22	Nepean Knights 11th Annual	Nepean	2-4	AGM	Sheraton Fallsview - Niagara Falls



DYNAMIC AND COMMUNITY SPIRITED LEAGUE COMMISSIONER NEEDED TO LEAD CUFLA

CUFLA is the National governing body of the Canadian University Field Lacrosse Association.

The CUFLA management committee is now welcoming applications for the position of LEAGUE COMMISSIONER.

Make your mark on Canadian University Sports!

This skilled and passionate team leader will be equally comfortable in delivering compelling corporate boardroom presentations and motivating a diverse and enthusiastic group of team and academic volunteers.

The Commissioner will be empowered to build an action oriented executive team that can support his/her mandate for creating a five year business plan that sustains the positive growth of our sport to:

- *Spearhead league expansion, building national university participation in all provinces.
- *Raise public profile and corporate sponsor participation for the Bagattaway Cup, the annual Canadian University field lacrosse championship event
- *Work with all national academic governing bodies to achieve OUA/CIS status
- *Oversee the day to day operations of the league

This is volunteer position, with honorariums set up for all members of the CUFLA executive, providing a unique opportunity for a dynamic, enthusiastic, community spirited leader to have a significant and immediate impact on the Canadian academic and amateur sports landscape.

All applicants are welcome and will be considered.

Applications should be submitted prior to May 1st, 2007:
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National Rankings
(Rankings as of May 13, 2007)

Senior A Lacrosse Top Seven

- 1 Peterborough Lakers (0-0)
- 2 Victoria Shamrocks (0-0)
- 3 Coquitlam Adanacs (0-0)
- 4 Brampton Excelsiors (0-0)
- 5 Barrie Lakeshores (0-0)
- 6 New West Salmonbellies (0-0)
- 7 Brooklin Redmen (0-0)

Junior A Lacrosse Top Ten

- 1 Six Nations Arrows (0-0)
- 2 Burnaby Lakers (4-0)
- 3 Whitby Warriors (1-0)
- 4 Peterborough Lakers (1-1)
- 5 St. Catharines Athletics (0-0)
- 6 Coquitlam Adanacs (5-0)
- 7 Toronto Beaches (0-0)
- 8 Victoria Shamrocks (3-1)
- 9 Orangeville Northmen (1-0)
- 10 New West Salmonbellies (1-2)

Lacrosse can't survive without the efforts of volunteers

Lacrosse is such a great sport because it really is different from most other sports.

I mean when you think about it, there are so many skills a player needs to excel at this great game – hand/eye co-ordination, great foot speed, the ability to take and absorb a hit – there are so many elements that go into making a great lacrosse player.

You can play lacrosse on the floor or on a field, you can play it in the winter or in the summer; unlike other sports there really is no lacrosse “season” any more, when you consider the professional, amateur and collegiate play that goes on pretty much all year round now. Box lacrosse and field lacrosse are vastly different sports too – how many other sports can you say that about?

But there is one thing that lacrosse has in common with every other sport - it has to battle to keep the costs down for the kids that play it, and battle for every sponsorship dollar it can get its hand on.

So lacrosse does have a kinship with other sports – it doesn't work without the efforts of hundreds of volunteers.

A friend of mine has coached minor lacrosse and hockey for many years, giving countless hundreds of hours of his time to the sport and the kids that play it. He really loves doing it, don't get me wrong, but he made an interesting comment to me when I ran into him at a Junior A hockey game this winter.

“If everybody who volunteered in minor sports had to be paid, minor sports would either fold or cost 10 times what they do now,” he said. “And if I had a dollar for every hour I've given over the years, well I wouldn't be rich but I'd sure be driving a lot better car than I am now!”

There wasn't a trace of bitterness in my friend's voice, he was just telling it like it is. He loves lacrosse, he's happy to volunteer and he'll do it till the day he can't do it physically anymore.

But his point is so true. Just imagine trying to run one a lacrosse league or team or tournament without any volunteers. They wouldn't exist – or it'd be \$5,000 to play and \$500 to watch!

So as the summer box season gets into gear

and as the winter professional season winds down, it's a good time to mention that volunteers are desperately needed by many amateur lacrosse groups for the upcoming seasons and tournaments.

Yes, again.

The need for people to give some time to help out organizing, coaching, referring, scoring – whatever – gets bigger and bigger each year in lacrosse as the number of kids playing this great game gets bigger and bigger.

If you can spare a good chunk of your summer, or a week, or a weekend, or a day, or heck even an hour, then there is a “job” for you with your local lacrosse organization this coming season.

There are so many leagues and teams you can get involved with locally, but even the Ontario Lacrosse Association is looking for help on a grander scale this season.

There are all of the provincial tournaments at the Ontario Lacrosse Festival in Whitby for instance, and other tournaments in Guelph, St. Catharines and Midland in later August. Expe-

rience isn't a must, but a passion and love for this great game is.

If you can spare some time, please contact Marion Ladouceur at 905-734-9367 or at the.lads@sympatico.ca (for the Whitby events), or Kathy French at 519-942-0982 or kathy.french@rogers.com (for the other tournaments).

Or better still, just pop by your local lacrosse association and say you'd like to lend a helping hand. I'm sure they could use one.

Hey, being a volunteer in lacrosse won't get you a nicer car, but it will give you a great feeling of satisfaction that you've helped some kids play this great, great game.

Enjoy your lacrosse summer everybody.

BCLA and Warrior Sports Canada sign deal



The British Columbia Lacrosse Association (BCLA) is excited to announce a blockbuster sponsorship agreement with Warrior Sports Canada.

BRINE Canada has been a major sponsor of the BCLA over the last decade. Since BRINE Canada was absorbed by Warrior Sports Canada, a part of the New Balance Canada Inc. family, it was a natural fit for the BCLA and Warrior to join forces and carry on with programs while identifying new opportunities.

“We are excited to reach such an agreement with Warrior Sports Canada,” stated BCLA President Sohen Gill. “BRINE has been a great relationship for us and it's reassuring to know Warrior was ready to continue the affiliation.”

The BCLA and Warrior Sports Canada have approved a multi-year agreement encompassing various BCLA box and field lacrosse programs. Some such programs include components like the Warrior Most Valuable Player Awards, Warrior Fairplay Awards, volunteer recognitions and being the uniform sponsor of the Team BC Pee Wee and Bantam squads competing at the National Championships in Whitby, Ontario.

“Warrior Sports Canada is committed to supporting the game of Lacrosse at the grass roots level, stated Warrior's Jason Ryan. “We are pleased and committed to play our part in increasing the participation of Canada's National Sport.”

“We are proud of the relationships we have developed and feel strongly that this long term commitment to the British Columbia Lacrosse Association demonstrates our dedication to the game. We look forward to strengthening our existing relationship with the BCLA and its members,” said Ryan.

Warrior produces lacrosse equipment including sticks, gloves, helmets and body protection for arms, shoulders and ribs; accessories like balls, bags and goals; various apparel and footwear.

“Warrior is an innovator in the lacrosse business,” said BCLA Marketing Director Jeff Gombar. “This sponsorship will certainly raise the bar for BCLA programs and events.”



Hamilton celebrates 30 years of its its Super City Lacrosse

By Gary Gallant

I am sure the pioneers of the Hamilton Lacrosse Association didn't see their tournament going through a number of changes and eventually growing into a premier lacrosse event.

Thirty years ago the decision was made to host a tournament to allow some of the fine young lacrosse players to show their wares. The Dairy Industry was recruited as a sponsor and they were off and running.

I was recently approached by an elderly gentleman while wearing a Hamilton lacrosse shirt, and he asked me if we still had the “milk tournament.” That's the strong impression that was made.

The format changed, and for a number of years it was known as “Super City.” The idea behind this was that the arguably eight top centres from across Ontario would send their entire contingent of teams from tyke through midget to the tournament.

Points would be accumulated by each team, and the centre with the highest aggregate number of points at the end of the weekend was crowned “Super City.” It was unique in the fact that the midgets and bantams could be found going wild at a tyke game cheering on the residents of their hometown as the standings got tighter through the weekend...that's civic pride at its best.

The plaque still hangs in my basement that proclaims Hamilton as Super City '80, signed by our then mayor, John (Jack) MacDonald , and HLA president Bill Buckley.

The tournament has undergone more changes, and is now an A/B tournament that attracts teams from not only Ontario, but other parts of Canada as well.

In 2005 we had a team take part from New Westminster B.C., and 2006 saw two teams from New Westminster (one a girls' team) travel to Hamilton for the weekend festivities, as well as a team from Calgary, Alberta.

This tournament is growing, and dare we say, may be the premier lacrosse event in Ontario after The Ontario Lacrosse Festival.

This year we are once again looking forward to great weekend of lacrosse, and would invite teams to visit our website at WWW.HAMILTONLACROSSE.COM to apply for this event.

We are at year 30 now, getting better, not older. Join us for a great Canada Day weekend of our National Summer Sport.



British Columbia Lacrosse Association

WLA 2007 Schedule

May					
Fri 11	Langley	at	Burnaby	7:45	Copeland
Sun 13	Victoria	at	Maple Ridge	6:45	Planet Ice
Wed 16	New West	at	Langley	7:45	Langley
Fri 18	Nanaimo	at	Victoria	7:45	Bear Mountain
Fri 18	Maple Ridge	at	Burnaby	7:45	Copeland
Sat 19	Burnaby	at	Nanaimo	7:00	Nanaimo
Sun 20	Langley	at	Maple Ridge	7:45	Planet Ice
Thur 24	Victoria	at	New West	7:45	Queens Park
Fri 25	Langley	at	Victoria	7:46	Bear Mountain
Fri 25	Coquitlam	at	Burnaby	7:45	Copeland
Sat 26	Langley	at	Nanaimo	7:00	Nanaimo
Sat 26	Maple Ridge	at	Coquitlam	7:45	Coquitlam
Sun 27	New West	at	Maple Ridge	6:45	Planet Ice
Wed 30	Coquitlam	at	Langley	7:45	Langley
Thur 31	Burnaby	at	New West	7:45	Queens Park
June					
Fri 1	Maple Ridge	at	Victoria	7:45	Bear Mountain
Sat 2	Maple Ridge	at	Nanaimo	7:00	Nanaimo
Sat 2	Langley	at	Coquitlam	7:45	Coquitlam
Wed 6	Burnaby	at	Victoria	7:45	Bear Mountain
Thur 7	Langley	at	New West	7:45	Queens Park
Fri 8	Nanaimo	at	Burnaby	7:45	Copeland
Sat 9	Nanaimo	at	Coquitlam	7:45	Coquitlam
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Ken Webb

By: Stan Shillington

"O1' 97" was a lightning-fast power train in West Coast lacrosse, steaming down the playing floor with break-neck speed.

Unfortunately, for both Ken Webb and his many fans, his athletic career kept getting side-tracked — and finally derailed — by a series on injuries. Otherwise, his 300-plus goals would undoubtedly have surpassed 500.

Born September 11, 1926, Kenneth Roy Webb was just 11 years old when a sports enthusiast gave him an old Henry Baker goal stick. While watching older boys playing field lacrosse at Dunbar West Memorial Park, Ken was soon hooked. He later upgraded his weapon-of-choice to a 50-cent Lally Special and joined a boxla team at Point Grey Junior High School.

After taking his Point Grey Midget club to two Vancouver City finals, Ken's Juvenile "B" team captured the 1941 provincial championship. So outstanding was his performance with the gutted stick that Ken was called up to the Richmond Farmers' senior squad for two games even though he had not yet reached the age of 16.

Again, 1942, he played a pair of senior games and, then, in 1943, Ken joined the Richmond seniors permanently. Still only 17 years old, Ken proved his star quality with a 33-goal season.

Now in the Armed Services, Ken lined up with the Navy team in 1944 that resulted in a 71-point season. The next six seasons were again with Richmond and, when the Farmers ceased operations following 1950, Ken joined Vancouver for another three years.

During his 214-game career, Ken racked up 302 goals and 101 assists for 403 points but, oh those numbers would have been so much higher if injuries hadn't plagued him.

Indeed, his injury scoreboard looked more like a hospital charts 1943, back injury; 1945, broken left fibula and ankle; 1946, blood poisoning; 1947, torn right knee ligament and cartilage; 1949, pinched nerve; 1950, hyper-extended elbow; 1951, cracked rib, and 1953, torn left knee ligament. The multiple cuts, bruises and sprains were ignored.

The injuries finally forced him into early retirement after the 1953 campaign — he was just 27 years of age.

Ken's old teammates nicknamed him "O1' 97" so it came as no surprised that he became one of the first lacrosse players to wear a high number on his sweater — yes, of course, it was "97."



Roy Cavallin

By: Stan Shillington

Without a doubt, he was the Burrards’ own Energizer Bunny.

Bubbling with the tenacity of a bantam rooster, Roy “Fritzie” Cavallin injected a spirit of determination that has become the hallmark of the Burrards’ organization over its 70-year life span.

While other 125-pounders played dippy-doodle lacrosse, devil-may-care Fritzie smashed and bashed his way about the playing floor, which usually resulted in a goal or three. and/or a new cut or bump on his balding pate.

The competitive fire burning inside Fritzie made him oblivious to the size or reputation of any opponent. Undoubtedly, his most memorable battle pitted him against 220-pound Norm Baker. Oldtimers still recall the royal battle they staged for a good five minutes before they could be separated.

But, enroute to the penalty box, Roy’s stick just happened to find its way between Baker’s legs. Down went Baker, and the all-out battle resumed for another five minutes.

Oh, yes, the two combatants later shared a beer and a good-hearted laugh.

Who, then, would make a good official? You’re right! In 1961, after he mothballed his equipment and stick, the bandy-legged dynamo became the Inter-City Lacrosse League’s referee-in-chief — he even took up a whistle and handled 26 senior games.

During Roy’s 15-year, 326-game senior career, he earned a hefty 513 goals and 261 assists for 774 points. His goal total included 64 hattricks.

Much has been said about his fiery play but it was more flare than folly. Fritzie racked up a total of 567 minutes in penalties, paltry when compared with Burrards’ top three badmen — Ward Sanderson (1,647), Ron Pinder (1,207) and Bill Chisholm (1,157).

Probably as famous as his playing grit was his proficiency in taping the knees and ankles of athletes.

It began back in 1938 when Indians’ Ray Baker ran into Roy, badly twisting his knee. Former newspaper photographer Chuck Jones taught Roy how to apply tape to strengthen injured or weak joints. Soon, Fritzie was not only doing his own knees, but those of his teammates, as well. Heck, on occasion, he also helped opposition players.

In 1954, Cavallin became the first trainer for the B.C. Lions football club, a position he held off-and-on until 1961 when he began and 18-year stint as the full-time trainer. That’s when Fritzie picked up his second nickname. Quarterback Joe Kapp took one look at Roy’s craggy face and immediately dubbed him “Rocky.”

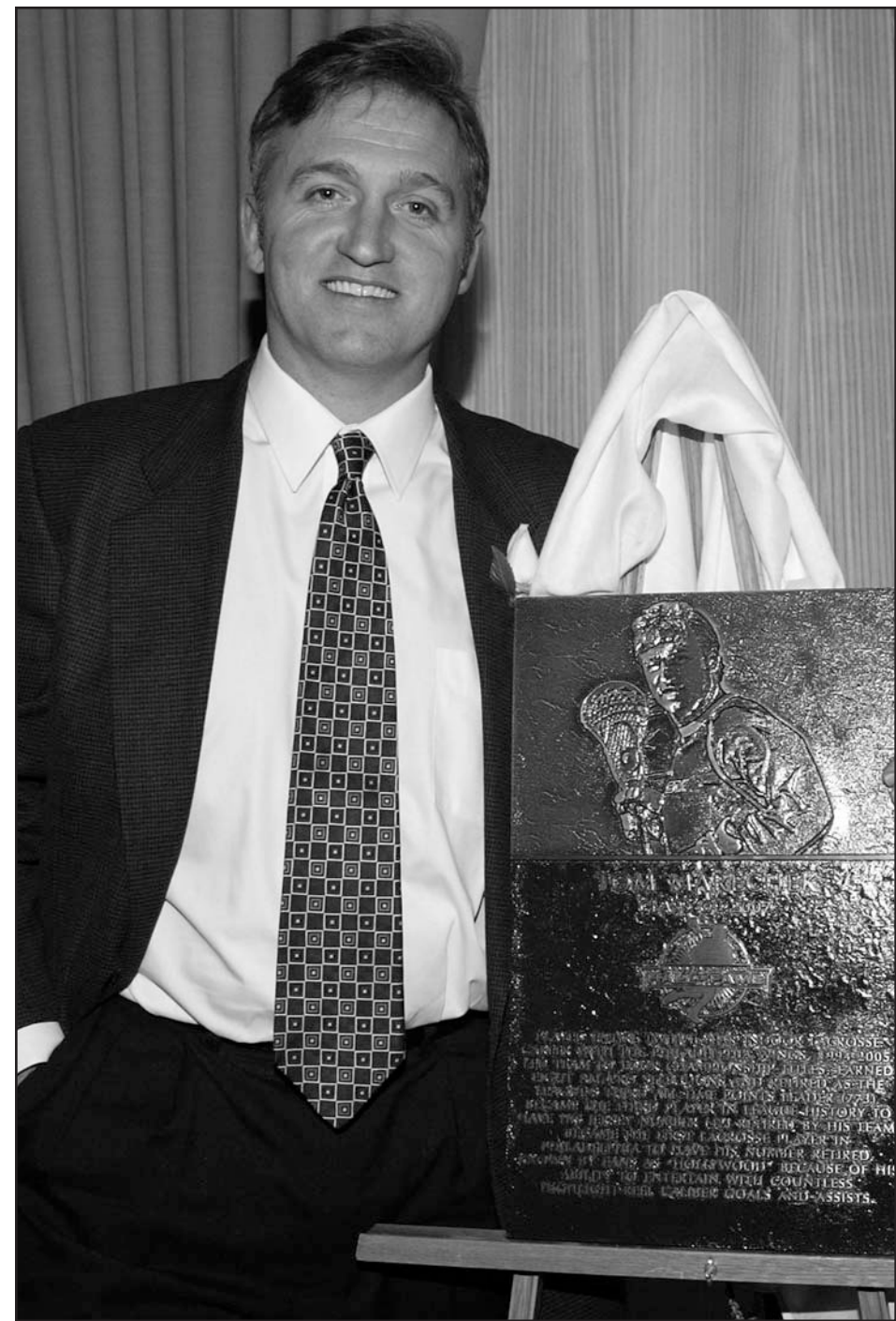
Roy went to the Mann Cup championships on five occasions — 1940, 1945, 1949 and 1951 with Burrards and, in 1943, as a pickup player with Salmonbellies.

