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Marquardt makes mark with Canada's eight

Rowing veteran confident as crew readies for World Cup in Switzerland

Veteran Canadian rower Darcy Marquardt of Richmond was impressed with the quality of competition after two days of the Koninklijke Holland Beker near Amsterdam.

It was in this Netherlands city that several Canadian crews, including Marquardt's women's eight, looked strong as they gear up for the World Cup in Switzerland on July 8.

"The quality of our event made this a good benchmark to start our summer racing season," said Marquardt, who is joined on this year's eight by Lesley Thompson-Willie (London, Ont.), Ashley Brzozowicz (London, Ont.), Krista Guloiien (Port Moody), Janine Hanson (Winnipeg), Natalie Mastracci (Thorold, Ont.), Andreeanne Morin (Montreal, Que.), Cristy Nurse (Georgetown, Ont.) and Rachelle Viinberg (Regina).

The Canadian women's eight again finished second (6:11.99) to the Dutch (6:07.58). A British crew was off the pace in 06:28.90.

Dave Calder of Victoria and Scott Frandsen of Kelowna won the men's pair event again today, in a time of 6:26.19 (2,000 metres). Dutch crews were second (6:31.19) and third (6:35.22) in this final. Calder and Frandsen were on top of the podium yesterday as well.

"It was a great starting point and good to be back racing side by side; we know what we're going to work on heading into the World Cup in Lucerne," said Frandsen, 2008 Olympic silver medalist with Calder in the pair.

"Beijing was our last international race together, so we have high expectations on ourselves," said Calder. "The reality is that

we have to take things one step at a time in order to slowly work our speed back to a high standard." Last year, Calder rowed in the men's eight, and Frandsen was not competing internationally.

"It was a fun racing atmosphere this weekend and served as a nice distraction during our acclimatization here in Europe," said their coach, Terry Paul. "The real work is in the next two weeks in preparation for the World Cup."

In the exciting men's four final today, Canada's lightweight men's four was a close second to a heavyweight crew from the Netherlands (05:53.87) in 05:54.58.

Canada's men's eight chose to remain in Canada this week, but will join the others leading up to the World Cup in Lucerne July 8.



DARCY MARQUARDT

Locals gearing up for busy summer with elite lacrosse touring teams

It promises to be a busy summer for several Richmond field lacrosse players, who will accompany their Burnaby Mountain elite development teams to several recruiting tournaments.

Jon Bailey, Brad Hoffmann, Nick Jensen, Josh Kelly, Dylan Miller, Cooper Yates and four members of the Sahota family—

Jonah, Mark, Matt and Parker, will play for their respective travel squads set to play in events in Colorado, Maryland and New York. During the tournament, players will also receive organized tours of NCAA Division 1 college campuses and enjoy local sites and attractions.

Co-head coach of the

Burnaby Mountain Lacrosse Elite Development Program, Brent Hoskins (also co-head coach of the Simon Fraser University men's lacrosse team) said the goal of the program is to follow the same collegiate template as the Simon Fraser University men's lacrosse program, with the objective of best preparing

young student-athletes to play at the collegiate level.

The under-13 and under-15 elite teams kicked off the Selects' 2011 summer tournament schedule in Denver, Col. June 22 to 27, competing at the University of Denver Pioneers Team Camp. The four-day event featured a clinic attended by NCAA

coaches

In July, the junior Selects will travel to Syracuse, New York, to compete at the Syracuse University Summer Shootout July 5 to 10. The Shootout is hosted by Orange head coach John Desko and the men's lacrosse coaching staff of the 11-time NCAA national champion Syracuse University. The tour-

namment will provide elite teams from across North America with the opportunity to compete in front of college coaches in attendance from many of the NCAA's top lacrosse programs, said Hoskins.

Two weeks later, the senior elite team will conclude the 2011 summer season with a trip to Baltimore, Mary-

land, compete in the nationally-renowned Champ Camp July 19 to 26. Teams are selected to compete by invitation only, with an emphasis on assembling the top high school aged club teams in North America. Burnaby Mountain is the only program to be selected from Western Canada in tournament history.

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