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EVENT: Syracuse University Summer Shootout – Boy's High School Elite Lacrosse

SITE: Hookway Field, Syracuse University, New York

JUNIOR ELITE (GRAD 2013) RESULTS:

- L – Bby Mtn 4, Blaze Junior (New York) 7
- T – Bby Mtn 6, CNY Arrows II (New York) 6
- L – Bby Mtn 4, Albany Power Rising Junior (New York) 8
- L – Bby Mtn 5, Binghamton Saluki (New York) 10
- L – Bby Mtn 4, Cincinnati Elite 2012-2013 (Ohio) 9
- W – Bby Mtn 10, CNY Roadhawks 2013 (New York) 5

RECORDS: Bby Mtn Junior Elite (1-4-1)

SYRACUSE, NY (July 16) – Coached by Simon Fraser University men's lacrosse co-head coach Brent Hoskins, the Burnaby Mountain Selects (BMS) Junior Elite (Grad 2013) summer touring team travelled to Syracuse, New York, July 5 to 11 to compete at the Syracuse University Summer Shootout I July 8 and 9. Competing in a round-robin, recruitment showcase against top club teams from New York and one team from Ohio, the Junior Selects posted a record of 1 win, 4 losses and a tie, while displaying their talents to more than 60 college coaches in attendance from many of the NCAA's top college lacrosse programs. Recruiters in attendance included coaches from the host Syracuse University, back-to-back NCAA Division I men's lacrosse national champions in 2008 and 2009, as well 2011 NCAA Div. II runners-up Mercyhurst, and NJCAA National Champion Onondaga Community College, which won their third straight Junior College National Championship in 2011 and fifth title in six years.

VERSUS OPPONENTS

The action kicked-off on a hot and humid (27 degrees, mid-30's with humidity) Friday afternoon, as the Selects faced-off against Blaze Junior (New York), a team of top players from Western New York, in their first match-up of the tournament. After opening the scoring, Burnaby Mountain would lead 3-1 early in the first half until two late goals by Blaze Junior would see the teams draw even at 3-3 heading into the break. BMS and Blaze would trade goals at 4-4 to start the second frame, before three unanswered goals to end the game saw Blaze Junior walk away with a hard fought 7-4 victory.

With storm clouds beginning to roll in from the distance, Burnaby Mountain would play CNY Arrows II (New York) in their second and final match-up of Day 1. Boasting some of next season's top returning players in New York's Section 3 with players from Fayetteville-Manlius, Jamesville-DeWitt and Cazenovia, the Arrows would jump out to an early 3-0 lead, before the Selects were able to first get on the board at 3-1. Trailing 5-1 at the half, Burnaby Mountain would come storming back in the second, scoring three unanswered goals to close the gap to 5-4, as rain began to fall on the Syracuse campus. The Arrows would answer back



at 6-4, before another run of two goals by the Selects, knotted the teams at 6 goals apiece. Unfortunately, the Selects would be denied an opportunity to take their first lead of the game as torrential downpour and the threat of lightening cut the game a few minutes short, ending the match-up in a tie.

With four games on deck for Day 2, sunny skies provided the perfect backdrop for lacrosse, while the Selects were thankful for the slight breeze that accompanied the 23 degree heat, with much lower humidity than the day before. Up first was the Albany Power Rising Juniors, a team from the Capital District, loaded with some of the best upcoming talent from the likes of some of New York's other large schools in Section 2, including Niskayuna, Guilderland and Shaker. The Selects would once again open the scoring to start the day, with back-and-forth action resulting in a 3-3 tie at the break. BMS would take a 4-3 lead early in the second half before five unanswered goals resulted in an 8-4 Power win.

Burnaby Mountain would continue to run up against some talented offences in their second game of Day 2, finding themselves down 6-0 to Binghamton Saluki and 7-1 after 25 minutes. Undeterred by a lopsided first half, the Selects would outscore Binghamton 4-3 the rest of the way, battling back for a 10-5 final.

The Selects' opponents would not get any easier, as they moved on to face Cincinnati Elite 2012-2013, in their third match-up of the day. Representative of the emerging talent in the state of Ohio, Cincinnati Elite entered the Syracuse Shootout with only two one-goal losses over multiple tournaments this summer. Leading 1-0, the Selects would sit even at 2-2, before a three-goal run gave Cincinnati a 5-2 halftime advantage. BMS opened the second half scoring to cut the Cincinnati lead to two, until four consecutive goals put Cincinnati in control at 9-3. Burnaby Mountain would score once more to close out the scoring and end the contest at 9-4.