Roy Cavallin was inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1970.

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May	11	Burnaby	Pt. Coq	8:00 PM	Pt. Coquitlam Rec Centre	
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May	18	Delta	Pt. Coq	8:00 PM	Pt. Coquitlam Rec Centre	
May	19	Nanaimo	Delta	7:30 PM	Sungod Arena	
May	19	Pt. Coq	Victoria	5:00 PM	Bear Mountain Arena	
May	20	New West	Burnaby	7:00 PM	Bill Copeland Arena	
May	20	Victoria	Surrey	1:30 PM	Centennial Arena White Rock	
May	20	Coquitlam	Nanaimo	7:00 PM	Nanaimo Ice Centre	
May	22	Pt. Coq	New West	8:00 PM	Queens Park Arena	
May	23	Delta	Coquitlam	8:00 PM	Coquitlam Rec Centre	
May	24	Burnaby	Surrey	8:00 PM	North Surrey Rec Centre	
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June	3	Nanaimo	Burnaby	5:00 PM	Kensington	
June	3	Victoria	New West	3:00 PM	Queens Park Arena	
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June	8	New West	Pt. Coq	8:00 PM	Pt. Coquitlam Rec Centre	
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July	7	Burnaby	Victoria	5:00 PM	Bear Mountain Arena	
July	8	Surrey	Burnaby	7:00 PM	Bill Copeland Arena	
July	8	Victoria	Coquitlam	5:00 PM	Coquitlam Rec Centre	
July	8	Nanaimo	New West	3:00 PM	Queens Park Arena	

NLL Inducts Second Class To Hall Of Fame

Marechek, Kilgour, French and Borrelli honored



Tom Marecheck

By: *NLL.com*

The 2007 National Lacrosse League Hall of Fame induction ceremonies took place Friday February 23, 2007 at the Racquet Club of Philadelphia. The second class of the NLL Hall of Fame consists of three Hall of Fame Inductees; Wings co-owner Mike French; retired Wings player Tom Marechek and Bandits head coach and former player Darris Kilgour. The Hall also recognized lacrosse journalist Tom Borrelli, who has covered the Buffalo Bandits and the league as a whole for the past sixteen seasons.

Tom Marecheck was introduced to the Hall

of Fame by longtime teammate Kevin Finneran. When speaking about his career and love for the game of lacrosse, Marechek said, “The first time I stepped out onto the floor at the Spectrum in Philadelphia, in front of 17,000 fans, I knew playing in this league is where I wanted to be.”

The second member inducted into the 2007 Class of the NLL Hall of Fame was Wing co-owner and former player Mike French. He was formerly introduced to the Hall of Fame by his longtime friend and colleague, Russ Cline. Cline is an original founder of the NLL and a member of the inaugural class of the

NLL Hall of Fame.

“He (French) loved the game,” said Cline. “He’s a visionary who can drive the league forward. He proved that just being good isn’t enough, but it is enough to have character.”

The third member inducted into the 2007 Class was Darris Kilgour of the Buffalo Bandits. Darris was introduced by his brother and longtime teammate, Rich Kilgour.

“His (Darris) skills can effect the game in many ways,” said Rich. “He makes those around him better.”

To close the induction ceremonies, the NLL Hall of Fame recognized long time Buffalo Bandits beat writer and lacrosse journalist, Tom Borrelli.

Borrelli was introduced by former Bandits’ player Randy Mearns, who now covers the NLL from the press box himself.

“(Tom) has the same love and passion for the game of lacrosse that we as players have,” said Mearns.

“This is absolutely humbling to be here,” said Borrelli. “I’ve never had a bad night at a lacrosse game.”

Tom Marechek, Philadelphia Wings

Tom Marechek played twelve seasons (1994-2005) in the league, all with the Wings. Marechek retired at the end of the 2005 season as the league’s third all-time leading scorer with 773 points on 399 goals and 374 assists. Marechek added 69 post season points on 23 goals and 46 assists and led the Wings to four championships during his career. The Wings retired Marechek’s #42 on February 18, 2006, making him only the third NLL player in history to have his jersey number retired. Marechek earned eight All-Pro selections in his twelve seasons. He was named First Team All-Pro five times (1996, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001) and Second Team All-Pro three times (1995, 1998, 2003). Marechek was the sixth overall pick of the 1992 Entry Draft.

Darris Kilgour, Buffalo Bandits

Darris Kilgour was the first player ever drafted by the Buffalo Bandits, selected in 1991. He played nine seasons (1992-2000) in the league, eight of which he played for the Bandits. Kilgour scored 312 points on 144 goals and 168 assists. He added 61 post season points on 26 goals and 35 assists, and played on all three of Buffalo’s championship teams (1992, 1993, 1996), including the only team to go undefeated in league history (1993 Bandits, 10-0). Kilgour was named First Team All-Pro in 1998 and Second Team All-Pro twice during his career (1992, 1997). Following retirement from his playing career after the 2000 season, Kilgour has made the transition from winning player to winning head coach. From 2001 to the present, Kilgour has coached his teams in to the playoffs in all six of his seasons behind the bench. After a pair of

seasons in Washington, Kilgour returned home to coach the Bandits in 2003. In those four seasons, the Bandits have a 42-22 regular season record and two appearances in the championship game. Kilgour has quickly risen to fourth on the league’s all-time coaching wins list with 66.

Mike French, Philadelphia Wings

Mike French started with Philadelphia Wings as a player in 1987. He has been with the organization through each of its 20 seasons, serving as a player, coach, general manager and his current position as Executive Vice President and Co-Owner. As a player, French led the league in goals during the league’s inaugural season, scoring 14 goals in 1987 (six-game regular season). French went from player to General Manager in 1988, and presided over the start of the Wings dynasty. In his seven seasons as GM, Philadelphia went 33-17 in the regular season and 7-2 in the postseason, winning three championships (1989, 1990 & 1994). His duties with the team included a brief coaching stint in 1994, and a role as team advisor. Equally successful as a businessman, French ascended to the position of Co-Owner and Executive VP of the team in 1998, the first and only player in league history to own a significant piece of a league franchise.

As a leading team executive for the past nine years, French has served the league in several prominent roles, including as Chairman of the Expansion Committee. Since 2000, the league has expanded from eight to thirteen teams, and franchise values have increased dramatically. In addition to his league accomplishments, French was a three time All-American and College Player of the Year at Cornell University. He also served as captain of the Canadian national team during its first world championship in 1978. French is currently is the only member of both the Canadian and US Lacrosse Halls of Fame.

On June 16, 2005, the National Lacrosse League officially announced the establishment of the NLL Hall of Fame. It opened with five charter members who have made immeasurable contributions to the league and the sport of lacrosse. The five charter members of the National Lacrosse League Hall of Fame are league founders Russ Cline and Chris Fritz; legendary players Gary Gait and Paul Gait, and the late Les Bartley, the winningest coach in league history. The charter members of the National Lacrosse League Hall of Fame were officially inducted on February 23, 2006.

When peace was finally restored, the sharp-eyed referees, Hugh Gifford and Jack Wood, penalized an innocent Bo Bradford. Perhaps, this was Walt’s secret of keeping his penalty total as low as it was. Oh, well, in any case, Walt was the winner of the Maitland Trophy in 1941 for his outstanding play and sportsmanship.

Walt took part in five Canadian championships — 1940, 1945 and 1951 with Burrards and 1943 and 1944 as a pickup player with Salmonbellies. He was inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame in 1967.

Walt Lee

By: Stan Shillington

All outstanding entities enjoy greatness and longevity when, at their inception, the organization is given a solid foundation on which to build the future.

When Ed Bayley folded his Bluebirds lacrosse franchise and joined Bill Calder and Les Dickinson to established the Vancouver Burrards club in 1937, one of the first players he signed was his Bluebirds’ netminder Walt Lee.

That bright decision established a tradition of stability that has sustained the lacrosse club throughout its 70 years of life.

All-star goaltanders such as Jack Green, Stan Joseph, Don Hamilton and Dave Evans have all followed, but Walt Lee was the cornerstone that set out the tradition.

Reporter Jim Kearney once wrote: “Veteran Walt Lee, No. 1 firehall’s gift to the Burrard lacrosse team, was a good deal hotter at the Forum last night than any blaze he ever attended as a smoke-eater.” Writer Jack Richards observed: “To say that the portly gentleman in blue was terrific would be an understatement of the rankest sort — he was so hot that the paint almost peeled off the goalposts.”

During an 18-year, 479-game career (15 years and 406 games with the Burrards), Walt

faced an incredible 16,965 shots. Little wonder he announced retirement on several occasions, but always bounced back. Then, before he finally packed away his gear at the age of 38, Walt spent a season tutoring Jack Gree on the shooting idiosyncrasies of opposing players.

Walt was considered a gentleman in a violent sport, receiving only 21 minutes in penalties in his 479 games. But he did have his moments! For example, there was the night at the Forum in 1938 when Walt’s injudicious actions led to a near riot. Teammate John Dale cracked Indians’ Harry Newman over the eye. Walt then fell on the prostate of Newman with both knees in the back.

PEPSI BCLA 2007 Youth Field Provincial Results

The PEPSI BC Lacrosse Association Under 11 and Under 13 Tier 1 & 2 Field Lacrosse Provincials took place March 23 - 25, 2007 at the Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre and Velodrome, in Victoria, BC. Twenty-eight teams from Vancouver Island, the Lower Mainland and the Interior battled in continuous rain with wet and muddy conditions.

The Under 11 and 13 medal round scores were: U11 Tier 2 Bronze Burnaby 7, Abbotsford 6; U11 Tier 2 Gold Pacific Rim 4, Delta 1; U11 Tier 1 Bronze Adanacs 4, South Fraser 2; U11 Tier 1 Gold Poco 7, Delta 1; U13 Tier 2 Bronze Abbotsford 5, North Shore 4; U13 Tier 2 Gold Kamloops 5, Richmond 3; U13 Tier 1 Bronze Nanaimo 6, Langley 5; and U13 Tier 1 Gold New West 7, South Fraser 6.

U11 and U13 Tournament Warrior Most Valuable Players were: U13 Tier 1 Brett Dobray (Langley); U13 Tier 2 Ben Saklofsky (Kamloops); U11 Tier 1 Tyler Pace (Poco); U11 Tier 2 Marcus Davis (Pac Rim)

Warrior Fair Play Players Award recipients were: U13 Tier 1 Reese Robinson (New West); Jacob Blesch (Langley); Tyson McNamara (South Fraser); Justin da Silva (Adanacs); Chris Carlos (Oceanside); Aaron Moore (Nanaimo). U13 Tier 2 Tanner Hodgson (Pac Rim); Ethan Denton (Kamloops); Matthew Sahota (Richmond); Scott Slym (Victoria); Brett Carlson (Abbotsford); Connor Jensen (North Shore). U11 Tier 1 Connor Robinson (New West); Jonathan Phillips (Delta); Carter Renard (South Fraser); Landen Wray (Adanacs); Justin Gillespie (Poco); Johnny Pearson (Langley). U11 Tier 2 Ben Cawthorne (Nanaimo); Michael Yuill (Pac Rim); Clint Hunter (Abbotsford); Jacob Tiefisher (Ridge Meadows); Stuart Smith (Okanagan); Kyle Julian (Victoria).

Warrior Fair Play Coaches were: U13 Tier 1 Barry Castagner (New West); U13 Tier 2 Paul Sahota (Richmond); U11 Tier 1 John Pearson (Langley); U11 Tier 2 Mike Kinna (Ridge Meadows). The Warrior Fair Play Official was Nate Chaisson.

The Under 15 and Under 17 Tier 1 & 2 Field Lacrosse Provincials took place March 29 to April 1, 2007 at the Burnaby Lake West Complex, in Burnaby, BC. Twenty eight teams from Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland competed at the 4-day event. The weather greatly improved for most of the event with great action viewed by some large crowds.

The Under 15 and 17 medal round scores were: U15 Tier 2 Bronze Nanaimo 5, Oceanside 4; U15 Tier 2 Gold Poco 10, Abbotsford 6; U15 Tier 1 Bronze Ridge Meadows 11, New West 10; U15 Tier 1 Gold Adanacs 14, Delta 10; U17 Tier 2 Bronze Mission 12, Vancouver 9; U17 Tier 2 Gold Victoria 10, Interior 4; U17 Tier 1 Bronze Delta 18, Poco 9; and U17 Tier 1 Gold New West 7, Pacific Rim 6.

U15 and U17 Tournament Warrior Most Valuable Players were: U15 Tier 1 Matthew Dinsdale (Adanacs); U15 Tier 2 Richard Lachlan (Poco); U17 Tier 1 Leif Mysdske (New West); and U17 Tier 2 Kyle Hofer (Victoria).

Warrior Fair Play Players Award recipients were: U15 Tier 1 Brad Lucas (Adanacs #2); Cody Hawkins (Delta); Ryan Zoehner (Adanacs #1); Reid Mysdske (New West); Kieran Limming (Pac Rim); Brock Whiteley (Ridge Meadows); Connor Campbell (South Fraser). U15 Tier 2 Jake Gillespie (Poco); Ken Gurney (Mission); Jamie Schuler (Adanacs #3); Steven Kelly (Abbotsford); Anthony Zanusso (Langley); Robert Devries (Oceanside) ; Jordan Barch (Kamloops); Ryan Eng (Nanaimo). U17 Tier 1 Mike Essel (Delta); Matt Laustrup (Poco); Blake Mattinson (Coquitlam); Daniel McQuade (New West); Graham Henry (Pac Rim); Morgan Mitchell (Nanaimo). U17 Tier 2 Peter Watson (Victoria); Leigh Besanger (Interior); Sharlene Lobo (South Fraser); Daniel Jonsson (Ridge Meadows); Justin Bianchini (Langley); Jesse Boutiller (Mission); Spencer Matsuzaki (Vancouver).



U11 Tier I - Gold Medal Port Coquitlam



U11 Tier II - Gold Medal Pacific Rim



U13 Tier I - Gold Medal New Westminster



U13 Tier II - Gold Medal Kamloops

Warrior Fair Play Coaches: U17 Tier 1 Travis Gillespie (New West); U-17 Tier 2 Doug Deschner (Interior); U15 Tier 1 Paul Meakes (Pacific Rim); and U15 Tier 2 Brent Boutilier (Mission). The Warrior Fair Play Official was Mark Tymchuck of Vancouver Island.

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Harry Buchanan

By: Stan Shillington

He was “class” personified, the Mr. Finesse of lacrosse.

Harry Buchanan broke into senior lacrosse with the Vancouver Burrards in 1944 at the tender age of 18. Twelve years later, even though he had surpassed the 70-point mark for the fifth time in his career, Harry hung up his lacrosse stick in retirement.

But before bowing out of his remarkable playing career in 1955, the man known as “Buck” had amassed 831 points on 424 goals and 407 assists in 397 games. Included in his accomplishments were 54 career hattricks.

Lacrosse was Harry’s preference but certainly not his only sport. As an outstanding soccer player, he was a member of the B.C. juvenile champions in the 4th, 3rd, 2nd, and 1st divisions, the B.C. Junior champ and two Imperial Cup titles. Buck also played a season in the senior fastball league and participated in hockey and basketball.

All this compacted in a body that never topped 140 pounds.

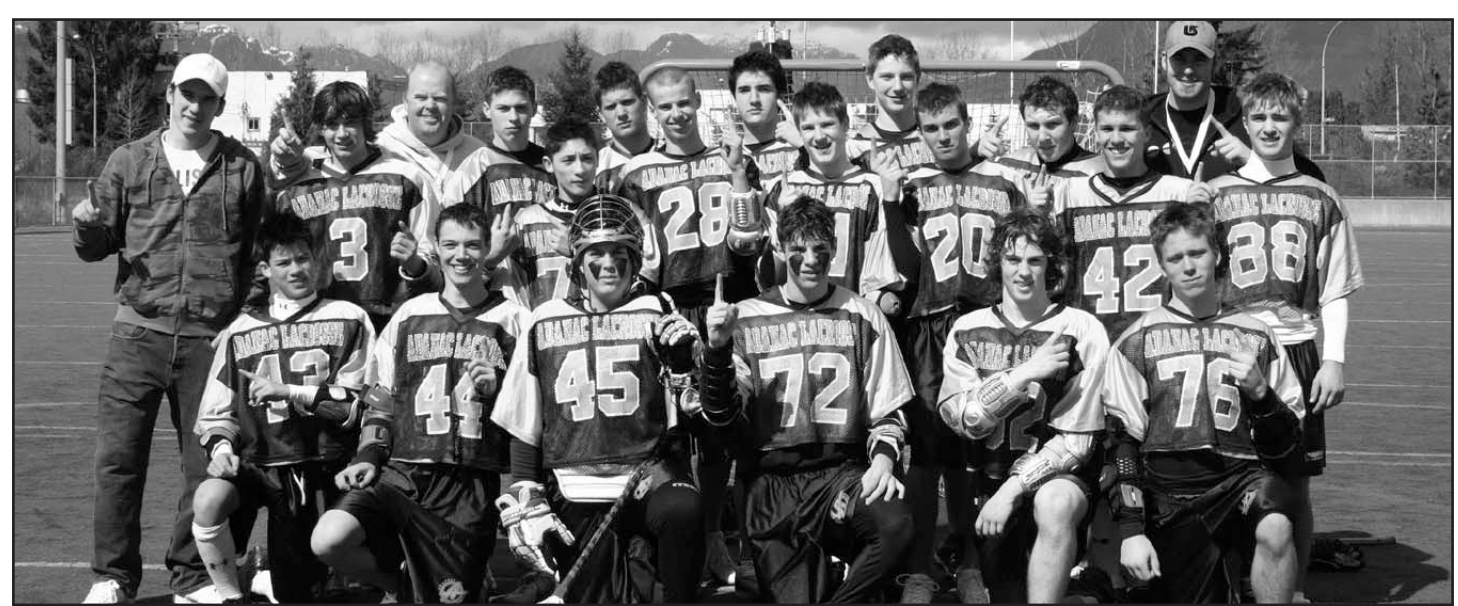
Somehow Harry found time to coach the 1948 Minto Cup champions and conduct minor lacrosse clinics, particularly in the Williams Lake district.

