

Lacrosse players selected to elite development program

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Lacrosse is enjoying renewed interest in Richmond and it shows in the number of players selected to the Bumaby Mountain Lacrosse Elite Development Program.

Selected to the team for the 2010 summer schedule are:

- Jonathan Bailey, junior defence
- Quinton Bradley, senior defence
- Evan Hunt, sophomore midfield
- Josh Kelly, sophomore defence
- Trenton Matsuzaki, senior attack
- Danny McDermott, senior defence
- Kieran McKay, U13 mdifled
- Jonah Sahota, sophomore midfield
- Marc Sahota, U13 defence
- Parker Sahota, senior midfield/faceoff
- Cooper Yates, U13 midfield.

Bumaby Mountain will field four travel teams this summer: U13 Elite (1997, 1998, 1996 bom), Sophomore Elite (1995 born), Junior Elite (1994 born) and Senior Elite (1992, 1993 born). In total, 66 student-athletes from 22 different communities across British Columbia, Idaho and Washington State will represent the Selects at top tournaments in Colorado, Massachusetts and Maryland.

Founded in 2006, the Bumaby Mountain Selects program is designed to follow the same collegiate template as the Simon Fraser University men's lacrosse program with the objective of best preparing young student-athletes to play at the NCAA or MCLA collegiate level.

Bumaby Mountain's U13 summer season consists of two on-field practices each week. The five-week program will conclude with a trip to Boston, Mass. June 17-21 where the Selects will compete at the Primetime Warrior Shootout. The tournament will take place June 19 and 20 at Babson College (NCAA Div. III) in Wellesley, Mass. (just outside of Boston) and will feature top middle school teams from across North America. In addition to two days of competition, the Selects will also tour the acclaimed Harvard University (NCAA Div. I) in Cambridge, MA and visit Fenway Park, home of the MLB's Boston Red Sox.

Bumaby Mountain's high school aged teams (sophomore, junior and senior) will practice on-field twice a week and attend three hours of weekly study hall leading up to the end of the school year. In addition to the practice schedule, each team will travel to compete in one of the summer's top college recruiting tournaments. Each tournament will feature elite high-school aged competition from across the continent in addition to the opportunity to play in front of NCAA and MCLA College Coaches.

Bumaby Mountain's sophomores and juniors will wrap up their eight-week summer program by travelling to Denver, Col. July 8-12 to compete at the University of Denver Pioneers Team Camp. The tournament will take place July 9-11 at Dick's Sporting Goods Park and is widely anticipated as being the premier recruiting team camp in the western U.S. with hall of fame coach Bill Tierney hosting. In addition to three days of competition, the Selects will also tour the campus of rising NCAA Division I contender University of Denver.

The 10-week summer program for Bumaby Mountain's senior team will be highlighted by a trip to Baltimore, Maryland July 19-26 to compete in the nationally renowned Champ Camp. Teams are selected to compete at Champ Camp by invitation only with an emphasis on assembling the top high school aged club teams in North America. 2010 will be the first time that the Selects have attended Champ Camp with Bumaby Mountain becoming the first program to be selected from Western Canada in the tournament's 21 year history. Listed as one of the top recruiting events by Inside Lacrosse (ESPN), the four-day event will take place July 22-25 at Johns Hopkins University (NCAA Div. I) with teams competing for the coveted Champ Camp National Championship. The BMS Senior Elite team will experience college life first-hand as athletes are housed in the university dorms on campus at Towson University. In addition to four days of competition, the team will also tour the campuses of top NCAA Division I lacrosse programs Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland. The Selects will end their tour with a day trip to Manhattan, New York.