Hungry for a win, the Selects final matchup would be against the CNY Roadhawks 2013, a well-known elite club program from Central New York, ranked No. 9 by Inside Lacrosse Magazine (ESPN Affiliate) in a previous list of the Top 10 High School Club Lacrosse programs in North America. Burnaby Mountain would save some of their best lacrosse for last, charging out to a commanding 5-0 lead and holding a 6-3 halftime advantage. The Selects would continue to control the play in the second half, outscoring the Roadhawks 4-2 on route to a well earned 10-5 victory to end the tournament.

THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK

Widely recognized as one of the top high school club lacrosse programs in Canada, the Syracuse Summer Shootout gave the Burnaby Mountain Selects an opportunity to test their armor against some of the best lacrosse talent in North America, specifically from the state of New York. Known as one of the biggest hotbeds for lacrosse, 10 players on the recently announced 23-man roster that will represent the United States at the 2011 FIL U19 Men's World Field Lacrosse Championships, hail from the Empire State, representing just under 50% of the USA roster and the largest contingent by far from any state or region.

FROM FAR AND WIDE

The Burnaby Mountain Selects were the only Canadian-based team to compete at the 2011 Syracuse University Summer Shootout and the only team west of the Mississippi River from the 40-team tournament field.

HEAD OVER HEELS

While in Syracuse, the Selects visited the Cascade Lacrosse Factory to pick up their new custom BMS Cascade Pro7 helmets. Announced earlier this summer, as the new "Official Helmet" of the Burnaby Mountain Selects, the top of the line Pro7 with SEVEN Technology is the most advanced helmet Cascade has produced. The new custom BMS helmets were on display for the first time at the Syracuse Summer Shootout and will now be supplied to all Burnaby Mountain Selects athletes when they are selected for the elite touring program.

THE FRUITS OF THEIR LABOR – PART 1: ON CAMPUS WITH THE SYRACUSE ORANGE

Prior to the start of the tournament, the Selects toured the campus of Syracuse University, home to the eleven-time NCAA Division I National Champion Syracuse Orange men's lacrosse team. While on campus the Selects got a look inside the famous SU Carrier Dome, the largest domed stadium of any college campus with 49,250 seats, that houses the Orange's football, basketball and lacrosse teams, playing host to 'Cuse lacrosse greats such as Paul and Gary Gait, Casey, Ryan and Mikey Powell and Tom Marachek. The Selects also received a guided admissions tour from a current SU student that featured a walk through the Campus Gateway, Bird Library and Lacrosse Study Hall area, University Hill and Main Quadrangle, including

the old Carnegie Library and Hendricks Chapel. The Selects also checked out the Schine Student Center where they picked up souvenirs from the SU Bookstore.

THE FRUITS OF THEIR LABOR – PART 2: A BITE OUT OF THE BIG APPLE

After two days of competition in Central New York, the Selects travelled downstate to Manhattan where they spent the last day of their trip touring the "Big Apple", including stops at Macys, Battery Park, Ground Zero, Times Square and Rockefeller Plaza for an exclusive tour of the NBC Studios, before heading home.

EXTRA, EXTRA!

For more behind the scenes footage of the Junior Elite team's memorable experience in Syracuse, New York, including their day trip to Manhattan visit the Burnaby Mountain Lacrosse social media outlets. Photos from the trip can be viewed on the Selects' Facebook fan page (www.facebook.com/selectslacrosse <<http://www.facebook.com/selectslacrosse>>) or follow a detailed play-by-play recap using the Selects' Twitter "micro-blog" (www.twitter.com/selectslacrosse <<http://www.twitter.com/selectslacrosse>>).

LOOKING FORWARD

Next up, the Burnaby Mountain Selects Senior Elite (Grad 2011, 2012) team will conclude the 2011 summer season with a trip to Baltimore, Maryland, July 19-26 to compete in the nationally renowned Champ Camp. Teams are selected to compete at Champ Camp 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 the tournament's 22 year history with 2011 being the second straight year that the Selects will be in attendance. Listed as one of the top recruiting events by Inside Lacrosse (ESPN), the four-day event will take place July 21-24 with teams competing for the coveted Champ Camp National Championship. Games will be played over 10 locations in the greater Baltimore area, including host sites Johns Hopkins University (NCAA Div I) and Towson University (NCAA Div I).