Two teammates of Harry in the Burrards’ livery were younger brothers Elmer and Russ.

Five of the 12 boxla seasons saw Harry go to the Mann Cup finals -1945, 1949, 1951 and 1952 with Burrards and 1944 as a pickup player with Salmonbellies. Harry was awarded the Maitland Trophy in 1949, the same year he shared the scoring title with Jim Anderson and Whitey Severson.

Perhaps there is no greater honour for an athlete than to earn the respect of your peers. When former teammate and coach John Cavallin was inducted into the Canadian Lacrosse Hall of Fame, he humbly commented that he could think of at least a dozen others who should have been there before him; but, the only name he specifically mentioned was Harry Buchanan.

And Buck did indeed join Cavallin in the Hall in 1976.



U15 Tier I - Gold Medal Adanacs



U15 Tier II - Gold Medal Port Coquitlam



U17 Tier I - Gold Medal New Westminster



U17 Tier II - Gold Medal Victoria

SFU Lacrosse on its way back to the head of the class

By: William Howard, SFU Lacrosse Media Relations

Vince Lombardi once said that “the only place that success comes before work is in the dictionary.” With a reputation as one of the most successful collegiate club lacrosse programs in North America, SFU Lacrosse has turned the page after two rebuilding seasons to re-write the definition of its program and recapture its place amongst the Men’s Collegiate Lacrosse Association’s (MCLA) elite.

After beginning the 2007 season unranked, the Clan have climbed their way back to National recognition by posting an 8-1 regular season and earning the #21 spot on the latest Shamrock Lacrosse MCLA Division A Top 25 Poll (April 11/07.) They have also emerged as one of the nation’s most potent offences, averaging a league high 19 goals per game. A lone loss in their second game of the season to the #3 ranked University of Oregon Ducks.

At the helm of a “New” look SFU Lacrosse team are third year Co-Head Coaches Brent Hoskins and Jeff Cathrea. Both former All-Americans at SFU, Hoskins (’02) & Cathrea (’00) are no strangers to success at the collegiate level and helped produce the Clan’s best season to date as players, placing 2nd in the 1999 USLIA National Championship Final. Back then, the Clan were coached by long time National Team Goalie and now Team Canada Assistant Coach, Jeff Gombar. Gombar would step down at the end of the ’99 season but would re-unite with Hoskins & Cathrea as the program’s Head Goaltender Coach in 2005. This past summer, Gombar was also part of one of the biggest victories in Canadian lacrosse history when Team Canada defeated Team USA to win its first World Championship in 28 years. This victory would hold great significance for the Clan who are the only Canadian member out of over 200 collegiate club teams coast to coast in the United States.

“Every year at our Summer Camps we talk to the next generation of lacrosse athletes about setting goals and using their passion for lacrosse to provide opportunities for their future,” commented Hoskins. “This year we were able to add something special as Coach Gombar shared his lacrosse experiences that eventually made him a World Champion.”

Gombar’s message was of pride, commitment and perseverance and would not only touch the lives of each camper but would also provide a reminder of SFU’s ultimate goal of becoming the first Canadian University to capture the coveted US MCLA crown. The Clan have also adopted the moniker of “Canada’s Team.” A tribute to their heritage and recognition of their place at the top of collegiate lacrosse north of the 49th parallel.

Cathrea added, “From an Alumni perspective, it is always important to remember your roots and appreciate where you have come from. As coaches however, our focus is on where we are going and what it takes to get there. It is about working hard and forging an identity.”

Part of this identity has been a focus on excellence on and off the field. Both Hoskins and Cathrea place a great deal of emphasis on academics and their teams have excelled in the classroom, producing the programs first 2 Academic All-Americans and maintaining the programs best academic record. They have also compiled a strict practice schedule consisting of 4 two-hour practices a week starting at 6:45am.

“We get up early for practice and we focus on the things that will make us better. Once practice is over, our players have the rest of their day to focus on being great students.” says Hoskins.

As a team, players also participate in a two-hour study hall twice a week and commit to attending all of their classes.

“We have tried to create a family environment where the players commit first to their teammates and the things that will not only



help us today but make us successful for years to come,” said Cathrea.

Part of the long term plan is a continued commitment to recruitment and attracting top talent from across North America. Hoskins & Cathrea also founded the Burnaby Mountain Selects this past fall: a junior development program based in BC that focuses on establishing the same levels of expectations to young lacrosse athletes in Grades 9-12 to best prepare them for the collegiate level.

“This year’s freshman class has proven to be one of the program’s deepest and most talent-

ed,” commented Cathrea. “It features some of the top players at their age group and they came to SFU from across Canada, many turning down US scholarship offers to play for the Clan and receive an education from one of the top academic institutions in North America.”

Out of 17 Freshmen, 12 players are from BC, 3 from Alberta, 1 from Saskatchewan and 1 from Ontario. This recruiting class combined with 7 Sophomores, 3 Juniors and 1 Senior comprise a young Clan Lacrosse Team poised to recapture past glory and never look back.

At time of press SFU is preparing for the PNCLL Final Four Conference Championships April 28-29. As the #2 seed the Clan will square off against the #3 seed Oregon State University Beavers before a potential rematch against the top ranked Ducks in this year’s conference final. The winner will receive an automatic qualifier for the MCLA National Championship in Plano, Texas May 15-19, 2007.

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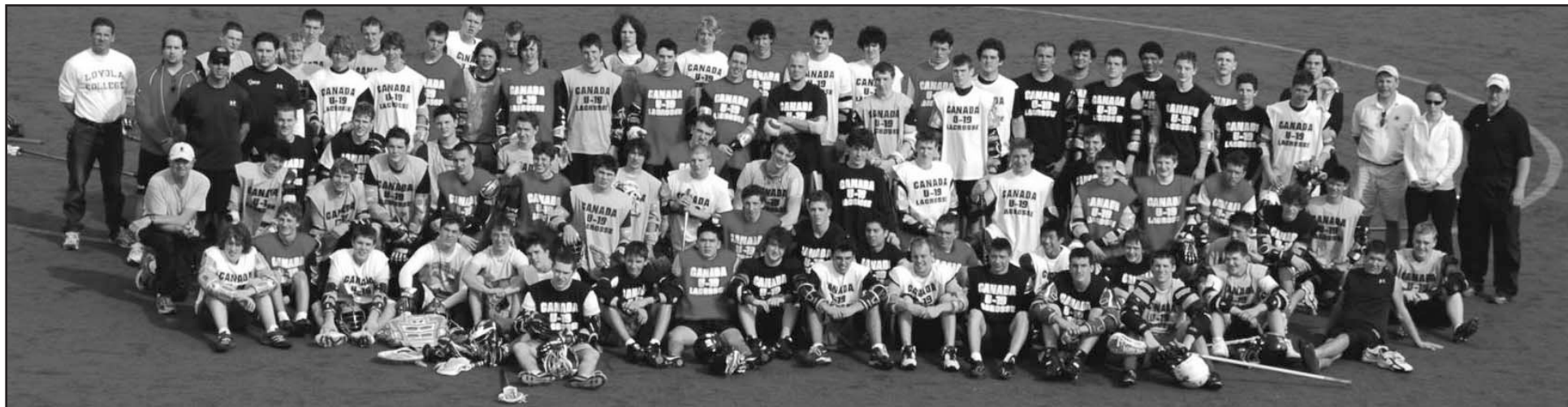
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TEAM RATES

81 U-19 players take the field in BC



Over 80 Under 19 lacrosse players tried out for Team Canada at the West Regional Camp

If the initial evaluation camp for the 2008 Canada U19 Lacrosse Team is any indication, head coach Gary Gait will have his work cut out when main camp hits the field in October 2007.

The best 75 field players in BC along with 6 players from Alberta competed in the two day camp at Burnaby Lake Sports Complex in Burnaby, BC on April 6 & 7.

The camp was extremely competitive with four scrimmage teams playing in a tournament type format over the two days. Although the camp was intended to be competitive for all the players, there was an overriding sense of both competitiveness and cooperation between the four teams and their coaches. Players enjoyed the camp format and benefited from both the competitive experience and coaching instructions provided.

The depth of lacrosse players who understand the field game made it extremely hard for evaluators to finalize main camp selections. Five years ago at the last evaluation camp in BC, there were only 62 players involved in the initial evaluation camp for the 2003 national team. Fifteen of those players advanced to the main camp in Toronto; thirty players qualified from the 2007 BC camp that will be invited to the main camp in October.

"Certainly the BC Stars and Selects and high school field programs have greatly developed BC players; the talent level of these athletes is the highest level ever," exclaimed Team Manager Jim Gow. "Thank you to all the Burnaby Camp personnel, along with the participants, who worked together in a competitive and cooperative environment to provide an excellent start to the 2008 Canada U19 Lacrosse program."

The camp was operated on a volunteer basis and included the following personnel. Canada U19 GM Terry Lloyd, Canada U19 Manager Jim Gow; Camp Managers Bev Gilliam and Ken Yonge; Burnaby Camp Head Coach & Canada U19 Assistant Coach Jeff Gombar; Camp Coaches: Frank Nielsen, Scott Browning, Mark Peatty and Travis Gillespie; Camp Evaluators: Brent Hoskins, Jeff Cathrea, Brent Boutilier, Rod McLeod, Terry Mosdell, Jamie Stewart, Aaron Pascas and Mike Kuppen; Camp Athletic Therapist Monique Charbonneau; Officials: Bill Mosdell, Al Sleightholme, Barry Konkin, Jody Weatherby and Terry Mosdell; Camp Ball Boys: Cody Gilliam, Keir Yonge, Chapin Adlington and Cam Hudspeth; Lunch Managers: Bev Gilliam, Kelsey Gilliam, Justin Appels and Scott Pertussan.

"I would like to thank the BCLA, Jim Gow, Jeff Gombar, team coaches, evaluators, food personnel, Therapists, ball boys and the play-

ers for a very successful camp," stated U19 Canada GM Terry Lloyd. "The players did a tremendous job over the two days making the Coaches and Evaluators make hard decisions on who would progress to the final camp. The players kept their energy level high to make the camp very competitive. To select thirty from eighty one participants was very difficult."

The next round of regional camps continue June 30 & July 1, 2007 with the Eastern Camp in Mississauga, Ontario and the Prairie Camp September 16 & 17, 2007 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. For additional camp information please contact: Jim Gow (BC) at 250 592-3002 and email jamesgow@hotmail.com; Al Luciuk (Prairies) at (306) 652-7002 and email Lu6mail@shaw.ca; and Terry Lloyd (Ontario) at 905-579-4199 and email t.lloyd@rogers.com. Or visit the Team Canada Men's Under 19 program website at www.meritprecision.com/U19.



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Two BCLA volunteers recognized by Sport BC

Toni Lowe and Greg Toll have many things in common in the circles of lacrosse; their children play lacrosse, they volunteer a lot of their time to make lacrosse a good experience for others and, of course, you can never find them at home, rather at a field or arena in your neighborhood!

BCLA Vice President of Operations, Toni Lowe, and BCLA Minor Directorate Chair, Greg Toll were selected for the 2007 Sport BC President's Awards held at the 41st Annual Sport BC Athlete of the Year Awards banquet on Wednesday March 14, 2007.

The annual Sport BC President's Awards promote, recognize and celebrate the spirit of volunteerism by allowing member organizations an opportunity to acknowledge publicly individuals who have demonstrated outstanding dedication and commitment to their sport. In 2007, the BCLA is fortunate to have two such volunteers selected for this prestigious award.



Toni Lowe, Sohen Gill and Greg Toll pose during the Sport BC Presidents Award Ceremony

"Oh my gosh — what can I say, it was an honour to win the Presidents Award and quite prestigious going in front of all the other sport communities in BC," said an happy Toni Lowe. "I felt very honoured."

Greg Toll is the BCLA's second President's Award winner. He was chosen by our peers at the BC Games Society as their President's Award winner for all the work Greg has done with representing the BCLA at the Summer Games.

"I was very surprised to say the least, even though I won the award it was the hard work of other BCLA volunteers that made it possible for me to be named for this award," stated Toll. It is nice to get recognized by an organization such as the BC Games Society."

Congratulations Toni and Greg for your great accomplishment!

Team BC Head Coaches Named

Burnaby, BC — Mike Marshall, Technical Director of the BCLA provincial high performance lacrosse program, has recently announced the coaching staffs for the 2007 Pee Wee (ages 11 & 12) and Bantam (ages 13 & 14) provincial teams. The BCLA is pleased to name Doug Clark from Kamloops as the Pee Wee Team BC Head Coach for 2007 and Sean Beasley from Langley as the Bantam Team BC Head Coach.

Doug Clark, returning as Head Coach for Pee Wee Team BC, Doug brings a wealth of experience at this coaching level with the Kamloops Minor Lacrosse Association. This is his third year with the Team BC program at the Pee Wee level, with a 4th place finish as an assistant coach in 2005 and a 2nd place finish as Head Coach in 2006. Doug is determined to bring a gold medal home to B.C. this season.

Sean Beasley, this is the third season Sean has been part of the Team BC program. His first two years he worked with the Pee Wee Team BC as a district coach in 2005 and as a district and assistant coach in 2006. Sean has been coaching with the Langley Minor Lacrosse Association for 8 years at the Pee


Wee and Bantam levels. Before Coaching Lacrosse Sean was an elite College Basketball Coach. Sean is looking forward to keeping the Team BC Gold medal here in B.C. The Pee Wee Main Camp will be held in Kamloops, June 8-10 and the Bantam Main Camp will be held May 11-13, 2007 in Langley.

The 2007 Team BC Bantam - District Team Head Coaches have been named. They are: Team Interior: Kelly Cahill (Kelowna); Team Island: Brian

Suckling/Ken Passfield (Victoria); Team Vancouver: Jim Pearce (Langley) and Team Fraser Valley: Dean Malcolm (New Westminster). Program General Manager: Jim Gow (Victoria).

The 2007 Team BC Pee Wee – District Team Head Coaches have also been named. They are: Team Interior: Dan Chetner (Penticton); Team Island: John Hamilton (Victoria); Team Vancouver: Dave Clark (Poco) and Team Fraser Valley: Rob Kujala (Ridge Meadows). Program General Manager: Jim Gow (Victoria).





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John B Pub wins Fifth Men’s Title

The Tri-City John B Pub Men’s field lacrosse club won their fifth consecutive Canada West Field Lacrosse Championship over the Easter long weekend.

The six team provincial final included the Vancouver Barbarians, Ladner Pioneers, New Westminster Cannons, South Fraser Whalley Ballers, Coquitlam Beerhunters and the Tri-City John B Pub.

Tri-City dropped a low scoring first round-robin match to Ladner 5-4 but regrouped to knock off Vancouver 11-4 to end the round robin with a 1-1 record. In the semi-final cross-over game, Tri-City was up against the Canadian champion and cross-town rival Beerhunters of Coquitlam. The Beerhunters dominated regular season action winning fifteen and only dropping one. And with a short John B bench, the Beerhunters were poised to do some damage. But, with some great team defense, discipline and timely goals, the John B boys lead a tight match for most of the game. The yellow and green lead 9-4 late in the final frame and hung on to win 9-8.

The Ladner Pioneers, led by Ohio State Buckeye product Gary Bining, were a perfect 2-0 in round robin play defeating Vancouver and Tri-City, while beating New West 8-5 in a hard fought semi-final game. The final match had the John B Pub faced an upstart Ladner Pioneer squad. John B got out to a quick two goal lead with attackman Justin Thomas netting two goals by the 6:17 mark. Two more John B goals by Darcy Rhodes and Dane Michaud made the score 4-0 until the Pioneers answered with three by midfielder Kevin Olson (2G) and attackman Greg Rennie (1G) to end the first quarter 4-3 for Tri-City.

In the second frame John B kept to their



Tri City John B Pub are 5 time Provincial Champions and will host the 2007 Ross Cup in Coquitlam

game plan slowing the pace of the game and taking few risks. Midfielder Blair Mitchell tickled the twine at the 3:20 mark and one minute later attackman Mike Bolzan scored to widen the gap to three. Thomas netted his hat trick goal while Pioneer Greg Rennie closed the half with a nice high crank to make the score 7-4 at the break.

Both teams battled in a hard fought third quarter with Ladner’s Kevin Olson scoring goals three and four while John B defensive midfielder Tyler Crompton tallied one to end the third at 8-6. John B Defenders John Robbie, Keifer Flynn, Rob Glancy, Scott Stroup and long stick midfielder Tyler Crompton kept the Pioneers at bay only allowing three second half goals with one goal in the last 18 minutes.

John B kept the goals coming with Derek Lowe (3:26) and Mike Bolzan (7:03) scoring the first goal of the last quarter making the score 10-6 John B. John B’s Thomas and Mitchell tallied the final goals as Pioneer Olson tallied his fifth of the game to round out the scoring in the fourth quarter to end the game 12-7 and a fifth consecutive title victory for the Tri-City boys.

Ladner standout attackman Gary Bining was kept off the score sheet and could only muster a single helper due to a leg injury. Ladner finished the game with two goal scorers and 10.5 minutes in penalties while John B had seven goal scorers and 4.5 minutes in penalties.

In the Bronze Medal Game the Coquitlam Beerhunters doubled the New Westminster Cannons 10-5 to take third place.

The Tournament All-Star Team was: Attack – Jordan McBride (New Westminster Cannons); Midfield – Nathan Tarrant (Coquitlam Beerhunters); Defense – Keifer Flynn (Tri-City John B Pub); and Goal – Jeff Gombar (Tri-City John B Pub). The Tournament MVP was attackman Gary Bining of Ladner.

Tri-City John B Pub and Ladner will represent BC at the Ross Cup, National Men’s Lacrosse Championships, October 5-7 at Coquitlam Town Centre Fields in Coquitlam. Many thanks go to the host Tri-City club and the CWFL for their efforts in a great event.

