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Title tilt: Matthew Shannik, with ball, had two goals for Burnaby South, while Daniel Hurmer, in air, scored a goal for Byrne Creek in the junior banner final on Nov. 4.

Jr. Rebels win banner; nipped in zone soccer qualifying

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It wasn't Burnaby South's day in zone soccer playdowns this week.

South lost both the AAA senior and junior boys' zone titles to a Sentinel Spartans squad, both by one-goal margins.

The senior Rebels fell 1-0 to the West Vancouver school in a provincial qualifying match in Burnaby on Monday. The juniors lost 2-1 in a shootout to Sentinel at Sutherland Turf on Wednesday.

In the junior zone final, midfielder Alban Hodo opened the scoring for South after just five minutes gone in the second half. Sentinel answered 10 minutes later and the game

went into overtime with the score tied at 1-1.

Matthew Shannik, who leads South in scoring with 14 goals this season, had a glorious chance careen off the crossbar in the match.

Rebel keeper Alex Morraquin made a number of spectacular saves to force the shootout. South lost the match on penalty kicks.

Earlier, South won the Burnaby/New Westminister junior boys' soccer banner with a 5-3 victory in overtime over Byrne Creek Nov. 4.

Byrne Creek held a 3-1 lead at halftime on goals by Filip Radovic, Daniel Hurmer and Sameer Aslami.

South rallied to tie the contest 3-3 and then scored

a goal in each of the two overtime periods to win the district banner.

Christian Guzman and Shannik, with a pair of markers, scored to send the game into extra time. Tyler Huguet and Louis Zhou tallied in OT.

"I told them don't be disappointed. Wait until next year when you have a chance to prove yourself at a higher level," said Byrne Creek head coach Sava Miljanic, who praised his boys for a fine season.

"It was an excellent outing. Last year, we had a not so good season, but we finished second and beat (Burnaby) North 2-0 in the regular season. After the first half, we were really confident we were really going to win."

Freshies sixth in Charlotte

The Burnaby Mountain Selects made it to the semifinals of the rising stars A division at the Charlotte Fall Classic field lacrosse tournament in North Carolina Nov. 1.

New Westminister's Sean Fitzsimmons, Hayden Goss, Jordan McKenzie, Connor Robinson and Mathew Sweeney helped the freshmen elite team to a 3-2 record, including an 8-4 over Old North State in the under-15 quarter-finals.

Burnaby Mountain lost in the semifinals 8-6 to eventual champion Team Florida.

The freshmen Selects were ranked fourth overall after a pair of wins in the seeding round.

Burnaby Mountain edged the No. 6 Cougar Selects 3-2 in its opening match.

They also got by the second-ranked Iroquois team from New York State 7-6.

The Selects were the lone club from Canada at the 60-team tournament.

In addition to the competition, Select players took time to tour the campuses of the University of North Carolina and Division 1 lacrosse national champion Duke University.

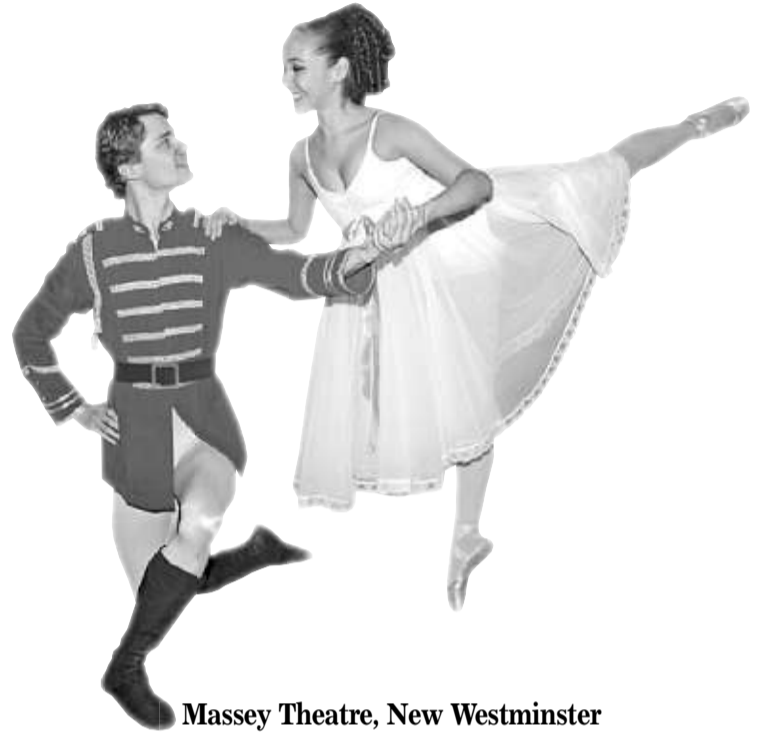
Before heading home, the tourists also made a stop at Bank of America Stadium, the home of the NFL Carolina Panthers.

They also caught up on school work with three hours of study on the trip.



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