

Women's Invitational National - Oshawa, ON



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Team BC U19 Women's Field Lacrosse Team

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The Jenny Kyle Cup was competed for Canadian U19 Women's Field supremacy from 1992-1997 and dominated by Team Ontario. For the first time in 16 years, the CLA returned the U19 Women's Field Lacrosse Nationals from moth-balls to host an invitational competition.

The 2013 Women's Field U19 National Invitational took place in Oshawa, Ontario over two days - July 16 & 17. The event was played alongside the FIL Women's World Championships. Three teams competed for the title of National Invitational Champion two from Ontario and BC.

Team BC trained under the realm of coaches Naomi Walser, Dan Stroup and Jamie Stewart and has taken the program to new levels. They have served notice that BC Women's Field Lacrosse athletes are exceptional and can compete at a high standard!

"These girls were all keen, they wanted to play more lacrosse and really wanted to be at these nationals," stated Coach Naomi Walser.

So much so is that three athletes on the Women's Field squad did double duty and competed at the Female Midget Box Nationals the week after in Halifax!

Day One Results. Game 1: Team Ontario defeated the Ontario Selects 9-2. **Game 2:** Team BC beat Ontario Selects 15-6 -- Player of the Match was BC's Lauren Stewart. **Game 3:** Team BC over Team Ontario 13-6. Player of the Match was BC's Ellie Delich.

Day Two Results. Game 4: Team Ontario over the Ontario Selects 13-8. Player of the Match was Kameron Halsall (Ontario Selects). **Game 5:** Team BC over Ontario Selects 15-1. Player of the Match was BC's Megan Kinna.

In the Gold Medal game Team BC met Team Ontario. The nerves and excitement were quickly lost in the tough battle that ensued in the first half as teams traded goals and the score knotted 5-5 at half. BC's athleticism took over and stepped it up another gear outscoring Ontario 5-0 in the final frame to go on and win the National title 10-5. Players of the Match were Danita Stroup (Team BC) and Thalia Zolis (Team Ontario).

"It was a great result and affirms that our athletes can contribute at a national level these athletes have proven that college and international opportunities are within reach," said Walser. "It's not out of their reach!"

"Given it has been a short time that Team BC has been focused on the organization of a Provincial Girls Program, we were very excited about our championship," stated Team BC Field Lacrosse Coordinator, Rey Comeault. "Naomi Walser has truly been a pioneer for Team BC in establishing our Women's Field Lacrosse interests. We're excited to continue building the fundamental mindset of our players all the while stressing the nuances of the Women's Field game."