Sam Seward is the Aboriginal Sports Coach of the Year



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It is with great pleasure that we congratulate Sam Seward for being named the Aboriginal Sport Circle’s 2006 British Columbia Aboriginal Coach of the Year.

Sam has been playing and coaching high school, community teams and competitive level lacrosse, basketball and slow-pitch for 46 years. As a volunteer coach, he has been deeply committed to Squamish Nation and its affiliated organizations.

“It is an honour to be acknowledged by the Aboriginal Sports Circle as a coach of the year. Lacrosse is my passion and I have had a lot of good coaches and mentors that inspire me to this day and whose teachings I strive to pass on,” said Seward

Seward has been ingrained in the lacrosse community in the North Shore for years. He was a member of the Can-Am lacrosse team that finished second at the World Box Lacrosse Championships, the Nations in ’80. Sam was also on the 1985 North Shore Indian team that won the Presidents Cup.

Sam Seward has become a lacrosse leader, not only with the Squamish Nation community, but to the greater Aboriginal population within lacrosse in the Province of British Columbia. In a newly created position, BCLA Regional Coach – Aboriginal Program, Sam has conducted many introductory to high performance programs for athletes, coaches, referees and volunteers throughout the Lower Mainland. Sam has been trained as a box and field lacrosse coach facilitator, and attended the Aboriginal Coaching Manual Clinic, giving the BCLA the opportunity to recruit and train many members of the BC Aboriginal community to join Sam in providing an environment for athletes to play.

As part of the BCLA’s two-year-old partnership with the Aboriginal Sport and Recreation Association of BC (ASRA), Sam was instrumental in developing and implementing the high performance program for the two teams, and represented BC as one of the coaches who participated in the 2006 NAIG in Denver.

He has also taken his coaching skills to the international stage where he coached Midget box lacrosse at the 1996 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) in Victoria and coached Midget field lacrosse at the 2006 NAIG event in Denver, Colorado.

“I would like to thank the Squamish Nation, BCLA & ASRA for their help with the lacrosse camps to prepare our team BC for the NIAG in Denver last year. Denver was an awesome experience for me and my team of 15-16 year olds,” stated Sam.

The BCLA is proud of the steps we have taken to develop and increase Aboriginal participation throughout British Columbia, and Sam Seward has been a guiding force for the success that we have seen over the past two years.

Sam is now eligible for the 2006 National Aboriginal Coaching Award, and we wish him the best in this nomination. Way to go, Sam!



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Girl’s Field Developing in BC

By: Corinne Almas, BCLA-VP Development

Stumbling out the gate is how to best describe Girl’s Field Lacrosse in BC. Currently, three areas of BC play Girl’s Field Lacrosse; Victoria, Cowichan and Kelowna. Some very dedicated people in these areas are trying their best to develop the sport. Try as they might, these areas struggle to generate interest in Girl’s Field Lacrosse. Perhaps it’s because other spring sports are more mainstream and popular, or there is a lack of knowledge in the girl’s game. Perhaps it is the rough stereotype lacrosse has been unfairly tagged with which parents back up and vow to never let their daughters play “that game”. Or, maybe it is all

of the above. It is a credit to the organizers that they continue to dedicate their time to build interest and grow girl’s field lacrosse.

Female Box Lacrosse is offered during the spring/summer box lacrosse season. One could understand that lacrosse organizers may feel it is overbearing developing another discipline during the same season. We all know it is usually the same people doing all the jobs necessary to get a sport up and running.

That being said, with a bit of organizing, four minor lacrosse association have committed to offering Girl’s Field Lacrosse in the Lower Mainland in the fall of 2007. Those associations are: Vancouver/Killarney, Port Coquitlam, New



Westminster and Adanacs Field Lacrosse. These associations will be promoting and developing Girl’s Field Lacrosse along with their youth field programs. Teams will be orga-

nized into U-15 and U-19 divisions. Having the infrastructure to deliver the program will be a key component to the success of the program. Fortunately for the Lower Mainland, once each association fields at least one team this fall, they will have an instant league and that too is another reason they will succeed.

While Girl’s Field Lacrosse is traditionally a spring sport, it matters not that the girls will play in the fall and not the spring. What matters is that more females will discover a sport that is affordable, (only need mouth guard and stick) is non-contact, is fun and can offer them tremendous scholarship opportunities in Canada and in the US. In BC, thanks to the vision of the BC Lacrosse Association, we have Coaching and Umpire clinicians in place. Associations who want to offer girls equal opportunity to play field lacrosse have the necessary support.

Nationally, as a sport, we have not done a very good job at putting our best foot forward in attracting females into the game. I believe it is the responsibility of each province to address this and encourage them to review how they can change this. In BC, I am delighted to report that the BC Lacrosse Association, with the expertise of Paul Winterton, has developed a promotional DVD that should go a long way in helping associations introduce Girl’s Field Lacrosse in their area. If you are interested in finding out more about this terrific promotional tool, please email me at corinnealmas@shaw.ca.

If your daughter wants to play Girl’s Field Lacrosse, contact your local association or email me. The season can be spring or fall, whatever works in your area. I welcome all comments, observations and suggestions. I am available to help any association with promoting, recruiting, developing ideas to get girls in the game.

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LACROSSE AT ITS BEST

Poco’s Lori Ross wins Volunteer Award

When you talk about someone who works tirelessly with the youth of our community, it is hard not to think of Port Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse Association’s Lori Ross.

Lori was a recipient of the Port Coquitlam Volunteer Recognition Award in April during National Volunteer Week. These awards celebrate the spirit of volunteerism and showcase the countless individuals and groups that make a positive difference in the community.

Lori has served on the Poco Minor Lacrosse executive for 9 years in several capacities including registrar, fundraising and promotions. There isn’t a provincial event that passed through Poco that she has not helped with over those years. She also volunteers time with local minor tournaments, the scholarship program and spends time on the BCLA Minor Directorate executive as secretary.

Her livelihood has her amongst local children in the District 43 School system where she knows the majority of them by name and has helped be a mentor and recruiter for the lacrosse association.

Congratulations Lori, for your continued efforts in the Port Coquitlam community.

Coaches Corner

By: Bill McBain

I believe the coaches in Canada of our great game can start a trend towards assisting the athletes to curb behaviors which reflect the integrity of lacrosse and really what the sport stands for. The “Spirit of Lacrosse” reflects on Strong Minds, Strong Bodies & Strong Spirits. The Fair Play Codes & Codes of Conduct play a huge part in trying to reach the goal of “Strong Spirits”.

Strong Spirits in the game of lacrosse is primarily directed to the development of a positive code of ethics and the ability to play fair. Although this statement can be ambiguous and cover many facets, there is one which falls under ethics of which we can start to take positive action on.

Swearing has become quite commonplace in the vocabulary of today’s young people no matter the site or who hears it; in most cases even at school and at home. People with young children are hesitant to ride a bus or even come within an earshot of our adolescent youth especially if in a crowd. There appears to be disrespect for people with the use of adverse language in certain instances. Back in the day, you would rarely hear poor language come from a young person and certainly not close to any adult who would have chastised the youth.

Where I am going with this is that I see more of the rude language filter into sport, lacrosse included. In 2006, this has finally been addressed, or re-addressed. The BC Lacrosse Officials Association has opted to prioritize enforcement of a Zero-Tolerance on Abuse in box lacrosse.

Rule #28 - Abuse of Officials and Misconduct - a minor penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct shall be assessed to a player who

shows disrespect for a Referee’s ruling or uses obscene, profane or abusive language directed toward any person in the arena. A ten minute

misconduct penalty shall be assessed to a player who persists in this behaviour after being assessed a minor penalty.

Box Lacrosse can take a page out of the Field Lacrosse Rule Book where unsportsmanlike penalties are given to a team, even if the official doesn’t know who the individual culprit was who may have sworn. Thus the team pays for that person’s actions and in a sense; a self-governing of proper language potentially ensues.

Hopefully now we can advise the ladies and children sitting in the timekeeper’s box that they will not be privy to steady stream of foul language out of the mouths of young lacrosse players. Coaches can go a long way in bringing this inexcusable conduct up to a level which will reflect well on the game. We’ve got to stop driving athletes, spectators and parents with young adults out of our game and sport venues. Coaches, under no circumstances can continue to direct blame toward the officials; for the most part, players are a direct reflection of their coaches. Hopefully there will be an increased respect factor for people around the game and retention of volunteers will persist.

One of the most exciting things coming along is the Box Lacrosse Coaching DVD Series. This project will do for lacrosse what the old video series Fun with Fundamentals developed by the OLA did for year; to provide a great teaching aide for all coaches. This project is headed by Jim Calder and an excellent

participation by a sound technical group. Both Duane Bratt (CLA NRP) and this

writer have been part of this group and we can attest the fact that every word and possible sequence has been well thought out. The shooting of the video sequences has been set

for early June in Ontario, with the first DVD of this three DVD package ready for the end user by late Fall 2007.

The first DVD will cover all the basic skills, history of the game, stretching and goal-tending. The second is directed towards game situations and strategies with the third being everything else we can supply to assist the coach and provide support for his or her new life as a lacrosse coach.

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In Memoriam

Brodie Campbell: It is with regret that we inform you of the passing of Coquitlam Adanac, Brodie Campbell. Brodie played in the Coquitlam Minor Lacrosse Association for several years and recently played in the Midget division. He was a highly respected player and person. Our deepest sympathies go out to Brodie’s parents, family and friends. Our thoughts and hearts are with them in this extremely difficult time. In lieu of flowers, Colin and Judith would like anyone who wishes to donate to CMLA to set up the “Brodie Campbell Memorial Scholarship Fund”.

Colin Cruickshank: A vacation in Varadero, Cuba, ended tragically for the former WLA commissioner. Born May 29, 1929, in Red Deer, Alberta, Colin moved to Vancouver with his family in 1939 and soo took up the game of lacrosse. He was a member of the 1949 Eagletime club that became the first western boxla team to capture the Minto Cup on eastern turf. Colin stayed involved in amateur sports and, in 1967, was appointed commissioner of the Inter-City Junior “A” League. Three years later, he left the post to assume the presidency of the Vancouver Burrards senior lacrosse organization. In 1973, he began a three-year term as the WLA commissioner. Colin later moved to Vancouver Island but spent considerable time traveling, particularly to Cuba and Portugal. He was vacationing in Cuba January 30, 2007 when he passed away.

Harry Kennedy: Harry “Punk” Kennedy, the last surviving member of the 1939 Mann Cup champions, passed away February 21, 2007, in his 90th year. Kennedy joined the New Westminster Adanacs in 1937, was a valued member of the team that made an unsuccessful bid for the 1938 Canadian title before capturing the Mann Cup the following year. He missed three seasons due to the military service during World War 2 before hanging up his lacrosse stick in 1945. In 139 games, “Punk” accumulated 179 goals and 83 assists for 262 points.

Ron White: On Tuesday, April 17, 2007, Nanaimo lost one of our own, Ron White, who suffered a stroke and passed away. On behalf of the BC Lacrosse Association Executive, Members and Staff, and in particular, the Nanaimo Senior “B” Timbermen, Nanaimo Intermediate A and Nanaimo Lacrosse Community, we wish to send the White family our condolences. Our thoughts are with you.

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Before the LumberJax, there were the Adanacs

The original team featured Buckaroos legends but lasted just one season

Wednesday, March 07, 2007
By: PAUL BUKER, OREGONIAN

Portland was the center of the indoor lacrosse universe Saturday night when it hosts the seventh National Lacrosse League All-Star game at the Rose Garden.

On the surface, the city’s history with pro indoor lacrosse is less than two seasons old — the short lifespan of the Portland LumberJax.

In reality, it goes back 39 years and involves two of the most familiar names in Portland Buckaroos hockey history, the late Jack Bionda and Tom McVie.

How many people remember the one-year existence of the Portland Adanacs?

Current Colorado Mammoth coach Gary Gait, who some consider the greatest lacrosse player of all time, was less than a year old when the sport arrived on Portland’s doorstep in the form of the Adanacs, whose named was simply Canada spelled backward.

It was the summer of 1968, and the newly-formed National Lacrosse Association had hopes of capturing the hearts — and wallets — of U.S. fans with this fast-paced, high-scoring, brutally physical brand of lacrosse played on the hard concrete floor of hockey rinks.

Gordie Gimple, now 72, was the Adanacs’ coach in 1968. He said the sport had played well in Portland when exhibition games were staged during the Rose Festival involving teams such as the Nanaimo Timbermen and New Westminster Salmonbellies.

“Those games drew fantastic crowds,” said Gimple. “Attendance in Canada was falling off,

and people thought there might be (more) interest in Portland.”

So the Adanacs moved south from Coquitlam, B.C., for their inaugural NLA season at Memorial Coliseum.

The addition of former Buckaroos Bionda and McVie to the team was a box office no-brainer.

Bionda, a defenseman in hockey, played seven years with the Buckaroos starting in 1960 and helped them win two Western Hockey League championships.

He was a big, tough guy with a terrific sense of humor, and Portland’s hockey fans loved him.

Bionda unexpectedly passed away in 1999 at age 66, but he is remembered as Canada’s first superstar in the sport of lacrosse and is a member of the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame.

McVie, a high-scoring left winger in hockey and one of the game’s wackiest characters, played five seasons in Portland starting in 1961 and claims he spent all of those years living across the street from Memorial Coliseum in room 424 at the Holiday Inn.

He said he made \$100 a game swinging a stick for the Adanacs, “and I thought I had won the lottery.”

McVie was a good lacrosse player, but nothing like Bionda, who McVie says had the greatest hand-eye coordination of anyone he has ever seen in any sport.

“Bionda was sort of a lumbering type of hockey player, but lacrosse? The best way to describe it to you is that he was the Bobby Orr



Mike Gates toils with the Adanacs in the 60’s

and Wayne Gretzky of lacrosse in Canada,” said McVie, who has been an NHL head coach with three teams and is currently scouting for the Boston Bruins.

“I played with him, and I played against him,” said McVie, “and he was just twice as good as everybody else.”

Portland won its division in ‘68 but was upset by New Westminster in the playoffs. Bionda, who had suffered a back injury and was badly beaten up by years of playing two sports, didn’t have a superstar season.

Attendance was poor, the club lost money, and the Adanacs moved back to Coquitlam.


“It just wasn’t viable,” said Gimple, who still coaches the game in Burnaby, B.C.

The idea of having two former Buckaroos on the Adanacs brought in some fans, but not enough.


“Except for Bionda and me, all of the other players lived up in Canada and flew in for games,” McVie said. “One of the reasons the Buckaroos were so popular is that they became part of the community and the people loved those players.”

McVie was the Buckaroos’ leading goal scorer three times and helped them win a league title in 1964-65. Now living in Vancouver, Wash., he has a theory on what happened to Portland’s first pro indoor lacrosse team.

“It was a summer sport, and people who live in the Portland area in the summertime want to be outdoors,” he said. “They don’t want to spend a lot of time inside.”



**2007 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
& SPECIAL SESSION TIMELINES**



Field Directorate Special Session Timeline

May 24 Notice of Field Directorate Special Session
All blank forms Registration, Operating Policy Changes to be mailed out

June 27 Deadline for changes for Field Directorate Operating Policy into BCLA Office

July 12 2nd Notice/Operating Policy Changes circulated (in mail)

July 26 Deadline for Executive Reports to be submitted to the BCLA Office
Deadline for Budget to be submitted to BCLA Office
Deadline for Registration Forms to BCLA Office
Deadline for Nomination Forms to BCLA Office

Aug 11 **Field Directorate Special Session at Douglas College 10:00 AM 4:00 PM**

BCLCA and BCLOA Special Session Timeline

June 28 First Notice of BCLCA/BCLOA Special Session
Forms circulated Registration, Policy Changes, Agenda, Awards

July 25 Deadline for BCLCA/BCLOA Operating Policy Changes to the BCLA Office

Aug 9 2nd Notice/Operating Policy changes circulated for BCLOA

Aug 23 Deadline for Executive Reports/Budget to be submitted to the BCLA Office
Deadline for nominations of awards (BCLCA/BCLOA)

Aug 30 Deadline for Registration Forms

Sept 8 **BCLCA Special Session at Douglas College 9:00 AM4:00 PM**
BCLOA Special Session at Douglas College 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

BCLA Annual General Meeting Timeline
(BCLA AGM, Minor Directorate, Senior Directorate)

July 23 First Notice of Annual General Meeting
Forms for changes to the Operating Policy/Constitution & By-Laws
Hotel Information and Order Form
Award Nomination Forms
Letter re: policy on who pays for delegate fees, travel, etc.

Aug 28 Deadline for Constitution/By-Law changes into the office.
Deadline for BCLA, Senior, Minor Operating Policy changes to office
Deadline for Award Nomination forms into the office.

Sept 7 Deadline for all Executive Reports/Budgets for Annual Report
Deadline for BCLCA, BCLOA Minutes to office

Sept 12 2nd Notice/Mailing of Changes to the Constitution/By-Law & Operating Policies

Sept 25 Deadline for AGM Registration Forms
Deadline for booking Hotel for AGM

Oct 12-14: 2007 BCLA AGM Whistler, B.C.

Victoria Summer Slam Returns

2007 Victoria Summer Slam Lacrosse Tournament is set to return again this summer. The Annual Tournament will again take place in Victoria. Teams from all over Canada and the US have attended in years past, and are going to be there again. Teams will compete in three divisions, men’s elite, men’s masters (over 35) and women’s’ elite over 3 days.

The tournament will take place August 24, 25 and 26 at the Juan de Fuca Recreation Centre fields. From last year’s feedback, making the move from the old turf to the grass fields was a great improvement.

During the weekend teams will refresh themselves at the beverage gardens and the concession with an all weekend BBQ. Many teams return each year because of the quality of play and great time everyone has. No better time to play some ball in the middle of summer in the great outdoors.

Registration has already begun. If you are interested in playing or officiating, please contact Fred Jenner at fjenner@jennerchev.com for men’s elite, masters and ref information/registration and Linda Jenner at lindajenner@shaw.ca for all women’s and women’s officiating information/registration. We are looking forward to seeing more teams this year and more great lacrosse.

