

Sports

Amazing Vipers unbeaten

The Chilliwack Vipers continued its unbeaten run in its last tournament this year before provincials last weekend in Fleetwood. Despite featuring several A and B rep teams and a B.C. Summer Games team from the Kootenays, the Vipers extended its season record to 27-0.

The Vipers won their first game by mercy-ruling Langford 13-1 in four short innings. Moving on, the Vipers faced a strong combined Richmond All-star team. While Chilliwack won the game 12-5, it took amazing pitching by Ryan Kaplanis and clutch hitting by Shane Tilbury, Carson Chambers and Santana McKay to seal the final five runs to kick the mercy rule into effect.

Game three of the round robin had the Vipers facing powerhouse Sooke. It was a pitchers battle in more ways than one as Vipers pitcher Brendon Donegan hit a three-run over-the-fence home run in the first inning to give Chilliwack the lead. He then went five innings, striking out 14 and giving up only one run on two hits to lead the Vipers to a 3-1 victory.

The final round robin game was a battle for first place in the standings between Chilliwack and Fleetwood. Tied 2-2 in the last inning, fleetwood decided to walk around Vipers power hitter Thomas Bunn. The strategy failed when Parker Hendsbee hit his first over-the-fence grand slam to give the Vipers a 6-2 win and seal first place. In the medal round, the Vipers once again faced Langford. In a mirror image of the first game Austin Unger provided clutch hitting to give the Vipers a 5-1 win and a spot in the gold medal game.

Playing their second back to back game in two days, the Vipers showed no signs of being tired. Facing Richmond, the Vipers opened up the hitting and were once again led by a Parker Hendsbee grand slam. The Vipers scored runs from the top to the bottom of the line up to claim their third tournament gold. Up next for the Vipers is the provincial championships where they hope to turn their stellar record into a berth at the Western Canadian Championships in Calgary.

Carlson selected by Selects

A Chilliwack lacrosse player has been chosen for an elite touring Lower Mainland team.

Sardis secondary student Brett Carlson will suit up for the Burnaby Mountain Selects Senior Elite squad this summer.

The ten-week summer program for Burnaby Mountain's Senior Team will be highlighted by a trip to Baltimore, Md., 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. This year will be the first time that the Selects have attended Champ Camp, with Burnaby 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. Carlson and his teammates 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. After a week of high caliber lacrosse, the Selects will end their tour with a day trip to Manhattan, New York.



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