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Burnaby Mountain Selects Boy's Elite 2011 Dave Cottle Fall Lax Invitational Report

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EVENT: Dave Cottle Fall Lax Invitational - Elite High School Boy's Lacrosse

SITE: South River High School, Edgewater, Maryland

SENIOR ELITE SCORES:

W – Bby Mtn 8, Chesapeake Rock (Maryland) 0
L – Bby Mtn 4, Headstrong 2012 (Pennsylvania) 5
T – Bby Mtn 6, Edge Elite Sr/Jr (Ontario) 6
L – Bby Mtn 2, South Shore (New Jersey) 9
W – Bby Mtn 9, Edge Elite Sr/Jr (Ontario) 7
L – Bby Mtn 2, Mesa Fresh (Pennsylvania) 6

RECORD: Bby Mtn Senior Elite (2-3-1)

BALTIMORE, MD (November 27, 2011) – Coached by Simon Fraser University men's lacrosse Head Coach Brent Hoskins and SFU Assistant Coach Luke Genereux, the Burnaby Mountain Selects (BMS) Senior Elite (Grad 2012) fall touring team travelled to Baltimore, Maryland, November 2-8 to compete at the Fall Lax Invitational Tournament (Nov. 5-6), a top recruiting event hosted by Hall of Fame Head Coach Dave Cottle.

Competing in a recruitment showcase format against top club teams from Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Ontario, the Senior Selects displayed their talents in front of over 100 NCAA College Coaches and Recruiters, posting an overall record of 2 wins, 3 losses and a tie.

TOURNAMENT RECAP

The BMS Seniors opened the tournament in commanding fashion, recording an 8-0 win over the Chesapeake Rock (Maryland) to start Day 1. Burnaby Mountain would then face-off against Headstrong 2012 (Pennsylvania), well-known as one of the top club teams in the US. Down 3-1 at the half, the Selects would outscore Headstrong 3-2 in the second period, falling just short of the comeback in a 5-4, 1-goal loss. BMS would match-up versus fellow Canadians Edge Elite Senior/Junior (Ontario) to wrap-up the day, ending a back-and-forth contest in a 6-6 tie.

Day 2 would slot the Selects versus South Shore (New Jersey) to kick-off Sunday's match-ups. Down 2-1 and 3-2 in the first half, South Shore would pull away over the final 23-minutes to end on top 9-2. Burnaby Mountain would then square off versus Edge Elite Senior/Junior in a rematch from Day 1. Trailing 4-3 at halftime, the Selects would double-up Edge 6-3 in the second half to claim a 9-7 victory. Sitting at .500, BMS would face another tough test to conclude the weekend, playing Mesa Fresh 2012 (Pennsylvania) in their final game of the two-day event. With all but two of their players already committed to play NCAA Division I next season, Mesa Fresh would jump out to a 4-2 lead in the first half on route to hard fought 6-2 decision.



COACHES EYE

More than 100 NCAA college coaches attended Day 1 or 2 of the showcase, including recruiters from 2011 NCAA Division I National Champion, Virginia and 2011 NCAA Division III National Champion Salisbury. Other well known programs in attendance included Top 20 Division I lacrosse programs Bucknell, Cornell, Delaware, Denver, Hofstra, Johns Hopkins, Loyola, North Carolina, Notre Dame and Stony Brook.

LOOKING NORTH...

Widely recognized as Canada's two premier travel programs, the Burnaby Mountain Selects and Edge Lacrosse have not been scheduled against each other since 2009 but were matched-up twice on consecutive days at the 2011 Cottle Invitational at the request of NCAA College Coaches wanting to scout the top Canadian talent. After tying 6-6 on Day 1, BMS defeated Edge 9-7 on Day 2, improving their all-time record to 2-1-1 versus their Ontario rivals.



01 - British Columbia's Burnaby Mountain Selects Senior Elite (Right) and Ontario's Edge Elite Senior/Junior (Left) match-up in a two-game battle between Canada's premier travel programs.

OUT OF THEIR SHELL

Before the tournament, the Selects visited the University of Maryland where UM Assistant Coach Ryan Moran spoke about the college recruitment process and gave the Selects an inside look at the Terrapins' Athletic facilities that have been ranked as the top in the country by the Princeton Review. Included on the tour were the Comcast Center that houses the athletics offices and Academic Support and Career Development Unit (ASCDU), as well as Byrd Stadium and the Varsity Team House that features the Men's Lacrosse Locker Room and Weight Room.



02 – Inside the University of Maryland Comcast Center.

04 – University of Maryland Men's Lacrosse Weight Room.

03 – Terrapins Men's Lacrosse Player Locker.