Claremont and Best win high school tournament



Terry Fox #14 evades Best defender during Senior game at the BC High School Tournament

By: Shawn House

The 2007 B.C. High school field lacrosse championships were held in Coquitlam and New Westminster April 6 - 10. Fourteen Senior and Nine Junior teams took part in the competition that was played through relentless rainy conditions.

The poor weather capped a season that was shortened by unusual amounts of snow that caused the cancellation of many games throughout the winter. In fact, just one week prior to the tournament, another snowfall threatened to cancel the entire event.

The tournament kicked off with a Senior tilt featuring the return of Johnston Heights of Surrey meeting the first ever Senior team from Heritage Woods (Port Moody). Heritage won in convincing fashion by a score of 16-4. The inaugural champion of the tournament, St. Thomas More (Burnaby), also returned to the competition and lost to a tough Riverside team 10-4.

Wednesday action switched to the turf fields at Dr. Charles Best and Town Centre. School District 43 Champions Dr. Charles Best defeated an undermanned and always tough Terry Fox (Poco) team 10-3. Other games saw newcomer Hatzic (Mission) go down to Seaquam

(Delta) 13-4. Junior action saw Best defeat Delta 13-2, new comer Earl Marriot (Surrey) win their debut by a convincing 9-0 score over Vancouver College while another new entrant, Pitt Meadows defeated Kwantlen by a score of 14-6.

Thursday action was a full slate of 13 games and the arrival of the Claremont Spartans from Victoria. The Spartans Senior squad was the top seed in the tournament on the strength of their tournament win in November. The Claremont Juniors lived up to their billing, winning both games, 9-2 over New West and 14-1 over Vancouver College. The Seniors won 13-2 against Centennial but then ran into a hot New West team and lost 11-5. New West had just returned from a tournament in Las Vegas where they had captured the gold. Other scores: Pinetree 10, STM 7; Vancouver College Seniors 9, Johnston Heights 8; Heritage Juniors 17, Earl Marriot 1; Heritage Seniors 6, South Delta 5 and Centennial and Riverside drew at 4.

Friday kicked off with a pivotal Senior game featuring Fox and Seaquam with the winner to play New West in the quarters. Fox won 8-2 against an injury riddled but game squad.

In Junior action, New West beat Heritage

Woods, knocking the Port Moody team out of the tourney. Pitt Meadows knocked off Delta by a 9-6 score. Pitt put themselves in the Junior semis in very impressive fashion.

When the dust had settled, or more aptly, the rain had turned to drizzle, the Senior quarters had the following match-ups: #4 Heritage vs Riverside, #3 Best vs Centennial,

#2 New West vs Terry Fox and #1 Claremont vs. Johnston Heights. Game scores were: Heritage 9, Riverside 3; Best 12, Centennial 1; New West 11, Fox 10; and Claremont trounced Johnston Heights 16-0.

Saturday's semis saw the Best Juniors win 21-1 and Claremont finally subduing the Cinderella Pitt team, 10-6.

On the Senior side, #2 New West hosted #3 Best and won a close 6-4 contest. #4 Heritage was no match for #1 Claremont, going down 11-4.

The Junior Final pitted #1 Best against #2 Claremont. Like the relentless rain, the Best Juniors couldn't be stopped and won the final 11-1. The win capped a perfect 13-0 season. Best outscored other teams 72-5 in the most dominating performance in the history of the event. Matthew Dinsdale was selected Junior MVP.

The Senior Final would be a re-match of the #1 Claremont Spartans against the # 2 New West Hyacks. The teams had met in the Spartans Final in November with Claremont coming out on top. New West won the round robin game. The Spartans didn't disappoint and lived up to their top billing by winning 7-5. It was the Island teams first ever Championship and kept New West from being the first ever triple champion, having won last year and in 2002. Brandon MacLean was selected Senior MVP.

Many thanks and congratulations go out to all the athletes, coaches, managers, teacher sponsors and volunteers who made the event possible. Special thanks to Denise McIntosh for organizing volunteers at Town Centre and Ken Bowman for running the Mercer Stadium venue. Once again, Gil Lowe provided officials throughout the tournament. Several officials stepped up and did extra games to help out, thanks for your efforts. An extra special thanks goes to Rob and Jason McGregor of Westcoast Sports. They were able to secure last minute sponsorship of the tournament through Gait Lacrosse and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Next year's tournament will be March 4 through March 8.

Nominate Field Lacrosse Volunteers NOW!

While we're still in Field Season, we would like to give you the opportunity to nominate some of your dedicated volunteers for the 2007 BCLA Merit Awards while the season is still fresh in your minds. Field Lacrosse Merit Award Categories include:

Hugh Gifford (Manager of the Year)

Ruth Seward (Outstanding Volunteer at the Local Level)

Art Daoust (Executive Volunteer)

Leon Hall (Youth Field Lacrosse Association of the Year)

Jimmy Gunn (Field Referee of the Year)

John Cavallin (Coach of the Year)

The Award Winners will be presented during the 2007 BCLA Annual General Meeting Banquet on October 13, 2006. Our volunteers are important to us, and recognizing outstanding contributions from within our community gives us a great reason to celebrate lacrosse!

For more information or to download the nomination forms, please visit the BCLA Website at:

www.bclacrosse.com

or contact the BCLA Office

(604) 421-9755

Poco Jr. A Saints and Alumni fight against breast cancer



Poco Junior Saints President Reg Thompson is surrounded by players Tyler Codron, alumni Derek Lowe, Dayne Michaud and alumni Darcy Rhodes

By: Gerry Van Beek

The gloves will not be dropped in this fight

against breast cancer. The Port Coquitlam Junior A Saints lacrosse club played their annual alumni lacrosse April 28 at the POCO Rec Centre to help in the fight against breast cancer. Saint management met at a planning session and wanted to do something special in the

community. Coach Karl Christianson’s fiancé, Rachele, suggested a fundraiser for a great cause and thus the Alumni Breast Cancer game was born.

The alumni game is in its second year with the alumni losing a close 9-6 battle in the 2006 campaign. This year, the alumni donned pink jerseys, a colour synonymous with a fight for a cure to breast cancer. The game-worn autographed jerseys were auctioned after the game with all proceeds going to Canadian Cancer Society to support their efforts in battling breast cancer.

Among the notable Poco Jr. A Saint Alumni are present NLL players Jeff Ratcliffe (Philadelphia Wings), Steve Penner (Rochester Knighthawks), Peter & Richard Morgan (Portland LumberJax), Andrew Leyshon & Alex Coutts (Calgary Roughnecks), Rob Van Beek (Philadelphia Wings) and Kevin Crosswell (Minnesota Swarm). Even without NLL’ers the Alumni always have a star-studded line-up of players from every WLA Senior A Team. Former captains Darcy Rhodes, Aaron Harrison, Jake Lawson, Brad Rennie, recent graduating players Tyler Crompton and Tyson Craiggs from the Grey Cup winning BC Lions of the CFL have confirmed their attendance. Derek Lowe of the Western Lacrosse Association Maple Ridge Burrards even strung a special pink head on his lacrosse stick for the game.

This annual event connects the old with the new. The alumni and the present players love the event and offer them a chance to reconnect with past teammates and see how the latest version of the Saints measures up. The fans never know who to cheer for so they cheer for both teams. Included in the festivities are Fan Appreciation contests, a beverage garden and a post-game reception. Look for this game every year to KICK-OFF your box lacrosse season.

The Jr A Saints have an exciting team prepared this season including outstanding veterans Tyler Codron and Joel Dalgarno with young stars Curtis Dickson & Dayne Michaud. For more information visit the Saint website at www.pocosaints.com/

Brent Boutilier is Mission’s Community Sport Hero

Sport BC and the Power of Sport Tour hit the Fraser Valley area during the week of April 16-19. The BCLA and Technical Director Darcy Rhodes spent time in the Mission and Chilliwack communities to promote lacrosse to school aged children. Part of the tour is to recognize volunteers in sports for all their hard work.

Brent Boutilier is a volunteer with a vision to make every athlete’s experience a good experience. He has volunteered in Mission for over 10 years in soccer, baseball and currently lacrosse.

This level 3 lacrosse coach has coached all ages winning three A1 tournament medals and a Bantam A2 Provincial championship in 2005.

Boutilier’s main focus in coaching has been fair play; three of his teams winning Fair Play Awards; winning one award himself. Brent has also served as a lacrosse Commissioner and Coaching Coordinator for 7 years.

In 2003, Brent learned the field lacrosse game and has coached ages U11 to U17; served as U13 Commissioner, coaching coordinator, and referee allocator for Mission Field Lacrosse....a club which he is currently President.

Most recently, Boutilier’s Mission Under 17 field lacrosse team took the bronze medal at the provincials and he was awarded the War-



Brent Boutilier (middle) is Mission’s Community Sport Hero award recipient

rior Fair Play award for coaches. Brent also volunteered his time as an evaluator at the Under 19 Team Canada men’s field lacrosse western regional camp.

Brent Boutilier is well respected amongst his peers and continues spending many evenings in the arena and outside on the field. Congratulations Brent for being

BCLA’s Sport BC Community Sport Hero award recipient in Mission.

Viva Las Vegas Best of the West Shootout



New West Hyacks went undefeated winning the Las Vegas Best of the West Shootout

By: Ken Bowman

Here we go again! The third road trip for the New Westminster Senior Secondary School Field Lacrosse Team was to Las Vegas for the Best of the West Lacrosse Shootout March 2-4, 2007.

Fifteen players and twelve parents traveled to the City of Lights to take part in the weekend event. After a five hour delay at the Bellingham Airport the boys finally rested their heads at 4:45 AM and ready to go the next morning.

Off to Ed Fountain Park and the start of a new adventure. We were the only Canadian

Team in the Senior Division of the tournament. Driving into the athletic facility we were filled with nervous enthusiasm. Who was this team from Brighton, Utah? At half time the boys from Utah were getting an education on fast break lacrosse. At the end the speed and skill of the Canadians were too much. Next up — the Las Vegas Strip. What an experience to watch the boy’s expressions as they walked the famous Street of Lights.

Day 2 of the tournament, blue skies, sunshine and three lacrosse games. First up, Jordan High School of Salt Lake City. The boys couldn’t wait to meet another American oppo-

nent; different team, same results, the Canadians win 13-2.

The second game was against a local team from Faith Lutheran, a private school from Las Vegas. We exhibited great team speed and stick skills with the same results winning 12-3. In the last game of the day we met Coronado (Las

Vegas); we dominated again winning shutting them out 13-0.

Day 3 and three more games until the finals. Our team piqued the interest of many fans with a giant following on the sidelines. Every game we play more and more people were awe of the Canadians.

The quarter final game versus Judge Memorial (Utah) proved to be very competitive with plenty of scoring and high energy. We prevailed 7-3. The kids seemed to get tired as the hot sun wore them out.

The semi-final game versus West Valley Red Hawks of Northern California was dominated from the very first face off as the Hyacks won handily.

The finals had us come up against the top ranked team, Bonanza High School of Las Vegas. We started slowly and trailed by one goal early on. We finally started getting our legs and our game came together as we held a 3 goal lead at the half. The second half was very competitive. The boys played with great skill and athleticism and came away with an 8-4 triumph and the tournament championship.

The New Westminster Senior Secondary School Field Lacrosse Team members were great ambassadors for both their school and Canadian field lacrosse. They played with great sportsmanship and class. The experience of travel and new found friends will last the boys forever.

New Westminster Varsity Boys Lacrosse Team roster includes: Keegan Bowman, Jordan Catton, Tyler Digby, Blake Duncan, Brandon Goodwin, Ryan MacKay, Matt MacGrotty, Shane McDonald, Daniel McQuade, Mark Negrin, Evan Parrish, Kyle Robinson, Ryan Schmidt, Chris Tessarolo and Eric Tuura.

The Little Team That Could

By: Maureen Garland



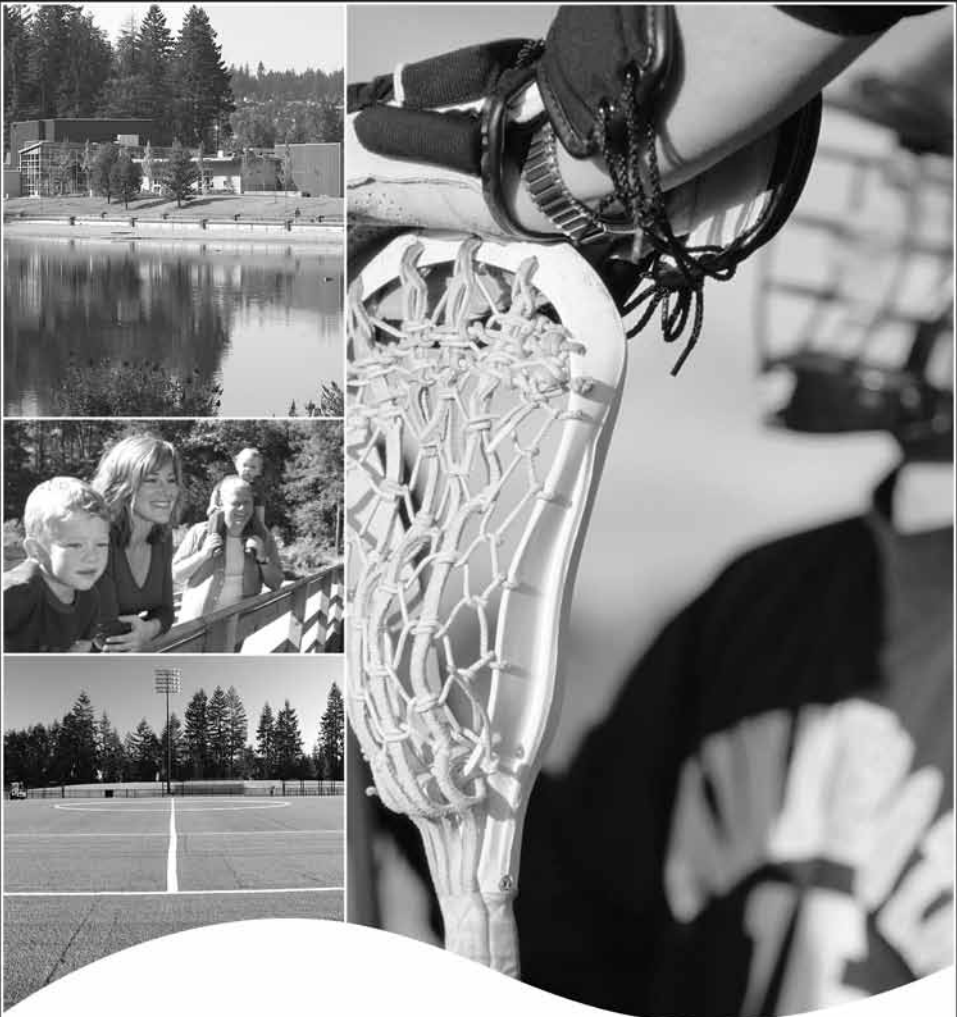
Everyone has heard of the story about the little engine that could. This is a story about the little team that could...and did!

The Pac Rim Under 11 Tier 2 team had a difficult and at times unpredictable start to their season. With registration in Sept at only 9 boys, the future of the team was unknown. Parents and coaches from the team, canvassed tirelessly to increase their numbers with little success. That did not deter the dedicated coaches, Tyson Leies, Perry Caris and Lucas Rankin, or the 9 keen players. They were determined to see this team not only survive but succeed. As Tyson said, “though we are small in numbers, we have big dreams”.

They were eventually able to obtain a roster of 11. However, they often played with no spares. Despite their small numbers, they ended the season as the Island Champions. But that wasn’t enough for our little team. They set their sights on a medal at the Field Provincials held in Victoria, March 23-25. Their strength, drive, determination, mutual respect and support for each other, helped them achieve their goal of gold. In a very exciting extremely well played final game, they beat Nanaimo 5-1 to achieve Provincial Champion status.

For a team that almost folded at the beginning of the year, they managed to come back and reach their highest goal. The offensive players often ran tireless circles around opponents, while the staunch and powerful defenders kept the opposition at bay. Each and every player had an important role to play. They played it well, and they played it together. As a parent of one of these amazing boys, I am prouder than words can say. As a spectator, I am in awe of their achievements this past year despite their numbers. They played each and every game with an abundance of heart and determination. This team exemplifies what true athleticism, teamwork and sportsmanship is all about. I commend Pac Rim for the fine job they are doing in the developing and nurturing of these amazing young athletes.

A very heartfelt congratulations go out to: Cal Tanner, Marcus Davis, Connor Leies, Alex Caris, Liam Garland, Mike Yuill, Malcolm Hemsworth, Cougar Kirby, Aubrey Rice- Lafortune; Shelby Johnston, and Lucas de Jong. You really are the “little team that could...and did”



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Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association

2007 & 2008 Bantam Box Provincials

The Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association Board of Directors has significantly changed the set-up for the 2007 Bantam Box Provincials in an effort to ensure our organization operates a successful 2008 Saskatchewan Summer Games competition.

The 2007 Bantam Box Provincials will be hosted in close similarity with the 2008 Saskatchewan Summer Games Technical Package.

The 2007 competition will be open to nine (9) teams representing the Saskatchewan Games Council Zones.

Each zone will be allowed to select an all-star team to compete at the competition.

Zones 2 (Regina) & Zone 6 (Saskatoon) will have an option to send an all-star team or a club team for the 2007 season.

Each zone will be allowed a roster of 18 runners and two goalies for 2007.

- 2007 Bantam Box Provincials are currently scheduled for July 13-15, 2007 in Regina.
- The 2008 Saskatchewan Summer Games also will double as the 2008 Bantam Box Provincials.

The SLA will monitor the parity at the 2007 tournament and may slightly modify the technical package to improve parity within the competition.

- The 2008 Saskatchewan Summer Games/Bantam Box Provincials will be held August 6-9, 2008 in Lloydminster, SK.

The Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association will determine the allowable format of the teams from Zone 2 and Zone 6 for the 2008 Saskatchewan Summer Games based on the 2007 competition results.

PROGRAM FORMAT

- 2007 season age division – Born in 1993 & 1994 & 1995

- 2008 season age division – Born in 1994 & 1995 & 1996

Zones 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, & 9 will be operated as zone all-star teams.

Coach Selection

- i) Coaches will apply to the Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association office by May 15, 2007.

