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Burnaby Mountain Selects Boy's Elite: 2012 NDP Tournament of Champions Report

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EVENT: NDP Lacrosse - Dicks Sporting Goods Tournament of Champions
- Elite High School Men's Lacrosse

SITE: Wesley Chapel District Park, Wesley Chapel, Florida

SENIOR ELITE SCORES:

W – Bby Mtn 7, CT Cardinals (Connecticut) 5

W – Bby Mtn 11, Heat (Michigan) 9

W – Playoffs Round 1 - #6 Bby Mtn 12, #11 Maryland Tribe (Maryland) 2

L – Quarterfinal - #6 Bby Mtn 6, #3 FCA U19 National Team 8

L – 5th Place Bracket - #6 Bby Mtn 4, #15 Peninsula Predators (Virginia) 8

L – 7th/8th Place - #6 Bby Mtn 6, #8 Blue Devils Elite (Florida) 10

RECORD: Bby Mtn Senior Elite (3-3)



TAMPA, FL (January 19, 2012) – 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 Tampa, Florida December 27 to January 3 to compete at the 2012 NDP Lacrosse - Dicks Sporting Goods Tournament of Champions (Dec. 30-Jan. 1).

More than 60 teams across five divisions descended on Wesley Chapel District Park to compete for the right to be called the NDP National Club Lacrosse Champions. After earning the No. 6 seed with an undefeated record of 2-0 through the Qualifying Round, the Senior Selects would place 8th in the High School Elite Division after being knocked out by a two-goal loss (8-6) in the Quarterfinals by eventual Champion Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) U19 National Team.



THE ROAD TO FLORIDA

Each year, the top club teams in North America must qualify to attend the Dicks Sporting Goods Tournament of Champions. The Burnaby Mountain Senior Selects earned a Directors bid in 2011 based on strength of schedule and record of having advanced to the Championship Tournament at the Champ Camp Invitational in Baltimore, Maryland this past July, one of only 4 teams west of the Mississippi to qualify for the Champ Camp Championship Bracket.

The TOC is owned and operated by NDP Lacrosse, a division of Kroenke Sports Enterprises based out of Denver, Colorado, who owns the National Basketball Association's (NBA) Denver Nuggets, the National Hockey League's (NHL) Colorado Avalanche, Major League Soccer's (MLS) Colorado Rapids and the National Lacrosse League's (NLL) Colorado Mammoth. Kroenke Sports Enterprises also owns the Pepsi Center in Denver and co-owns Dick's Sporting Goods Park in Commerce City, Colorado. Other Kroenke properties include cable channel, Altitude Sports and Entertainment and majority shares in both the National Football League's (NFL) St. Louis Rams and the English Premier League football club, Arsenal FC.



TOURNAMENT RECAP

2012 marked the third year (2008, 2009, 2012) that the Burnaby Mountain Selects have been invited to attend the Dick's Sporting Goods Tournament of Champions, with the Grad 2012 Senior Elite team becoming the fifth BMS squad to compete for the coveted NDP National Club Lacrosse Championship. The Selects started Friday's Qualifying Round with consecutive 2-goal wins over CT Cardinals (7-5) and Heat Lacrosse (11-9) to post a 2-0 record. The BMS Seniors were one of only six teams throughout the eighteen-team tournament field to go undefeated on Day 1, earning the No. 6 seed based on goal differential.

Moving on to the Round of 16, the Selects would face the No. 11 Maryland Tribe in their first playoff match-up, cruising to a 12-2 victory to advance to the tournament's Top 8. In the Elite Quarterfinals, the Selects would face the third-seeded Fellowship of Christian Athletes, a National Team of under-19 Christian athletes selected from regional tryouts across the United States. Up 4-1 at the break, then 5-4 early in the second half, the Selects would be unable to hold on to the lead, falling by a final score of 8-6.

The loss would move the BMS Seniors into the 5th Bracket where they would face the Peninsula Predators. Seeded fifteenth to start the Championship Bracket, the Predators knocked off the second seeded Team Crease (GA) before losing in the Quarterfinals. Peninsula would once again have upset on their minds as they came out firing versus the Selects, jumping out to a halftime lead of 5-1. Despite playing the Predators even in the second half, the slow start would see the BMS Seniors fall by a final score of 8-4,



dropping them to a final game for 7th place. Facing-off against No. 8 seeded Blue Devils Elite, the Selects would once again be unable to hold onto a 6-4 lead, losing 10-6 for an 8th place finish.

GLASS HALF FULL

With three wins and three losses, the Selects trailed at halftime only once during the Tournament of Champions in their game versus Peninsula. In total, the BMS Seniors outscored their opponents by a combined score of 28-14 over the opening 25:00 minutes of each contest.

CANADIAN CONTENT

In addition to teams from thirteen different states, including Atlanta, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, the Burnaby Mountain Selects were the only Canadian program competing in the Tournament of Champions' top "Elite" Division.



HAPPY NEW YEAR AND FUN IN THE SUN!

The Selects celebrated New Year's Eve with a visit to the IMAX Dome at the Museum of Science and Industry where they watched Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol. After the tournament, the BMS Seniors concluded their trip with a day at Clearwater Beach, a resort area located on the Gulf of Mexico in Pinellas County on the west central coast of Florida.

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

Connar 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 Coquitlam, BC

Nick Theobald (Port Coquitlam, BC / Terry Fox Secondary 2012) Boy's Senior, Defense

Port Moody, BC

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

Vancouver, BC

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

Corey Wong (Vancouver, BC / Britannia Secondary 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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