

## [New Westminster player helps Burnaby Mountain lacrosse](#)

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Field players help Burnaby Mountain at elite tourney

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FRESHMEN ELITE SCORES:

W – Bby Mtn 9, Kansas City Orange (Missouri) 2

L – Bby Mtn 5, Team Florida (Florida) 6

W – Bby Mtn 6, Copperheads White (Georgia) 4

L – Bby Mtn 3, Northern Lacrosse (Ontario) 10

W – Bby Mtn 6, FCA White (North Carolina) 4

To left, big stick Max Gerhardt of New Westminster in action. Below left, junior attack Keir Yonge of Burnaby spins off a defender.

Photos submitted



JUNIOR ELITE SCORES:

W – Bby Mtn 23, Tomahawk Selects (South Carolina) 1

W – Bby Mtn 12, Chicago Blues (Illinois) 2

W – Bby Mtn 11, Copperheads Orange (Georgia) 3

W – Bby Mtn 10, FCA Blue (North Carolina) 3

W – STX High School Division Semi-Final – Bby Mtn 13, Team Florida (Florida) 3

W – STX High School Division Championship – Bby Mtn 9, Blue Devil Elite (Florida) 4

RECORDS: Bby Mtn Freshmen Elite (3-2), Bby Mtn Junior Elite (6-0)

Charlotte, North Carolina (Nov. 23) – Coached by Simon Fraser University men's lacrosse head coach Brent

Hoskins and SFU assistant coaches Luke Genereux, Chris Fox and Chris Tessarolo, the Burnaby Mountain Selects freshmen elite (1997 born) and junior elite (1995 born) fall touring teams travelled to Charlotte Oct. 27 to Nov. 1 to compete at the Charlotte Fall Classic.

Known as the South's premier fall recruiting tournament, the two-day event featured 75 teams, across eight divisions, competing in front of more than 30 NCAA college coaches. Burnaby Mountain represented one of only three Canadian squads and the lone West Coast program in attendance, with elite club teams hailing from Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Illinois, Missouri, North Carolina, Ontario, South Carolina and Virginia.

Consisting entirely of under-14 athletes, the freshmen Selects went 3-2 as one of the youngest teams competing in the u-15 Rising Stars A Division.

The junior Selects competed in the tournament's STX high school division, winning the overall championship with an undefeated record of 6-0.

#### FRESHMEN ELITE RECAP – WINNING EXPERIENCE...

Defender Max Gerhardt and goalie Dylan Sharpe of New Westminster helped Burnaby Mountain to a winning record of 3-2, the freshmen Selects only losses were a one-goal decision to the defending champs Team Florida (6-5) and a loss to the eventual 2011 u-15 A division champions Northern Lacrosse (10-3), who steamrolled the competition with a 6-0 record, defeating Edge Freshmen (Ont.) 11-5 in the championship final. The freshmen Selects outscored their opponents 29-26 over five games with wins against Kansas City Orange (9-2), Copperheads White (6-4) and Fellowship of Christian Athletes – FCA White (6-4).

#### JUNIOR ELITE RECAP – ROAD TO REDEMPTION...

After falling short of the u-15 A Division championship with an overtime loss in the 2009 finals, the Selects junior elite team, with many of the same athletes from two years ago including attack Keir Yonge of Burnaby, returned to Charlotte determined to win the 2011 Fall Classic high school division. The Selects would dominate the competition from start to finish, outscoring their opponents by an impressive margin of 78-16 and defeating Blue Devil Elite (Florida) 9-4 in the championship final. The Burnaby Mountain juniors also have a history with Blue Devil Elite, after the Florida program upset the '95 elite team as freshmen in the 2009 u-15 NDP Tournament of Champions, knocking Burnaby Mountain out of contention after the Selects posted an undefeated record in the tournament's round robin to earn the No. 2 seed.

The Juniors defeated all six teams they faced at the Fall Classic, claiming the top seed in Pool D with wins over Tomahawk Selects (23-1), Chicago Blues (12-2), Copperheads Orange (11-3) and Fellowship of Christian Athletes – FCA Blue (10-3), before knocking off the defending Champs Team Florida (13-3) in convincing fashion to earn a berth to the championship final.

#### CAMPUS CHECK-IN

In addition to two-days of competition, the freshmen and juniors also took time to tour the campuses of the University of North Carolina and Duke University, where the coaching staffs at both schools talked with the Selects about the college recruitment process and gave them a tour of their athletic facilities.

At North Carolina, the Selects received an exclusive tour inside Kenan Memorial Stadium (UNC Football), which recently completed a \$70 million expansion that saw the construction of the Loudermark Student-Athlete Center for Excellence, that houses a brand new men's lacrosse locker room, player's lounge, film room, coaches offices and varsity training centre and visited Fetzer Field, the home game field of the UNC men's lacrosse team.

In addition to being toured by the Tar Heels coaching staff, the Selects also got to meet UNC freshmen Chad Tutton, who shared his college recruitment story with the Selects from the perspective of a Canadian student-athlete now playing in the NCAA. On top of the lacrosse facilities, the Selects visited the Carmichael Gymnasium, the court where "His Airness" Michael Jordan played his college basketball.

At Duke, the Selects visited the men's lacrosse offices and received one of the first looks inside the Blue Devils brand new men's lacrosse locker room, before stepping inside the Duke varsity training centre where they spoke with the Blue Devil's strength and conditioning coach.

They then sat in the Duke film room to watch a highlight video of the Blue Devils' 2010 national championship run before talking with head coach John Danowski about the NCAA college recruitment process. Next, the Selects visited the Duke basketball museum and Hall of Fame, a new 6,600 square foot space inside the famed Cameron Indoor Stadium (basketball), featuring portraits of its Hall of Fame members and celebrating all of Duke's 26 intercollegiate sports which have combined to capture 12 national championships since 1986.

### VICTORY LAP

After the tournament, the Selects visited the Charlotte Motor Speedway, The Home Track of Nascar and host of the prestigious Coca-Cola 600 and Bank of America 500. At the motorsports complex, the Selects went on a Feel the Thrill tour where they got to experience the extreme 24-degree banking in the turns first-hand, as they took a lap around the 1.5-mile track with Tour Vans reaching speeds of up to 110 miles per hour. The Selects also got to see the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series and NASCAR Nationwide Series garages, as they traveled the two infield road courses, rode down pit road and made a stop in Victory Circle. On top of the quad oval track, the Selects also raced down the Speedway's state-of-the-art ZMAX Drag Racing Strip and checked out The Dirt Track at Charlotte, a clay oval that hosts dirt racing including the World of Outlaws finals.

### MAKING THE GRADE

A focal point of both Duke and North Carolina's coaching staff's was the importance of academics in the college recruitment process. Hoskins and his staff also place a great deal of emphasis on academics and their teams have become well known for excelling both in the classroom and on the field. In addition to two days of competition and touring some of the Old North State's most well-known sites and attractions, the Selects also completed three hours of study hall over the course of the weekend to keep up with their assigned school work.

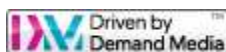
### EXTRA, EXTRA!

For more behind the scenes footage of the freshmen and junior Elite team's memorable experience in North Carolina 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).

Highlights of the Junior Elite teams 9-4 win over Blue Devil Elite (Florida) in the STX high school division championship are also available on the SelectsTV YouTube Channel [www.youtube.com/selectslacrosse](http://www.youtube.com/selectslacrosse).



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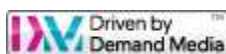
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