



Showing off in North Carolina

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Pitt Meadows lacrosse player Andrew Gresham and the Burnaby Mountain Selects freshman team made a strong appearance recently at the 2010 Charlotte Fall Classic.

The Freshmen Elite and Junior Elite teams travelled to North Carolina from Oct. 28 to Nov. 1 for the tournament.

The freshman boys, born in 1996, won three of their five games.

They beat teams from North Carolina, but lost 8-6 to No. 1 Team Florida in the U15 Rising Stars 'A' Division semifinals.

The Junior Elite team didn't do as well as their younger Burnaby counterparts; they lost all five of their games in North Carolina.

Despite these losses, the junior boys reached the quarterfinals in the U19 High School Elite division and finished sixth overall.

Jorden Bloom and Lyndon Knuttila, both from Maple Ridge, play on the Junior Elite team.

Known as "The south's premier fall recruiting tournament," the two-day event featured more than 60 teams, across seven divisions, competing in front of more than 30 NCAA College Coaches. Burnaby Mountain was the only Canadian squad in attendance – the other clubs came from eastern states such as Virginia, Georgia and Florida.

During their trip, the two Burnaby Mountain teams also toured the University of North Carolina and Duke University, where the coaching staff at both schools talked with the Selects about the college recruitment process and showed them their facilities.

The coaches also highlighted the importance of academics in the college recruitment process.