

Lacrosse trio outstanding

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Three local young lacrosse players were outstanding at the Burnaby Mountain Selects 2010 University of Denver Team Camp, July 8-12, with the Sophomore and Junior Elite teams.

The players were Connor Abrams (Aldergrove / Yale Secondary 2012) and James Rahe (Aldergrove / WJ Mouat Secondary 2012), both in Junior Midfield, along with Reese Callies (Langley / Langley Secondary 2013) in the Sophomore Midfield. Records for the Junior Elite were 2-4-1 and Sophomore Elite 2-4-1.

Rahe was also selected to the tournament All-Star Game.

Coached by Simon Fraser University men's lacrosse co-head coaches Jeff Cathrea and Brent Hoskins, the Burnaby Mountain Selects Junior (1994 born) and Sophomore (1995 born) Elite summer touring teams travelled to Denver, Colorado to compete at the University of Denver Pioneers Team Camp July 9-11, at Dick's Sporting Goods Park. The Selects faced-off against some of the top club teams in the Midwest, playing teams from Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Missouri and Texas.

After posting a 0-3-1 record on Days 1 and 2 that included two 2-goal losses, the Junior Selects went 2-1 in the Day 3 Play-off Round to place second in the Bracket 2 Varsity Division. The Junior Selects upset higher-seeded Denver Elite (9-3) in the Quarterfinals and Mount Denver (8-7 OT) in the Semifinals, before falling to Monarch (7-4) in the Bracket 2 Varsity Championship.

The Sophomore Selects also rebounded from a 0-3-1 start to turn in a resilient effort in the Day 3 Consolation Round. After starting Day 3 with a heartbreaking overtime loss (7-6 OT) to Heritage, the Sophomore Selects would finish the tournament with consecutive victories over St. Louis (5-3) and Kent (6-5) to go 2-1 over their final three games.

CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN

After a tough start on Days 1 and 2, the Burnaby Mountain Selects combined to post a 4-2 record on Day 3 and outscored their opponents by a cumulative margin of 38-32. The Sophomore Selects registered 17 goals for with 15 goals against on Day 3 to earn two wins with a lone overtime loss, while the Junior Selects bounced back from consecutive 2-goal losses to start Day 2 by outscoring their opponents 26-22 and going 2-1-1 over their final four games.

RECRUITMENT SHOWCASE

Projected to become the premier recruiting team camp in the western US, the Selects were able to showcase their skills in front of close to 30 NCAA and MCLA college coaches including NCAA Division I programs: Air Force, Bellarmine, Dartmouth, Denver, Harvard, Hofstra, Ohio State, Sacred Heart, Towson, Vermont and Wagner. The Team Camp also featured a two-hour NCAA clinic, where the athletes learned first-hand from the College Coaches during position specific and game situational drills.

CANADIAN CONTENT

The Sophomore and Junior Burnaby Mountain Selects, out of British Columbia, were the only two Canadian-based teams to compete at the 2010 University of Denver Pioneers Team Camp. The 21-team tournament field featured teams from five different states: Colorado, Idaho, Illinois, Missouri and Texas.

YOUTH MOVEMENT

The Burnaby Mountain Selects Sophomore Elite team was the third-youngest team entered in the 2010 University of Denver Pioneers Team Camp with all 18 players born in 1995 and classified as underclassmen. The BMS Junior Elite Team also had youth on their side with all of their 15 players born in 1994 and still having at least two years of high school ahead of them.

TOURNAMENT ALL-STARS

Forty-four of the tournament's top players were selected to play in an All-Star Game on Saturday evening. Three Burnaby Mountain players were selected to compete in the tournament's showcase event: junior midfielders James Rahe (Aldergrove) and Taylor Stuart (Port Moody) and junior defender Alex Thomson (Coquitlam).