

ROCKY MOUNTAIN LACROSSE LEAGUE

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Growth & Recruitment

I believe it is best for me to refrain from reporting on any of the different levels within the Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League. I will leave it to the Commissioners in each division to educate us on the details.

Season Overview

Senior B - We are fortunate to have had John Kilbridge at the head of the Senior B Mountaineers. He resurrected the organization with the help of a few others (Earl gets some credit).

These Mountaineers made it to the Provincial Finals and the President's Cup held in Edmonton, Alberta. In doing so, they had to overcome a very talented Knights team.

The Senior Warriors also exhibited their growth by playing extremely well in the playoffs against the Miners.

The Raiders experienced a very difficult season. However, they avoided their franchise from folding.

The Raiders will have to recruit both management and players to become competitive.

Junior A - The addition of Saskatchewan to the Junior A division was somewhat controversial. Various teams were against the addition to the Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League and other teams were in favour of it.

It was argued that Saskatchewan was not competitive enough to play in Alberta's Junior A division. This was proven not to be the case. Saskatchewan finished in third place and made the last playoff spot.

The Mountaineers and Raiders played off for the Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League Title and bid for a chance to play in the Minto Cup in Langley, with the Mountaineers succeeding.

The Mountaineers succeeded in defeating the Delta Junior A team and the Orangeville Junior A team in the round robin. This was unprecedented until then. The wins propelled them to the 2 - 3 game, the winner of which was to play the #1 team (Coquitlam). Orangeville won the 2 - 3 game against the Mountaineers and advanced to the best of 5 against Coquitlam. Coquitlam won 3 games to 2 to seize the Minto Cup.

Junior B - Tier 1

The Rampage and Titans played off to determine who would represent the North in the league and provincial play-downs held in Calgary at the Stu Peppard Arena. The Rampage got the position. The Chill, Shamrocks, Saskatchewan and Manitoba all participated. Manitoba won the Rocky Mountain Lacrosse League trophy. The Chill won the Alberta trophy. The Chill, Saskatchewan and Manitoba all went to Orangeville to play in the Junior B National Championship.

The Chill went 2 - 1 in the Round Robin and 1 - 0 in the Quarter Finals and 1 - 0 in the Final round. Manitoba and Saskatchewan lost in both rounds.

Senior C - North & South

North - Blackfalds Silverbacks, Edmonton Senior Warriors, Grande Prairie Chiefs and Vermillion Rage.

South - Airdrie Mohawks, Calgary Irish, Lethbridge Pioneers and Okotoks Erratic.

In the North, the Silverbacks faced the Senior Warriors in a best of 3 in the playoffs winning the North in two games straight.

In the South, the Mohawks faced the Pioneers winning the South in a best of 3 with 2 straight wins.

I am given to understand that the Blackfalds team is going to request a move to the Senior B division for 2017.

Tier II - North Conference

Westlock Rock, Edmonton Warriors, Grande Prairie Junior Thrashers, Edmonton Wizards

The Rock and Warriors both finished the season at 7 - 7. The Thrashers and Wizards both finished the season at 1 - 13. The Rock won the title against the Warriors 2 - 0.

Tier II - South Conference

Loydminster Xtreme, Lakeland Heat, Vermillion Roar and Sherwood Park Titans.

The Xtreme and Heat played a best of 3 and Xtreme triumphed 2 games to 1 in the Championship. The Roar won its series against the Titans.

Senior Ladies - Calgary Sr. Cougars, Edmonton Bandits, Senior Titans and the Senior Rage.

The Cougars captured first place in the season followed by the Bandits and then the Titans and Rage.

The play-offs were a best of 3 played in Red Deer. I was there in Game 2 of the 3 game series. The Cougars won game 1 and the Bandits won game 2. Game 3 determined the Champion (the Bandits).

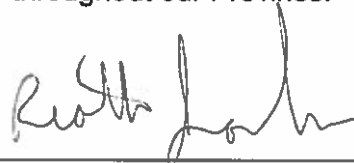
The game I watched was very entertaining. The women are coming along fast.

Junior Ladies - Sherwood Park Titans, Capital Region Saints, Calgary Axmen-Snipers, Rockyview Silvertips, Calgary Cardinals and the Drillers.

Four teams made the play-offs. The Jr. Titans started where they left off by winning the Province with a 4 - 0 record. The runner-up was the other Edmonton area team, the Saints.

I had the opportunity to watch some of the ladies' games. They are improving and seem dedicated.

Hopefully we can continue to build lacrosse throughout our Province.



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