

Sports

Salling's club sailing through Canada Cup

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You'll have to forgive Port Coquitlam's Jennifer Salling if you've seen the occasional yawn across her face in the last few days, though she'd never admit to having her guard down.

Sure, Salling's Team Canada is right in the thick of it at the Canada Cup tournament in Surrey, and yes, she's got Beijing on her mind as well.

But for now, the competition has been slim to nil for Canada's entry over in South Surrey.

The Canucks have dusted off all of their competitors to date and turned out a 5-0 record, forcing the mercy rule in all of their first five games.

"I wouldn't say we're rolling over (the competition), we go into every game the same way, as if we were playing an Olympic team," Salling said.

"We're going into our games with a strong focus, we know we're the bet-

ter team, but we have to stay within ourselves."

The Canucks' latest win came by way of an 8-0 triumph in just five innings over the Oregon Elite Wednesday.

Tuesday's game saw Team Canada dismantle the host White Rock Renegades to the tune of 20-0. Salling notched two runs and three RBIs in the one-sided affair.

Team Canada then made quick work of the Nor Cal Assault on Monday, finishing off the visitors by another 10-0 count. The PoCo native covered most of the bases in the stats column, finishing with a hit, a run and an RBI.

"We're taking care of business for a lack of a better term," Salling said. "We're staying pretty disciplined at the plate too so that's helping a lot."

Game 2 was much of the same, as Salling's team dispatched of China's Sichuan Club by a 12-0 count. Salling hit a three-run homer in the third and finished the game with three RBIs.

The Canadians first dusted off the

Czech Republic 10-0 on Saturday, a game in which Salling recorded a hit, a run and an RBI. The Canadian hurler that day, Burnaby's Danielle Lawrie, tossed a no-hitter in her three innings worth of work.

Thursday's matchup against the Australian team was the first instance in which the Canadians would have faced much competition, though the game was played after *NOW* deadlines.

"We facing better competition and we've earned the right to face better competition, but we're happy with how we're playing going into (Thursday's) game against Australia," Salling said. "We always battle with them. Lots of hits, lots of defence, and it's always an exciting game between Canada and Australia."

Once the Canada Cup wraps up in the coming days, the focus then shifts solely to Beijing, China, where the Canadian team has been pegged for a top-five finished, if not a spot on the podium.

But according to the 21-year-old Terry Fox grad, the weight of expectation doesn't bog down her team

"(Pressure) is something that this team handles really well," Salling said. "We know what we need to do when the time comes."



Brian Howell/NOW

Jennifer Salling in action against a team from China last week.

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Jennifer Salling
Team Canada shortstop

Adanacs finish second in provincial finals

The Coquitlam Bantam A1 lacrosse team hoped that history would repeat itself at the provincial championships in Campbell River on Sunday, but lady luck proved to be an elusive mistress.

The bantam side dropped its gold medal contest to Peninsula by a count of 10-7, a loss that came just days after Coquitlam beat Peninsula 12-6 in round robin play.

"There wasn't a really big difference between the two teams. I think even if we played them a number of times it probably would be pretty even," said Coquitlam coach Jim McIntosh.

Coquitlam got its singles from Zach Hartmann, Tomas Syskakis, Matthew Symes, Garrett Broad, Brendan Zoehner, Cole Shafer and Robin Lowenberger.

The Adanacs, who finished the season with a 25-5-1 record, got to the gold medal dance after downing New Westminster 11-7 in the semi-finals.

Challen Rogers dropped six points in the game (three

goals, three assists) and Nick Hermary added three.

Broad, Syskakis, Shafer, Charlie Vollman and Joey Santucci notched singles.

Shafer would go on to be named to the A1 all star team, while Lowenberger was awarded the fair play award.

• More than a half dozen Tri-Cities field lacrosse players helped the Burnaby Mountain Selects run the table at last week's World Youth Lacrosse Invitational in Coquitlam.

Held in conjunction with the recently concluded under 19 world championships, the invitational tourney saw clubs from throughout Canada, the U.S. and Australia competing for supremacy.

The end result saw both teams from the Burnaby program — the u-18 elite and u-15 elite sides — walk away with gold medals in tow at Percy Perry Stadium.

Seven players from the area helped the u-18s capture the first-place trophy, including: Michael Pecchia (Coquitlam, goal); Mack Davis (Port Coquitlam, midfield/

faceoff); Cody L'Arrivee (Port Coquitlam, defence); Richard Lachlan (Port Coquitlam, attack); Ryan Zoehner (Port Coquitlam, defence); Joshua Simons (Port Moody, mid-field) and Tor Reinhold (Coquitlam, attack).

Davis, a recent graduate from Riverside Secondary, was also selected to the World Youth All-tournament team.

Davis' squad ran into just one roadblock en route to their 6-1 record, dropping a 13-6 decision to the Vancouver Island entrant. Otherwise, the u-18s ran roughshod over all comers, defeating the Australian Kangas 15-2; Mercer Island-Bellevue 17-2; Calgary 16-6; Lakje Oswego 9-5; and Seattle 9-4.

The u18-s made up for the round robin loss to Vancouver Island by defeating the Island team 14-9 in the gold medal final.

In the u-15 bracket, Port Coquitlam's Nick Hayes-Watts, helped his u-15 team compile a perfect 5-0 record en route to the golden medal.

His club downed the Australian Kangas 11-10 in the gold medal game, but above and beyond that score-line, it was relatively smooth sailing for the u-15s.

Hayes-Watts' team downed Lake Oswego 15-5; Mercer Island-Bellevue 12-7; Vancouver Island 12-4 and the Kangas 9-4 in semifinals play.



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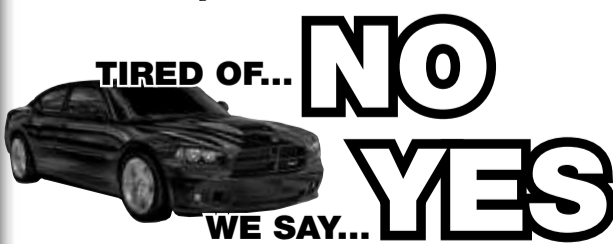
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