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Recruiting Roundup: Adrenaline Challenge Day 2

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Final news and notes from the Adrenaline Challenge, Del Mar, Calif.



Adrenaline Elite Championship - Shredderz Blue

Club ball can help a player in many ways. It can provide a venue for talented players to play with other talented players from across their region. It can introduce different talents from across the country to each other. And it can be a venue for a high school team to continue to learn how to play together so when the spring kicks off they are more fully prepared for the season. The Shredderz Blue, winners of the Adrenaline "Elite A" grouping, fall into this category.

Composed of players from California's La Costa Canyon HS (a team that's made IL's Top 25 in the past) the Shredderz toughed out a hard fought win against Brady's Bunch, a team we talked about in our post from Saturday.

Goalie Eric Sanschagrín stepped up as the team's MVP on the day, shutting down Brady's Bunch's shooters throughout the game for the victory. Sanschagrín, who played with two knee braces, was quick to the ball and held his positioning, especially when Brady's Bunch shooters were able to cut through the top of the crease on the defense. Excellent stopper. Have him as a Princeton commitment. Definitely showed the hand-eye coordination to play with the big boys at DI.

Attackman Brendan Gaughan was the offensive star for the Shredderz, scoring three goals. Gaughan has nice size and a strong overhand shot. Michael Gennuso scored two goals as well, showing strong acumen around the cage. Also liked Matthew Melzer's work at LSM/Defense.

Also have to give a shoutout to Chase Brokaw, a shifty attackman for La Costa Canyon. He's has good presence around the cage, and also, with his sweet dreadlocks, had the best hair at the tournament.

Obviously, Brady's Bunch struggled with their scoring through the game. Despite a second half slip up I liked the way goalie Zach Weaver (Rancho Bernardo, Calif.) held the cage in the first half. Middie Shane O'Neil (Foothill-Pleasanton) showcased a nice shot. Tyler Eckerth (Rancho Bernardo) also scored a goal, though looked like he forced the offense late in the second half. The face-off X, which had been a strength Saturday, didn't stand out this time. Regardless, excellent talent with this group, making the championship game.

Other Champions



SoCal FCA Blue defeated Orange County Force to win the High School Division.

At the Middle School Division, Team Talon defeated the Orange County Kings (coached by Max Ritz and Shamel Bratton).

San Diego RC defeated the Wahoos for the Youth Division Championship.

Funny note. Apparently, the the Loser's Bracket Championship, which took place at the same time as the A Bracket championship, Fog City and the AZ Burn Orange team decided to settle their differences in a game of flag football. No word on who won. Like that it represented the easy flow of the day.

All-Star Game

Unfamiliarity and fatigue can be an issue with tournament All-Star games, as it was with this one, but there was still some interesting talent in Sunday's best-of-the-best contest.

I had watched some of the Canadian teams over the weekend, but you can really see the players from the North shine when they are working alongside more established field players. Both Brett Baron (Central Memorial/Calgary-Okotoks Raiders) and Aaron Tackeberry (Central Memorial/Calgary-Okotoks Raiders) stood out as capable, physical ballcarriers. Quinton Bradley (Matthew McNair Secondary/Burnaby Mountain Select Seniors), another Canadian, showed nice skill as a defenseman/LSM.

Chase Brokaw (San Dieguito Academy/Brady's Buddies), Chad Cohan (St. Ignatius Prep/Fog City), Lucas Gradinger (RC Elite) and Chris Severson (Utah Starz Dolphins) all scored quality goals in the contest.

The All-Star game featured the biggest crowd of the day, including a pack of rambunctious Canadians egging on their teammates in the game. Also, sweet pinnies for the All-Star participants:



More Recruit Notes

–Needed to watch some 2012s, and the Brady's Buddies vs. AZ Burn Purple served as a solid showcase for the younger kids. AZ Burn's Ryan Miller (Desert Vista, Ariz.) stood out on the offensive end, putting up an goal and an assist. Also liked Chris Cannon (Brophy Prep, Ariz.) on the Burn, who had a nice goal. Freddie Martori (Desert Mountain, Ariz.), a 2011 recruit with the Burn, stood out as well with a goal and an assist.

Attackman Anthony Abbadessa (Desert Vista, Ariz.) stood out on the Brady's Buddies crew, working the crease and scoring a goal. Also liked Carson Dutkanych (Park City, Utah), who put in an nice behind-the-back goal. Both players are only freshmen.

–Caught a bit of the 2011 St. Louis Samurais. Defenseman James Range (Fox), Daniel Shim (MICDS), Taylor Klein (Fort Zumwalt) Dixon Anthon (Chaminade) and Matthew Ward (Eureka) stood out in the game I saw.

–The Samurais played LA Lazers Pink, a group that is under the wing of Scott Hochstadt out of Los Angeles. Junior Dakota Randall (Mira Costa) stepped up with two goals and an assist in the contest I saw. Also like Grant Consoletti (Oak Park) and Zach Henkhaus (PVHS), who both scored goals.

–Bumped into former Johns Hopkins goalie Mike Govzden. After graduation, Govzden followed the lacrosse 'wagon train' out west to Los Angeles, where he's helping coach at the youth level, with the Loyola Marymount program (under the new tutelage of Craig Hochstadt) and shooting lacrosse video. However, Mike's big goal is to get his foot into Hollywood via a comedy career. Looking forward to some future web videos from the former Blue Jay netfinder.

–Saw the evolution of the 'flow bucket' with the 'clown bucket' this weekend. Clown bucket = helmet with neon green wig sticking out the back. Kudos, young man, kudos.

-If I even win the lottery, I'm buying a house in Solanas Beach. Gorgeous, active community.

-Back to the cold of Baltimore in a few days. Stay tuned for more videos from the Adrenaline Challenge in the coming weeks.