The Provincial Technical Liaison for the 2008 Saskatchewan Summer Games Program will select the coaches for each zone.

The coaches will be selected for the 2007 season only. Coaches will need to re-apply for the 2008 Saskatchewan Summer Games.

Zone selection camps will be held during the first 3 weekends of June as determined by the SLA in coordination with the zone contacts and/or coaches. These are June 2-3 & June 9-10 & June 16-17, 2007.

The zone selection camp locations will be determined by the SLA in coordination with the zone contacts and/or coaches.

The local club will be required to support the zone selection camp by providing volunteers and paying for any facility expenses.

Zones 2 (Regina) & Zone 6 (Saskatoon) may select an all-star team or send a club team with pick-ups for the 2007 season.

The Queen City Minor Box Lacrosse Association and the Saskatoon Box Lacrosse Association will make this decision for 2007.

The Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association will determine the allowable format of the teams from Zone 2 and Zone 6 for the 2008 Saskatchewan Summer Games based on the 2007 competition results.

Zone teams may practice as often as possible prior to the 2007 Bantam Box Provincials being held in Regina from July 13-15, 2007. However, coaches must understand that club/house league lacrosse will take precedence for all players until their season is completed.

Teams may schedule exhibition games with other zone teams or Midget club teams in an effort to prepare for the 2007 & 2008 Bantam Box Provincials.

RATIONALE:

The Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association has received approval for the inclusion of Bantam Box Lacrosse into the 2008 Saskatchewan Summer Games being held in Lloydminster, Alberta.

The Saskatchewan Summer Games Program provides our organization with a tremendous opportunity to highlight our sport at the premier sporting event held in Saskatchewan.

The 2008 Saskatchewan Summer Games will provide an opportunity for 9 teams consisting of 17 athletes and 3 coaches/managers per team to experience a multi-sport games competition with memories sure to last a lifetime. A total of 153 athletes and 27 volunteers will be exposed to this program in 2008.

The Games program also provides our organization an opportunity to further develop the sport at the grassroots level while increasing the quality of play at a provincial level.

It is of the utmost importance to our organization to achieve full zone representation and ensure parity between teams at the 2008 Saskatchewan Summer Games. Our success/failure could have implications on future funding levels with Sask Sport Inc. and future support in the development of our sport throughout the province of Saskatchewan.

The success/failure of achieving full zone representation will also have a significant impact on being included in any future Saskatchewan Summer Games. The last time box lacrosse was included with poor zone representation and parity was in Estevan in 1980. It took box lacrosse 28 years to be accepted back into the Saskatchewan Summer Games.

The Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association most recently participated in the 2000 Saskatchewan Summer Games in Yorkton with the inclusion of Intercrosse. This experience is also being used as a basis for the decision. The SLA actually used three (3) complete seasons to ensure full zone representation and achieved

success but a couple zones were developed very late and their lack of competitiveness did slightly hurt the competition.

Most recently, the 2006 Peewee Provincial championships only had representation from four (4) out of the nine (9) Saskatchewan Games Program recognized zones. As a result, there is legitimate concern from the SLA and the box sector that achieving full zone representation will be a significant challenge requiring at least two (2) years of targeted development.

In addition, this program change will serve as a pilot project to review and evaluate the possible future establishment of rep leagues in minor box lacrosse and rep team provincials.

IMPLICATIONS:

Positive Implications:

- Further development of the sport throughout the entire province
- Two (2) years to increase membership and interest in the sport
- Increase opportunity to achieve success of full zone representation
- Increased opportunity to ensure parity between teams at competition.
- Success will result in possible positive rewards both financially and politically from Sask Sport Inc.

Negative Implications:

- Only 1-2 months to try and develop competitive zone teams
- High risk of failure with less than full zone representation
- Increased risk in no parity between teams resulting in poor showcase of sport

Failure will result in possible negative effects both financially and politically from Sask Sport Inc. and future inclusion in the Saskatchewan Games Program.



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Saskatchewan based Senior Men’s Field Lacrosse League

A Saskatchewan based Senior Men’s Field Lacrosse League was officially founded on March 3, 2007 at a meeting in Saskatoon!

SASKATCHEWAN SENIOR MEN’S FIELD LACROSSE LEAGUE

- Purpose: To provide athletes the opportunity to play lacrosse and to help expand the talent pool in search of players to represent Saskatchewan at the Senior Men’s Field National Tournament.
- Eligibility: Open to all teams and players with a recommended age of 17 or older.
- Format: Regular Men’s Field Lacrosse – 10 on 10
- Roster Guidelines: Players maybe from any community. Each team is recommended to carry a minimum roster of 15 players to a maximum of 30 players.
- Entry Fee: \$400 per team plus each team member must be a registered men’s field lacrosse player with the Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association.
- Game Times: League games will take place during 3-4 weekends from late August/early

September to middle October weekends with weeknight games if possible between local teams.

Why the Fall?

- Fields are more available with less soccer being played during this timeframe.
- Allows existing Junior/Senior box lacrosse players to participate without other lacrosse commitments.
- Allows existing junior men’s field lacrosse players to participate without other lacrosse commitments.
- Does not interfere with summer holidays.
- All other provinces playing field lacrosse in Canada have university and/or senior field leagues in the fall.
- Senior Men’s Field Lacrosse Provincial Team players can be identified and allows players an opportunity to develop their skills and fitness.

Possible Teams:

1. *Sturgis 911*

Brad Secundiak at 548-2889 or email: bsecundiak@sasktel.net or

Brad Cameron at 548-2103 or email: BCameron@mail.gssd.ca

2. *University of Saskatchewan*

Brady Michel at 242-3343 or email: bradymichel@hotmail.com

Paul Wood at email: pkwood@hotmail.com

3. *University of Regina*

Jeff Kitts at 693-0683 or email: lacrossejeff@hotmail.com

Dallan Larson at 545-6718 or email: larsond@uregina.ca

4. *Saskatoon Brewers*

Lloyd Mann at 975-3726 or email: l.mann@sasktel.net

Adam Porter at 262-6393 or email: adam.porter@usask.ca

5. *Regina Heat*

Kyle Bellegay at 545-9612 or email: kbells@sasktel.net

Kevin Bassendowski at 347-6441 or email: teamsask@hotmail.com

6. *Aberdeen Hornets*

Brad/Tracey Chappell at 253-4261 or email: chappellt@admin.usask.ca

7. *Moose Jaw Mustangs*

Barry Stewart at 693-6278 or email: stewart.barry@prairiesouth.ca

- Deadline: Please submit a team registration form by August 15, 2007.

Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association Pee wee & Bantam Provincial Teams

The Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association will be forming Pee wee & Bantam Box Lacrosse Provincial Teams in 2007.

The Pee wee Storm will travel to Whitby, Ontario for the Pee wee National Championships scheduled for August 5-11, 2007.

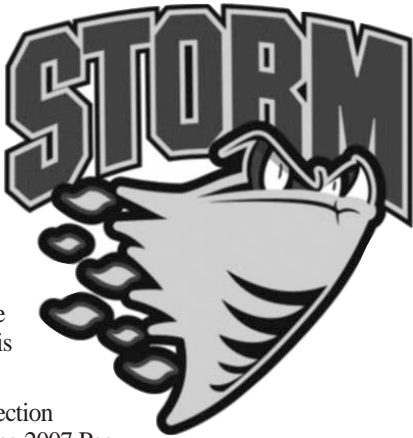
The Bantam Storm will also travel to Whitby, Ontario for the Bantam National Championships scheduled for August 5-11, 2007.

The final teams of both these teams should be determined by the time this LacrosseTalk issue is published.

Thank you to all players that attended the selection camps and Congratulations to the members of the 2007 Pee- wee & Bantam Storm!

Please view the SLA web site at www.sasklacrosse.net for more information.

Good Luck Storm!



Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association

2007 Provincial Championships

- Intermediate (16 & under) Men’s Field Provincial Championships – June 1-3, 2007 in Saskatoon
- Junior (19 & under) Men’s Field Provincial Championships – July 13-15, 2007 in Moose Jaw
- Pee wee Box Provincial Championships – June 22-24, 2007 in Saskatoon
- Bantam Box Provincial Championships – July 13-15, 2007 in Regina
- Midget Provincial Championships – July 6-8, 2007 in Prince Albert



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\$300 entry fee

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Moose Jaw Novice/Tyke Festival June 10

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Contact: Cheryl Alderton –
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Moose Jaw Midget Tournament May 22-24

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Cash Calendar Team Fundraiser

Background:

The Cash Calendar Fundraiser is an initiative developed by the Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association to provide clubs, club teams, and provincial teams with an opportunity to raise funds. The major benefit of this venture over other fundraising opportunities on the market is that lacrosse benefits on both sides of the profit. For instance, selling chocolates results in a club team making a profit and the chocolate company also making a profit. In the cash calendar fundraiser, the club teams make a profit and the SLA makes a slight profit to help support our provincial team programs.

A cash calendar is basically a raffle but instead of selling tickets - you are actually selling a promotional calendar and an entry into cash draws. Therefore,

ber/November of 2007. The prizes will be \$40/day, \$80/Fridays & \$500 on November 30. The total cash given away will be \$3,140.

The 2007 SLA Cash Calendar's are to be sold at \$20 per calendar/entry form.

The seller must submit \$10 per calendar to the SLA.

The SLA will allow provincial team players, clubs and any club team to use the cash calendar fundraiser. However, if a club team uses the fundraiser then we will require the approval from their club president to ensure there is appropriate responsibility taken by the club.

For more information, please contact the SLA office at (306) 780-9216 or email: lacrosse@sasktel.net

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How it Works:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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May

12	Peewee/Bantam Storm Final Invitational Camp - Final teams selected	Saskatoon
12	Intermediate (16 & under) Men’s Field Provincial Team Tryout Camp	Regina
13	Intermediate (16 & under) Men’s Field Provincial Team Tryout Camp	Saskatoon
13	Peewee/Bantam Storm Practises/Parent Meetings/Sizing	Saskatoon
18-20	Peewee Box Lacrosse Tournament	Moose Jaw
19-20	U14 & U16 Men’s Field Lacrosse Tournament	Moose Jaw
25-27	Midget Box Lacrosse Tournament	Moose Jaw
25-27	Justin Sproat Memorial Bantam Box Tournament	Saskatoon

June

1-3	Intermediate Men’s Field Provincial Championship	Saskatoon
1-3	Peewee/Bantam Storm Training Camps with Colin Doyle, Chris Driscoll	Regina
8-10	Silver Stick Peewee Box Lacrosse Tournament	Saskatoon
9-10	Novice/Tyke Box Lacrosse Festival	Moose Jaw
16-17	PA Daily Herald Novice/Peewee/Bantam Box Lacrosse Tournament	Prince Albert
16-17	Junior Men’s Field Lacrosse Tournament	Moose Jaw
22-24	Bantam Box Lacrosse Tournament	Moose Jaw
22-24	Peewee Box Lacrosse Provincial Championship	Saskatoon
22-24	Novice Box Lacrosse Festival	Saskatoon
23	Tyke Box Lacrosse Festival	Saskatoon

July

6-8	Midget Box Provincial Championship	Prince Albert
13-15	Bantam Box Provincial Championship	Regina
13-15	PGLL Playoff Weekend	Moose Jaw

August

5-11	Peewee Box Lacrosse Nationals	Whitby, Ontario
5-11	Bantam Box Lacrosse Nationals	Whitby, Ontario
22-26	Founder’s Cup - Junior B Box Nationals	Kamloops, BC

September

A25-S1	Minto Cup - Junior A Box Nationals	New Westminister, BC
A31-S2	First Nations Trophy - Junior Men’s Field Nationals	Kitchener, Ontario
A31-S2	Alumni Cup - Intermediate Men’s Field Nationals	Kitchener, Ontario
7-15	Mann Cup - Senior A Box Nationals	BC
8-9	Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association Strategic Planning Session	To be determined
15-16	Canadian Junior Men’s Field National Team Tryout Camp	Saskatoon
29-30	Regina Field Lacrosse Festival - 3 age dvisions, U14, U11, U8	Regina

October

5-7	Canadian Junior Men’s Field National Team Final Selection Camp	Vancouver, BC
5-7	Ross/Victory Cup - Senior Men’s Field Nationals	Coquitlam, BC
26-28	SLA Annual General Meeting at Temple Gardens Mineral Spa	Moose Jaw

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SLA MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association (SLA) requires each player, coach, and official to submit a \$25 membership fee each time he/she registers as a player, coach, and/or official with the SLA within our fiscal year (April 1 – March 31). This fee must be paid separately for athletes who play, coach and/or officiate lacrosse in different sectors.

For example:

If your son/daughter plays box and field lacrosse, then you will be required to pay \$25 for each sector - \$25 SLA fee for box sector and \$25 for the field sector. In fact, if your son/daughter also officiates or coaches, then your local club may be paying this \$25 fee again on behalf of him/her.

What does your Saskatchewan Lacrosse Association membership fee include?

- Insurance – approx. \$5 per person
- Newsletter - approx. \$5 per person
- CLA membership – approx. \$3 per person
- Provincial Championships
- Provincial Teams
- Administration
- Coaching Development
- Officiating Development
- Additional Canadian Lacrosse Association (CLA) charges for coaching/officiating development
- Promotion & Development of lacrosse throughout Saskatchewan

The revenues collected from the \$25 membership fee are essential fees to support the sustain-ability and growth of lacrosse in Saskatchewan.

Veteran NHL Referee Don Koharski named Warrior 2007 ILF World Indoor Lacrosse Championship Honorary Referee in Chief.

Dartmouth born and second most senior referee for the National Hockey League, Don Kohars-ki has been named as the honorary referee in chief for the Warrior 2007 ILF World Indoor Lacrosse Championship. Koharski, who played lacrosse for Nova Scotia at the 1969 and 1973 Canada Games, now lives in Florida when he’s not calling games on the ice. That ‘73 team made a spectacular run to the championship game, where Nova Scotia surprised everyone by taking the Silver medal, loosing to powerhouse British Columbia in the gold-medal game.

“I am honored to be a part of these Championships in a sport that takes me back to playing days in Nova Scotia. Being from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, I am especially pleased to be apart of these world championship games in my home town. I look forward to seeing everyone there”

The Warrior 2007 ILF World Indoor Lacrosse Championship will bring together the best lacrosse players in the world for an eight nation round-robin tournament May 14-20 at the Halifax Metro Centre. Canada looks to defend its title against the likes of Australia, Czech Republic, Eng-land, Ireland, Iroquois Nationals, Scotland and the United States.

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PGLL

The Prairie Gold Lacrosse League (PGLL) is getting ready for another exciting year of major box lacrosse in Saskatchewan. The league will once again consist of two levels of play in the 2007 season being Junior and Senior. The senior teams will consist of the Regina Heat and the Saskatoon Brewers. The Junior teams will consist of the Moose Jaw Mustangs teams, Saskatoon Smash, Saskatoon Steelers, Regina Riot, Yorkton Bulldogs, Swift Current Rampage, Assiniboia Attack, and Prince Albert Predators.

All of the teams will compete in the regular season against and playoffs with the exception of the two Senior teams will play against each other for playoffs to determined a Senior Champion.

Pre-season Overall Rankings:

- Moose Jaw Mustangs
- Saskatoon Brewers
- Saskatoon Steelers
- Saskatoon Smash
- Regina Heat
- Prince Albert Predators
- Regina Riot
- Assiniboia Attack
- Swift Current Rampage
- Yorkton Bulldogs

The PGLL will be updated the web site regularly as teams finalize their roster over the next few weeks in preparation for the season. The league website is at www.prairiegoldlacrosseleague.com

PGLL 2007 Season Schedule (Revised - May 3, 2007)

Date	Time	Score	Home	Arena	Away	Score
22-Apr	2:00 PM	6	Assiniboia Attack	Civic Centre	Saskatoon Steelers	13
27-Apr	8:00 PM	11	Assiniboia Attack	Civic Centre	Regina Heat	12
28-Apr	7:00 PM	4	Swift Current Rampage	Gull Lake	Regina Riot	13
29-Apr	8:00 PM	13	Regina Riot	Emerald Park	Assiniboia Attack	10
29-Apr	8:00 PM	12	Saskatoon Steelers	Kinsmen	Prince Albert Pred.	10
2-May	8:00 PM	4	Saskatoon Steelers	Kinsmen	Saskatoon Smash	8
5-May	8:00 PM		Yorkton Bulldogs	Farrell Agencies	Saskatoon Steelers	
5-May	7:00 PM		Assiniboia Attack	Civic Centre	Prince Albert Predators	
5-May	7:00 PM		Regina Heat	Emerald Park	Saskatoon Smash	
6-May	5:00 PM		Yorkton Bulldogs	Farrell Agencies	Saskatoon Smash	
6-May	2:00 PM		Moose Jaw Mustangs	Bert Hunt	Prince Albert Predators	
7-May	8:00 PM		Moose Jaw Mustangs	Bert Hunt	Regina Heat	
9-May	8:00 PM		Moose Jaw Mustangs	Bert Hunt	Assiniboia Attack	
12-May	5:00 PM		Saskatoon Steelers	Kinsmen	Regina Heat	
12-May	8:00 PM		Assiniboia Attack	Civic Centre	Regina Riot	
12-May	8:00 PM		Prince Albert Predators	Kinsmen	Swift Current Rampage	
12-May	7:00 PM		Moose Jaw Mustangs	Bert Hunt	Saskatoon Smash	
13-May	2:00 PM		Saskatoon Steelers	Kinsmen	Swift Current Rampage	
13-May	2:00 PM		Yorkton Bulldogs	Farrell Agencies	Saskatoon Brewers	
13-May	2:00 PM		Prince Albert Predators	Kinsmen	Regina Heat	
15-May	7:00 PM		Regina Riot	Balgonie	Regina Heat	
16-May	8:00 PM		Saskatoon Smash	Kinsmen	Saskatoon Steelers	
25-May	8:00 PM		Regina Heat	Balgonie	Regina Riot	
25-May	8:00 PM		Prince Albert Predators	Kinsmen	Saskatoon Smash	
26-May	8:00 PM		Swift Current Rampage	Gull Lake	Saskatoon Smash	
27-May	5:00 PM		Saskatoon Steelers	Kinsmen	Yorkton Bulldogs	
27-May	2:00 PM		Swift Current Rampage	Gull Lake	Saskatoon Brewers	
29-May	8:00 PM		Regina Heat	Balgonie	Moose Jaw Mustangs	
30-May	8:00 PM		Yorkton Bulldogs	Farrell Agencies	Regina Riot	
1-Jun	8:00 PM		Saskatoon Smash	Kinsmen	Prince Albert Predators	

