

Box Lacrosse Nationals 2012



Team BC Boys Muster Silvers at Nats 2012



**2012 Team BC Pee Wee Team
Silver Medalist**



**2012 Team BC Bantam Team
Silver Medalist**

In the light of the Female Bantam and Midget teams winning national titles, the Pee Wee, Bantam and Midget boy's teams had high hopes heading into their national tournament Aug 6-10 at Iroquois Park in Whitby. Team BC were well prepared and ready to do battle with the rest of Canada.

Team BC Pee Wee

The Pee Wees ended up in third place after the round robin with a 6 win, 2 loss record. Team BC scores were: 20-0 over Quebec, a 6-3 loss to Alberta, 10-1 over Saskatchewan, a 5-2 loss to Ontario, 23-0 over Newfoundland, 12-1 over Manitoba, 5-3 over the Iroquois and a 7-2 victory over Nova Scotia. Team BC top scorers overall were Tyler Ewen (14G, 13A), Austin Wahl (10G, 11A), Gabriel Procyk (8G, 6A) and Nico Pace (3G, 11A).

Team BC met Alberta in the semi-finals and sought revenge with a 7-3 victory winning their fourth game in a row and a spot in the gold medal game versus Ontario. The tough Team Ontario crew showed their mettle in the finals beating Team BC 5-1.

“Our team really improved as the tournament went on, gelling as a team and executing our systems,” noted Coach Josh Wahl. “In the gold medal game we fought hard for three periods, but couldn't beat the massive Ontario goalie. Their constant pressure and fast break started to wear us down. The coaching staff was very proud of the athletes hard work and determination all week.”

Team BC Bantam

The Bantams were arguably the most well rounded team and BC's best chance at winning a gold medal. They ended up a disappointing third place finish after the round robin with a 4 win, 2 loss record. Team BC scores were: 15-2 over Quebec, a 13-1 victory over Nova Scotia, 13-4 over Manitoba, an 8-6 win over Alberta and ended up the round robin on a low note with losses to the Iroquois and Ontario 4-3 and 5-1 respectively. Team BC top scorers overall were Ty Yanko (8G, 9A), Tavin Grant (4G, 7A), Bryce Taylor (7G, 2A), Ethan Ticehurst (5G, 3A) and Nathan McKeigan (3G, 5A).

Team BC met the Iroquois in the semi-finals and got their revenge with a tight 5-4 victory punching their ticket to the gold medal game versus Ontario. Team BC battled hard but just couldn't overcome the talented Ontario team and fell 8-4 in the finals.



**2012 Team BC Midget Team
Silver Medalist**

“This years' team of 21 young men were a delight to coach,” stated Coach Tyson Leies. “They worked hard prior to the National Tournament and I was quite impressed with how mature and confident they were throughout.”

“The coaching staff (Trevor Smith, Jay Kinna, Justin Boshier and myself) were very pleased with our team play, the support of all parents and of the BCLA and its members. I would go to war with each and every one of these boys again when the time comes!”

Team BC Midget

The Midget team placed best after the round robin of all Team BC teams with a 6 win, 1 loss record and a second place standing. Team BC scores were: 14-4 over Nova Scotia, 8-6 over Alberta, a 10-2 drubbing to Ontario, 8-6 over the Iroquois, 15-4 over Quebec, 14-7 over Saskatchewan and 19-2 over Newfoundland. Team BC top scorers overall were Jeremy Boshier (15G, 13A), Tyler Vogrig (7G, 11A), Connor Robinson (8G, 7A) and Gord Phillips (9G, 5A).

Team BC met Team Alberta in the semi-finals and thumped the Albertans 13-5 en route to another gold medal match against Ontario. Team BC put forward a valiant effort before dropping a 9-5 decision to Ontario.

“We battled hard all week with only gold in mind,” stated Coach Milani. “Ontario was a good team and we lost to the better team that day. I'm proud of our team and what we learned at nationals.”

“I am so proud of what we accomplished this year with all Team BC teams,” commented Team BC Box Co-ordinator Mike Marshall. “Team BC is going in the right direction offering incredible experiences in athlete development that these young athletes will cherish for many years.”