05 – UM Byrd Stadium, home game field for Maryland Football and Lacrosse.

A VISIT TO THE WHITE HOUSE

After spending the morning at Maryland, the Selects continued their day with a trip to Washington, DC to visit the White House and see some of the United States most historic landmarks such as the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, The Capitol, Union Station and the newly opened Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial.



06 – Front of the White House

08 – Inside the Lincoln Memorial

07 – Washington Monument

09 – Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial

A BITE OUT OF THE BIG APPLE

After the tournament, the Selects spent a day in New York, touring Manhattan and visiting Big Apple landmarks: Battery Park, Ground Zero, Rockefeller Plaza and Times Square.



10 – Times Square in Manhattan



11 – Selects under the lights in Times Square.



12 – Famous Outdoor Ice Rink at Rockefeller Plaza.

MAKING THEIR MARKS

A focal point at Maryland was the importance of academics for student-athletes. 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 United States 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 Senior Elite team's memorable experience in Maryland, Washington, DC and New York 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) or follow a detailed play-by-play recap using the Selects' Twitter "micro-blog" (www.twitter.com/selectslacrosse).

Highlights of the Senior Elite teams 9-7 win over Edge Elite Senior/Junior (Ontario) are also available on the SelectsTV YouTube Channel (www.youtube.com/selectslacrosse).

2011 Burnaby Mountain Selects Senior Elite (Grad 2012) Fall Roster - By City

Name (Hometown / School, Grad Year) – Team, Position

Abbotsford, BC

Rhys Burnell (Abbotsford, BC / Yale Secondary 2012) Boy's Senior, Midfield

Aldergrove, BC

Connor Abrams (Aldergrove, BC / Yale Secondary 2012) Boy's Senior, Midfield

Burnaby, BC

Tyler Kirkby (Burnaby, BC / Burnaby South Secondary 2012) Boy's Senior, Attack

Jordan Lashar (Burnaby, BC / Burnaby South Secondary 2012) Boy's Senior, Midfield

Nicolas Petrollini (Burnaby, BC / Notre Dame Secondary 2012) Boy's Senior, Defense

Chilliwack, BC

Shane Leyen (Chilliwack, BC / Sardis Secondary 2012) Boy's Senior, Defense

Coquitlam, BC

Jordan Stroup (Coquitlam, BC / Dr. Charles Best Secondary 2012) Boy's Senior, Midfield

Matt Symes (Coquitlam, BC / Centennial Secondary 2012) Boy's Senior, Midfield

Alex Thomson (Coquitlam, BC / Gleneagle Secondary 2012) Boy's Senior, Defense

Maple Ridge, BC

Lyndon Knuttila (Maple Ridge, BC / Thomas Haney Secondary 2012) Boy's Senior, Attack

New Westminster, BC

Josh Byrne (New Westminster, BC / New Westminster Secondary 2012) Boy's Senior, Attack

North Vancouver, BC

Clayton Fenney (North Vancouver, BC / Handsworth Secondary 2012) Boy's Senior, Midfield

Penticton, BC

Chris Pond (Penticton, BC / Princess Margaret Secondary 2012) Boy's Senior, Midfield

Mitchell Walton (Penticton, BC / Princess Margaret Secondary 2012) Boy's Senior, Midfield

Port Moody, BC

Jacob Moran (Port Moody, BC / Heritage Woods Secondary 2012) Boy's Senior, Goal

Surrey, BC

Jake Carey (Surrey, BC / Elgin Park Secondary 2012) Boy's Senior, Defense

Vancouver, BC

Thomas Moffat (Vancouver, BC / Burnaby Central Secondary 2012) Boy's Senior, Midfield

Ryan Vogrig (Vancouver, BC / Vancouver Technical 2012) Boy's Senior, Midfield

ABOUT BURNABY MOUNTAIN SELECTS LACROSSE

Established in 2006 and now widely recognized as one of Canada's top field lacrosse development programs, the Burnaby Mountain Selects Field Lacrosse Program is an amateur sports organization designed to train players in a high performance environment to best prepare them for a collegiate field lacrosse career. Selection and consideration into the program is reserved for a select group of elite student-athletes, who possess the desire to work hard and learn in a competitive team environment, while demonstrating the ability to prioritize their academic goals in the highest regard. More than 365 athletes in grades 5-12 have participated in the Selects program from over 35 communities across British Columbia's Lower Mainland, BC Coast, BC Interior, Washington State and Idaho. The Selects travel to compete in top college recruiting tournaments throughout North America, winning several international events and helping to place over 40% of graduating players in collegiate field lacrosse programs. The Selects proudly wear equipment and apparel by Harrow Sports and Cascade helmets.

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