1-Jun	8:00 PM	Assiniboia Attack	Civic Centre	Moose Jaw Mustangs
2-Jun	7:00 PM	Saskatoon Smash	Kinsmen	Regina Riot
2-Jun	2:00 PM	Swift Current Rampage	Gull Lake	Moose Jaw Mustangs
3-Jun	2:00 PM	Assiniboia Attack	Civic Centre	Yorkton Bulldogs
3-Jun	2:00 PM	Saskatoon Brewers	Kinsmen	Regina Riot
9-Jun	8:00 PM	Yorkton Bulldogs	Farrell Agencies	Swift Current Rampage
9-Jun	6:00 PM	Regina Heat	Balgonie	Assiniboia Attack
9-Jun	8:00 PM	Regina Riot	Balgonie	Prince Albert Predators
10-Jun	2:00 PM	Yorkton Bulldogs	Farrell Agencies	Prince Albert Predators
10-Jun	2:00 PM	Regina Riot	Balgonie	Swift Current Rampage
13-Jun	8:00 PM	Saskatoon Brewers	Kinsmen	Saskatoon Smash
15-Jun	8:00 PM	Saskatoon Brewers	Kinsmen	Assiniboia Attack
16-Jun	7:00 PM	Saskatoon Smash	Kinsmen	Assiniboia Attack
16-Jun	6:00 PM	Regina Riot	Emerald Park	Saskatoon Steelers
16-Jun	8:00 PM	Regina Heat	Emerald Park	Swift Current Rampage
16-Jun	8:00 PM	Prince Albert Predators	Kinsmen	Yorkton Bulldogs
17-Jun	4:00 PM	Saskatoon Steelers	Kinsmen	Moose Jaw Mustangs
17-Jun	2:00 PM	Saskatoon Brewers	Kinsmen	Yorkton Bulldogs
18-Jun	8:00 PM	Moose Jaw Mustangs	Bert Hunt	Regina Riot
22-Jun	8:00 PM	Swift Current Rampage	Gull Lake	Assiniboia Attack
23-Jun	8:00 PM	Yorkton Bulldogs	Farrell Agencies	Moose Jaw Mustangs
24-Jun	2:00 PM	Regina Heat	Emerald Park	Saskatoon Brewers
24-Jun	2:00 PM	Prince Albert Predators	Kinsmen	Saskatoon Steelers
27-Jun	8:00 PM	Saskatoon Brewers	Kinsmen	Saskatoon Steelers
30-Jun	2:00 PM	Moose Jaw Mustangs	Bert Hunt	Swift Current Rampage
4-Jul	8:00 PM	Assiniboia Attack	Civic Centre	Swift Current Rampage
4-Jul	8:00 PM	Saskatoon Brewers	Kinsmen	Prince Albert Predators
5-Jul	8:00 PM	Regina Riot	Emerald Park	Moose Jaw Mustangs
5-Jul	8:00 PM	Saskatoon Smash	Kinsmen	Saskatoon Brewers
6-Jul	8:00 PM	Regina Heat	Balgonie	Yorkton Bulldogs
7-Jul	8:00 PM	Saskatoon Smash	Kinsmen	Yorkton Bulldogs
7-Jul	6:00 PM	Swift Current Rampage	Gull Lake	Regina Heat
8-Jul	2:00 PM	Prince Albert Predators	Kinsmen	Saskatoon Brewers

To be scheduled

8:00 PM	Saskatoon Steelers	Kinsmen	Saskatoon Brewers
	Saskatoon Steelers	Kinsmen	Moose Jaw Mustangs
7/13/2007 - Div. 2 Semi	4:00 PM	3rd North	4th South
7/13/2007 - Div. 2 Semi	6:00 PM	3rd South	4th North
7/13/2007 - Senior #1	8:00 PM	Regina Heat	Saskatoon Brewers
7/14/2007 - Consolation	12:00 PM	Loser	Loser
7/14/2007 - Div. 2 Champ	2:00 PM	Winner	Winner
7/14/2007 - Div. 1 Semi	4:00 PM	1st North	2nd South
7/14/2007 - Div. 1 Semi	6:00 PM	1st South	2nd North
7/14/2007 - Senior #2	8:00 PM	Saskatoon Brewers	Regina Heat
7/15/2007 - Consolation	4:00 PM	Loser	Loser
7/15/2007 - Div. 1 Champ	6:00 PM	Winner	Winner
7/15/2007 - Senior #3	8:00 PM	Regina Heat	Saskatoon Brewers

An advertisement for MEE Sports, a company specializing in custom team lacrosse apparel. The background is a collage of various lacrosse-related items, including a lacrosse stick, a lacrosse ball, and several pieces of clothing. The central focus is a white long-sleeved jersey with black accents on the sleeves and sides, and a black and white zip-up jacket. To the right, there are black shorts with white trim. The top left corner features the MEE Sports logo, which consists of the word "MEE" in a bold, stylized font with horizontal lines, and the word "SPORTS" below it, accompanied by a graphic of a lacrosse ball. The top right corner has the tagline "Be An Original" in a cursive font. The middle left section has the heading "Custom Team Lacrosse Apparel" in a bold, italicized font. Below this heading, there are two columns of text listing the types of apparel offered: Sideline Jackets, Field Lacrosse Jerseys, Box Lacrosse Jerseys, Practice Jerseys, Quick Dri Shorts, and Base layer Clothing. A bulleted list of features follows, including: All Styles Come In Youth And Adult Sizes, Length Adjustments Available, Custom Cresting Available, Fast Reliable Delivery, 20 Years Experience, and Low Minimums. The bottom left corner displays the website "meesports.com" in a large, bold font, and the bottom right corner shows the phone number "ph: 888.244.4410". The bottom center of the ad features the address "733A 1st Ave. N., Saskatoon".



Alberta Lacrosse Association

Registration Numbers Vary Across Alberta in 2007

Neill Fitzpatrick

Another season of lacrosse is hitting arena floors across Alberta and early indications are that numbers will be up for many clubs in many divisions. But, it's not all good news for the sport in the Wild Rose Province. Here's a rundown of the forecasts for a few clubs that sent in information to LacrosseTalk.

St. Albert Rams: The Rams held three registration nights in February and March in St. Albert's brand new Servus Centre Recreation Facility. According to club co-president Bob Poseluzny, overall numbers for the Rams are strong again in 2007 with many fresh faces filling out registrations forms. "The encouraging news is the number of new players we are seeing this year" says Poseluzny. "Girls' registration remains an issue for the club even though we have good numbers compared to our some other clubs in the province".

The co-president believes a very successful winter lacrosse camp at the new facility had a dramatic impact on the number of new players picking up the sticks. The camp was held over the course of several nights in January and February. "We were at capacity every night we ran it". Poseluzny says the Rams, like other clubs, are still challenged by a lack of floor time and the annual wait for ice to be removed from hockey arenas.

Poseluzny is also encouraged by the growing numbers of parents stepping forward to coach and assistant coach the kids. "We have established a mentorship program in the club to help for new coaches and for those who need a tune-up or some new ideas for practices and games." The Rams hope to initiate more clinics for NCCP certification in our area and continue to look for more ways to support its coaches.

The next big event for St. Albert lacrosse will be the Ram's annual Jeremy Richardson Memorial Baggataway Tournament. It's scheduled for June 8 – 10 with most, if not all, of the games to be played at the new Servus Centre facility. For more information on tournament registration, contact Glen Evans at (780) 460-8671 or email at tournaments@ramslacrosse.ca

Lakeland Lacrosse: In the Wheatland Lacrosse League, the Lakeland Heat are gearing up for another exciting year. Due to low numbers, only Bantam and Novice teams will compete, but club officials are still optimistic this will be a great season to help the players improve their skills as well as certify more coaches and officials.

Greg Folliott is the club's vice-president. He says the Bantam Heat looks to be a fairly skilled and strong team that should have great success learning to compete. "After three practices, this seems to be the best Bantam squad I have had in over seven years of coaching lacrosse" says Folliott. "The players are already working well with the systems given to them and the skill sets are remarkable!".

The Novice Heat team is extremely competitive and the Folliott predicts a bright future for the Lakeland Lacrosse Association thanks to this age group. "The younger players sure seem determined to play and you would be hard pressed not to find a smile on the players' faces.". There's more good novice news for the years to come, because there is a large number of parents assisting in coaching.

Next year, the Lakeland Association will be looking to create a junior team due to the graduating midgets requiring a place to play. "We had an overwhelming number of players who

need to play lacrosse but at the junior level due to age" says Folliott. "Unfortunately they will need to sit a year, however they have the option of participating in practices with our bantam team."

On June 15-17, the Heat will host the Wheatland Lacrosse Leagues' Novice Year End Tournament. This will be open to all novice teams that play in the Wheatland League and will be highly promoted across the Cold Lake area. Folliott says with the great hospitality of the Lakeland area and the support of the community, the tournament will be a great experience for all participants. For more on the Lakeland Lacrosse Association, check out the LLA website: www.lakelandlacrosse.ca.

Camrose Lacrosse: 2007 will be a rebuilding year for the Camrose Lacrosse Club, in more ways than one. The bad news is: there will be no lacrosse in the Camrose area this year. The Club has been active since 2001 and with around 80 players each year there was confidence that the sport would continue to grow. Unfortunately, a lack of volunteers forced the Club to suspend activities for 2007.

The good news? The city is anxiously awaiting the completion of the new Sport Development Centre. A new 2400 seat arena and a 300 seat arena will open adjacent to the existing 1400 seat Max MacLean Arena. This will give Camrose three lacrosse/hockey rinks in one facility and one 200 seat lacrosse/soccer floor just a block away.

Barry Wilson is with the lacrosse club. He's hoping the new facilities will encourage more players and more volunteers to get the game back on the floor. Wilson hasn't been sitting back during this off-year. "I have demonstrated lacrosse in several schools in

Camrose and it is now part of the phys. Ed. program in most schools in Camrose." Barry would like to hear from anyone interested in reviving lacrosse in Camrose. He can be reached at (780) 672-6275.

Medicine Hat: The Medicine Hat Lacrosse Association is off to a strong start in 2007. Registrations in the Tyke/Mini Tyke program are well up over last year and that has people in the 'Hat excited. "Increased registration in the younger age groups is so very important as these kids are the future of lacrosse in Medicine Hat" says Association President Linda Robertson. "These youngsters are excited as now they not only learn how to play lacrosse, they get to go on road trips and play kids in other centers."

Novice through Midget registrations remain healthy and lots of players are interested in trying out for the junior program after last year's successful seasons in both Tier II and Tier III. Coaching and referee numbers are strong thanks to a committed core of people and a wave of enthusiastic newcomers, while not new to the game, but new to coaching or refereeing.

This June 15-17, the Association will hold its second annual "Lax to the Max" tournament featuring teams from the Novice to Junior Tier III levels. Organizers are inviting everyone to come out for some warm summer entertainment in Canada's sunniest city and take in this tournament. Whether you are a player or spectator, there will be lots of great lacrosse action.

ALA President's Report

Tom Engel

At the ALA's Annual General Meeting in November, I was re-elected as Association President. Carolyn Sucha returned to the Executive when she was elected as ALA Registrar. At this AGM, the ALA revised its Bylaws so that future AGM's are in line with the CLA and the other MA's. The ALA will be holding its first Strategic Planning Meeting in September of 2007.

The Alberta Sport Recreation Parks and Wildlife Foundation will be holding a Leadership Conference in April. At this time, Stew Begg will be receiving an award for the successful and outstanding achievement in officiating sports that involve amateur athletes. Jim Burke will be receiving an award for his commitment and dedication in advancing the development of sport in Alberta. They were nominated by the ALA. This will be the first time that lacrosse volunteers have been recognized by ASRPWF.

The ALA has accepted the Alberta Lacrosse Referees Association as a local governing body in Alberta which will work to improving relationships. The ALRA President has a seat on the ALA Board.

Currently, Masters Lacrosse is applying for membership with the ALA as this program is growing throughout the Province.

The ALA Promotion and Development Committee has a new Chair, John Eng. John has been very busy with new communities coming on board. The 2007 season will see the addition of Nanton and Blackfalds. Other areas expressing interest in lacrosse are High Prairie, Banff, and Elk Point.

The CLA Aboriginal Development Committee met in Edmonton and had a very productive meeting. Russ Sheppard has initiated the aboriginal development program in Hobbema. Initial contact was made last May with the school system. However, the focus has shifted to the Louis Bull recreation department. Shawn Threefingers is strongly promoting the lacrosse program. As many as 40 players have attended the development camps on a single night. A big thank you goes out to the Edmonton Rush which donated 50 tickets for the group to attend a NLL game. The Alberta Sport Recreation Parks and Wildlife Foundation, STX, and TEAM ALBERTA (Pee Wee and Bantam) are generously supporting this program with a grant monies and equipment. Other strong supporters are the South Edmonton Warriors and the Sherwood Park Titans. Both donated numerous sets of goalie equipment for Hobbema and other rural areas. Hobbema will be playing exhibition games and a tournament in the 2007 season.

TEAM ALBERTA is well underway in its planning for the 2007 Nationals in Whitby. The

National and International Competition Committee is under the direction of Paul Rai and many details of the program are in place. United Cycle will be the equipment supplier and Big League Sports will be the clothing supplier for 2007. Head coaches are Marc Bourret (Bantam) and Doug Doane (Pee Wee).

The Alberta Lacrosse Association is proud to support the Calgary Jr. A Mountaineers' bid to host the 2008 Minto Cup in Calgary. The group has presented a very comprehensive bid and ensures a successful event for the CLA's Jr. A division.

ALA office information



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Field Lacrosse Gaining Footholds in Alberta

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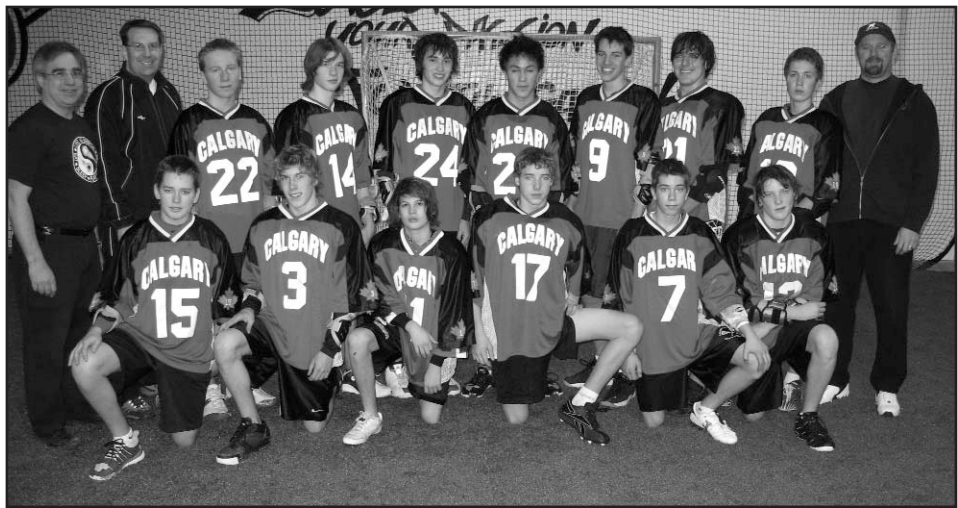
Field lacrosse? In Alberta? You’d better believe it! If you had any doubts that the outdoor version of the game is growing in Alberta, it’s time to turf those doubts. The bottom line is: 2007 is shaping up to be a very good year for field lacrosse in Alberta. In fact, Sunday, June 10th marks the first annual ‘Field Lacrosse Day’ in Alberta. Earlier this year, the ALA Executive approved the designation of this day in an effort to help promote and develop the sport.

With nearly 7000 box lacrosse players in Alberta, the hope is that hundreds will be

interested in trying the field version. With that in mind, field lacrosse clubs throughout Alberta have been asked to put on ‘new player’ clinics on the big day in June. With the event occurring in the middle of box season, box players shouldn’t be too hard to come by. Kevin Murray is the field lacrosse chair for the ALA: “Some clubs will be running a variety of new player camps for all ages. Others are organizing mini festivals for their box teams. The goal is to introduce as many players to the sport as possible and get them to sign up with their local field lacrosse clubs.”.

As part of the festivities for this day,

Murray adds that a tryout camp will be held of all ages and skill levels and new players



Calgary Field Lacrosse U15 Team at Winter Tournament in Coquitlam, BC

Lacrosse Official & Longtime Volunteer Honoured by Province

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Two men who have been longtime contributors to lacrosse in Alberta were recently recognized with awards from Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks and Wildlife. The awards are given every two years to coaches, officials and volunteers for their successful and outstanding achievements in developing Alberta’s amateur athletes.

On Friday, April 13, Stewart Begg received an Officiating Recognition Award at a ceremony in Banff. Stewart has been involved in lacrosse as a player, a referee or an official since 1959. He played for several years in Ontario and donned the striped shirt not long after he started playing. Stewart has officiated games across the country at many levels. He served as President of the Alberta Lacrosse Referees Association from 1996 to 2002 and has been the chair of officiating for the Canadian Lacrosse Association since 2001. The provincial Officiating Recognition Award was initiated in 1992 with 30 officials recognized since its inception.

The Sport Volunteer Recognition Awards recognize individuals who have, through their commitment and dedication, advanced the

development of sport in Alberta. On April 13, Jim Burke was honoured with this award. Lacrosse has been a part of Jim’s life for nearly 40 years. He began as a player in 1968 when he first learned to play Box Lacrosse and soon after took on a number of different coaching opportunities. His leadership skills were evident wherever he was. He has been the president of local clubs, the founder of Field Lacrosse in both Edmonton and Calgary, not to mention the various board positions he has held at the National level. As past president of the Canadian Lacrosse Association and a director of the Canadian Lacrosse Foundation, Jim Burke has had an influential role for Lacrosse and has been instrumental in raising the awareness of Lacrosse in Canada. Lacrosse Alberta is very fortunate to have a volunteer like Jim Burke involved in their programs. The Sport Recognition Award began in 1987 and since that time, 74 volunteers have been recognized.

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(Cutline for this article – Stewart Begg and Jim Burke Hoist the Hardware at the Provincial Awards Ceremony)



Host Team Red Deer at Field Lacrosse Provincials in August 2006)

in Red Deer for the U16 Team Alberta squad that will represent the province at Field Nationals next September in Kitchener/Waterloo. There will also be tryouts for a U17 Women’s Field team that will participate in a U17 Festival presented as part of the U19 Women’s World Championships in Peterborough, Ontario in August. In order to encourage as many Midget box players and girl U17 players to these camps as possible, the ALA has asked that no midget or girls games be scheduled on this day. Murray believes there’s a huge potential for the growth of the field game in Alberta: “In recent years, we have seen a significant growth in the sport and it is directly attributed to awareness and promotion activities. Most box players who experience it enjoy it, and stick with it!”.

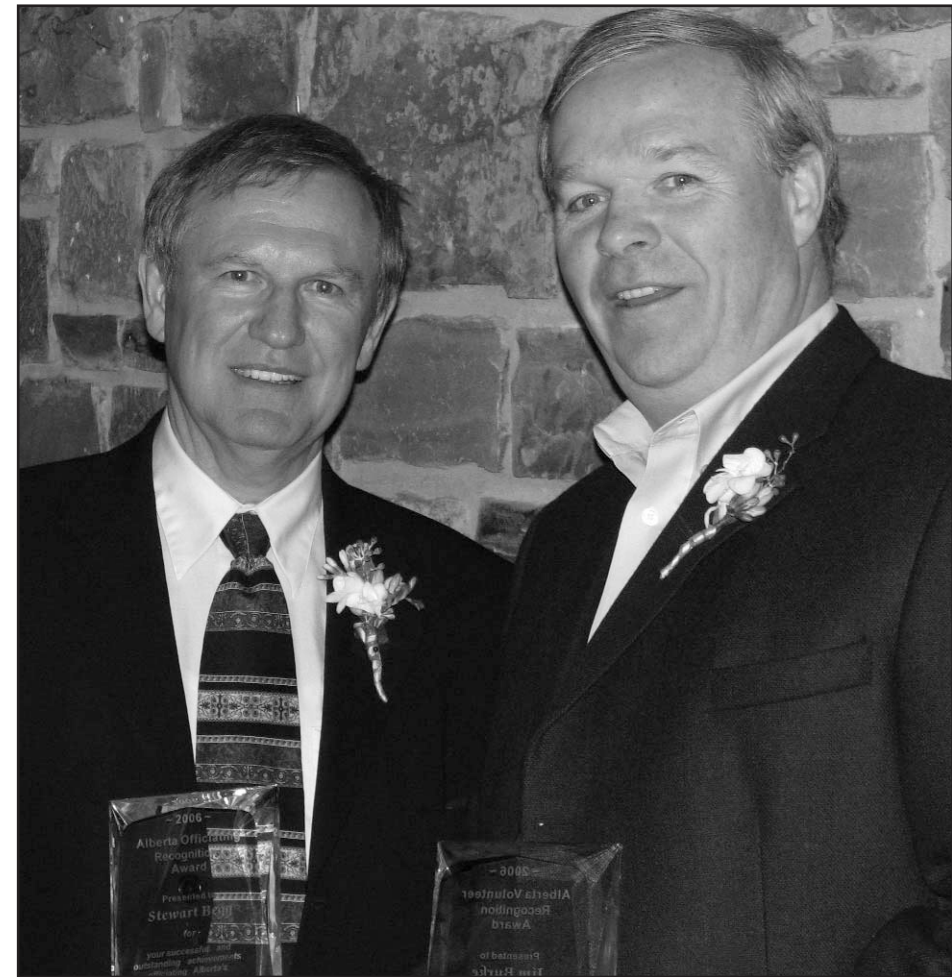
One example of the growing popularity of the outdoor game is the Edmonton Razorbacks. The Razorbacks are a relatively new field lacrosse club featuring a U19 and U16 program with a affiliate U13 program beginning this season. The goal of the club is pretty basic: to advance the game and the skills of players in the Edmonton area.

And it’s not just for boys. Women’s field lacrosse is picking up steam in both Edmonton and Calgary. Both cities are organizing one day player development clinics to kick off the summer season. Calgary’s will run Saturday, May 26, while Edmonton’s will be the next day on Sunday, May 27. The clinic is open to players

are more than welcome. Instruction will include basic skill development, individual offensive and defensive concepts, team offense and defense strategies and an explanation of the rules of the game. Instructors include former members of the Canadian and United States Women’s Field Lacrosse National Teams and former NCAA players and coaches. For more information or to register for the clinics, check out www.calgaryfieldlacrosse.com or www.edmontonwomensfieldlacrosse.com.

The field lacrosse season in Alberta runs from early July to September. There are currently active clubs in Calgary, Edmonton and Red Deer. Over the winter, most of these clubs organize winter programs and send teams to tournaments in BC or the US.

In Red Deer, things are going well. The 2006 season ended on a great note for the club as it hosted a very successful provincials. Red Deer’s U16 team won gold and the U13 team captured the bronze. Field lacrosse in Central Alberta continues to grow through a steady increase in members over the past few years. The good news for 2007 is the expected introduction of a new U10 age division. For more information on field lacrosse in the Red Deer area contact Terisa Matejka, at stmatejka@xplornet.com. And for everything you need to know about field lacrosse in Alberta, including the big event on June 10, go to www.albertalacrosse.com or email Kevin Murray, ALA Field Chair at kevin@calgaryfieldlacrosse.com.



Stewart Begg & Jim Burke hoist hardware

The Lacrosse Program Combines Academic & Athletic Excellence

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In the centre of Edmonton, the Vimy Ridge Academy has become the home of The Lacrosse Program, a sports-alternative initiative which links a student-athlete's academics with a passion for lacrosse. Through cooperation with the Edmonton Public School Board, students are able to attend regular core classes during part of the school day, while taking part in specialized lacrosse training in the afternoon. The combination satisfies physical education and option credit requirements. Initiated in the fall of 2005, the Program has focused on addressing the need in Alberta for technically superior lacrosse players. The Lacrosse Program allows young athletes to develop into the type of player they want to and can be. As it approaches the end of its second year, the program has grown from 13 students in 2005 to 28 students currently enrolled. The next school year is looking positive as well with the expected addition of another 20 student-athletes.

The school year begins with two and a half months of field lacrosse training, focusing on an introduction to the field game and individual skills, followed by five to six months of box lacrosse training. The school year wraps up with the kids back on the field to learn the finer points of strategy and positioning. The Program offers a minimum of 5 hours of detailed, small session lacrosse training weekly. That adds up to 160 hours of focused instruction through the year by some of the most well respected technical coaches in the province and country. The overall benefit is significant. Athletes who work on skill development with their lacrosse sticks for the entire school year experience tremendous improvement. Vision and game awareness also improve dramatically.



In the Fall, Brodie Merrill of Team Canada and the Portland Lumberjax, visited the school and worked with the students on the field.

The Program Director is Russ Sheppard, a Canadian Lacrosse Association Master Learning Facilitator in both box and field, who has coaching experience ranging from club to international competition. He was the 2003 sport Nunavut Contributor of the Year and 2004 Sport Nunavut Coach of the Year.

Associate Director Paul Rai brings over 25 years of lacrosse experience to the Program. Paul is currently the coach of the Edmonton Outlaws Senior team and has recently become the National Championship Chair for the Alberta Lacrosse Association.

Nathan Finkbeiner, the newest member of the staff, brings a youthful energy to the program. He has playing experience at the Junior "A" level, as well as Junior "B" and Field lacrosse coaching experience. He was a member of the 2003 Edmonton Miners Junior 'A' team that competed in the Minto Cup Championships.

Advising the student-athletes in post-secondary opportunities is Roger Castle. With 30 years of experience in the education field as a teacher and administrator, Roger is keen to provide the students with educational preparatory opportunities and scholarship information, as well as resume-building information for those students wishing to continue their career at the collegiate level, particularly in the NCAA.

Bill Gillespie, the onsite National Academy of Sports Medicine-Performance Enhancement Specialist is responsible for the entire Program's fitness training and testing. A former National Track and Field Team coach, Bill has designed and implemented training programs for athletes from various sporting backgrounds.

Chris Holt, a graduate of the University of Alberta's Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine, is the onsite certified physical therapist. Having

worked with such teams as the Senior Men's National Rugby and Concordia Women's College Basketball, Chris brings extensive and priceless experience to the care and treatment of our student-athletes.

The Lacrosse Program is well integrated into the surrounding lacrosse community, working alongside the Edmonton Rush Professional Lacrosse Team, the Junior "A" Edmonton Miners and Junior 'A' Edmonton Eclipse, as well as the Edmonton Razorbacks U-19, U-16 and Edmonton Ballhogs U-13 Field Lacrosse teams. Working alongside The Hockey Program at Vimy Ridge, The Lacrosse Program offers a unique opportunity to athletes involved in both sports. The Combined Programs for grades 5-9 allow both Lacrosse and Hockey focused training, where the student-athletes attends one program for two thirds of the year, and the other for one third.

Mitch Krieger is one of the students in The Lacrosse Program, "Attending Vimy Ridge and The Lacrosse Program is a great experience. I couldn't ask for a better way to attend school." The support of parents such as RJ and Maureen Johma is also positive: "Our son Nadr has been in the program for five months and has shown a marked improvement in both his academic standing as well as his general fitness. Before attending, he viewed school as a drudgery but now looks forward to going to school and loves the lacrosse component."

Student-athletes have experienced incredible growth since their start in The Lacrosse Program. Three have Junior 'A' experience, with one attending the Minto Cup last year. Another played with Team Alberta at the Bantam Nationals in Whitby last year. Then, there's Kirby Zdrill. After attending The Lacrosse Program last year, Kirby received a scholarship to Westminster School in Connecticut. Kirby is

now in Grade 10 at Westminster School where he is playing field lacrosse in one of the strongest leagues in North America.

If you are interested in registering for The Lacrosse Program, arranging a Shadow Day to try the program for a school day, or getting more information on the program, visit www.thelacrosseprogram.com or contact Russ Sheppard directly at rsheppard@thelacrosseprogram.com or (780) 465-5461, ext. 185.



NLL Player Brodie Merrill helps Mitch Krieger with defensive checks



Lacrosse Program student Nadr Jomha works on his technique

Coaches for Team Alberta Unveiled

(Byline) Neill Fitzpatrick

The Alberta Lacrosse Association National and International Competition Committee has announced the coaches for the 2007 Team Alberta in the Pee Wee and Bantam divisions. The provincial Pee Wees will be led by Doug Doane. Doug is a coach with the Calgary

Sabrecats Lacrosse Club. Doug attended the 1979 Minto Cup with the

Calgary Mountaineers and continues to play with the Calgary Masters Lacrosse

League. The Pee Assistant Coaches will be David Sucha from the Calgary Axemen and Ken Hansen from the South Edmonton Warriors.

Behind the bench at the Bantam level will be Marc Bourret. Marc is a coach with the South Edmonton Warriors Lacrosse Club. Marc took part in the 1978 Minto Cup and was a member of the Gold Medal Founders Cup team in 1979. Marc's assistants will be Ole Stearns from the Red Deer Chiefs and Shawn Wilhelm from the Spruce Grove Slash. The trainer for

both Alberta teams will be Darrel Shymanski. For more information on the Team Alberta process, contact Paul Rai, the National and International Competition Chair at chiefpsr@hotmail.com



Coverage of Warrior 2007 ILF World Indoor Championships Extensive.



The Warrior 2007 ILF World Indoor Lacrosse Championship will bring together the best lacrosse players in the world for an eight nation tournament May 14-20 at the Halifax Metro Centre. So it is only natural that the games be captured by an equally talented group of media outlets for broadcast world wide as Canada looks to defend its title against Australia, Czech Republic, England, Ireland, Iroquois

Nationals, Scotland and the United States.

An extensive network of television and internet based systems will ensure that the Warrior 2007 ILF World Indoor Championships will reach worldwide audiences. EastLink Television, the Maritimes leading live sports broadcasters, will produce 6 games including Bronze and Gold Medal games for broadcast live via satellite to international broadcasters (all times Atlantic Standard Time):

Mon. May 14	1:00 PM Iroquois vs England
Tue. May 15	8:00 PM Czech Republic vs Iroquois
Wed. May 16	5:00 PM Iroquois vs Scotland
Sat. May 19	5:00 PM or 8:00 PM Semi Final

Sun. May 20	11:00 AM Bronze Medal Game
Sun. May 20	2:00 PM Gold Medal Game

These Six games from the World Lacrosse Championship will be carried on Aboriginal Peoples Television Network in Canada and broadcast nightly during the championships with a repeated performance in July 2007. APTN has access to over 80% of all Canadians and is available in over 10 million Canadian households and commercial establishments as a mandatory basic service accessible via cable television.

All 6 games will be carried on EuroSport2 which reaches 26 Million European households in 9 languages (French, English, German, Italian, Russian, Polish, Romanian, Greek, Turk), in more than 50 countries.

B2 Networks will offer lacrosse and sports fans around the world access to all 20 games of the Warrior 2007 ILF World Indoor Lacrosse Championship live from Halifax Canada”, says Mike LaLeune, Event Manager of the Warrior 2007 ILF World Indoor Lacrosse Championship. Lacrosse fans will be able to watch every game form the Championship, live on your computer via pay-per-view service at \$6 per game.

Full tournament packages are available for all 20 games at the Warrior 2007 ILF World Indoor Lacrosse Championship. Tickets are on sale at the Halifax Metro Centre Box office by phone (902) 451-1221 or on line at www.ticketatlantic.com

Team Canada Roster Announced

Team Canada announces the roster for the upcoming Warrior 2007 ILF World Lacrosse Championship being held in the Halifax Metro Centre May 14-20.

Canada will be defending its Gold Medal from the 2003 Championship.

Leading players announced include defensemen Ryan Cousins, John Gallant, Peter

Lough, Bruce Murray, Scott Self, Andrew Turner and Taylor Wray; forwards Dan Carey, Dan Dawson, Colin Doyle, John Grant, Tracey Kelusky, Paul Gavin, John Tavares, Shawn Williams and Jeff Zywicki; and transition players Nenad Gajic, Pat McCreedy, Brodie Merrill and Steve Toll.

“This could be the most talented and athletic group of players ever assembled for a national team,” Team Canada General Manager Steve Govett said. “I am very excited to see them perform together.”

Coaching staff is led by Head Coach Gary Gait. Gait won the National Lacrosse League MVP 6 times during his stellar career as a player, 5 of which were consecutive wins. He holds the record for most goals in a season (61 in 2004) and most career goals with 596. He received the NLL’s Sportsmanship Award in 2004 and 2005. He ended his playing career after Team Canada won, for the first time in 28 years, the 2006 World Field Lacrosse Championship. Gait is Head Coach of the Colorado Mammoth of the National Lacrosse League.

Name		Position	Hometown	Team
Carey	Dan	forward	Peterborough, Ont.	Colorado Mammoth
Cosmo	Anthony	Goalie	Mississauga, Ont.	San Jose Stealth
Cousins	Ryan	defense	Toronto, Ont.	Minnesota Swarm
Dawson	Dan	forward	Oakville, Ont.	Arizona Sting
Dietrich	Steve	Goalie	Kitchener, Ont.	Buffalo Bandits
Doyle	Colin	forward	Kitchener, Ont.	San Jose Stealth
Gajic	Nenad	transition	Burnaby, BC	Colorado Mammoth
Gallant	John	defense	Brantford, Ont.	Colorado Mammoth
Grant	John	forward	Peterborough, Ont.	Rochester Knighthawks
Kelusky	Tracey	forward	Peterborough, Ont.	Calgary Roughnecks
Lough	Peter	defense	Toronto, Ont.	Arizona Sting
McCreedy	Pat	transition	St. Catherines, Ont.	Buffalo Bandits
Merrill	Brodie	transition	Orangeville, Ont.	Portland Lumberjax
Murray	Bruce	defense	Coquitlam, BC	Arizona Sting
Nash	Gee	Goalie	Ajax, Ont.	Colorado Mammoth
Prout	Gavin	forward	Whitby, Ont.	Colorado Mammoth
Self	Scott	defense	Peterborough, Ont.	Arizona Sting
Tavares	John	forward	Toronto, Ont.	Buffalo Bandits
Toll	Steve	transition	St. Catherines, Ont.	Rochester Knighthawks
Turner	Andrew	defense	Victoria, BC	Edmonton Rush
Williams	Shawn	forward	Scarborough, Ont.	Rochester Knighthawks
Wray	Taylor	defense	Calgary, AB	Calgary Roughnecks
Zywicki	Jeff	forward	Nepean, Ont.	San Jose Stealth

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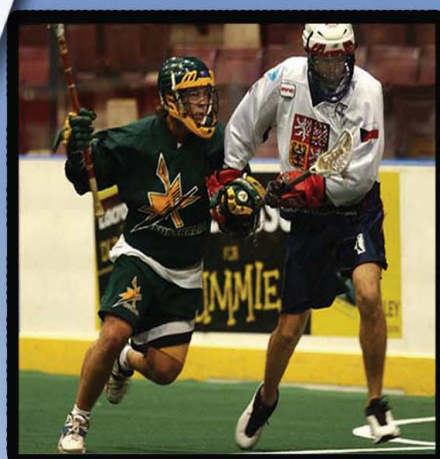
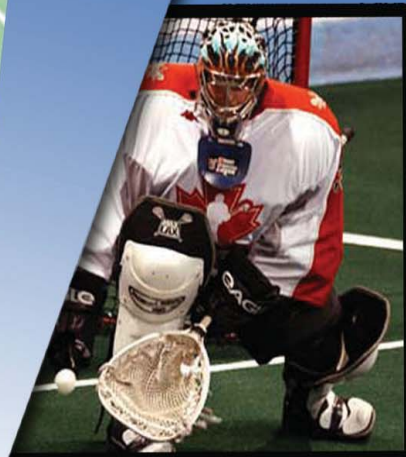
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