



2023 President's Cup Report

The 2023 President's Cup was hosted by the Oakville Rock, at the Toronto Rock Athletic Centre. The staff and volunteers at TRAC went above and beyond with their hosting and organization. The facility is a first-class facility, and hopefully we can model a similar facility in Alberta in the near future.

The tournament featured 7 teams: Host Oakville Rock, Ladner Pioneers (BC), Miners (RMLL), Snake Island Muskies (TNSLL), Six Nations Rivermen (OLA), Tuscarora tomahawks (Can-AM), Kahnawake Mohawks (QSL). The format was a full round robin. The Oakville Rock finished first in round robin with a 5-1 record and faced the Miners in the semi-final which saw the Miners defeat them 8-7 in front of the hometown crowd. ASL rookie Levi Anderson scored the game winning goal with 0:41 seconds remaining in the third period. This was the most intense and exciting game of the entire tournament. This win was also very costly with the Miners losing a couple of key players to injury.

The other semi-final saw Ladner dispatch the Snake Island Muskies 10-8 in another hard-fought battle.

This set up an Alberta-BC final which saw the Ladner Pioneers take advantage of the injury riddled Miners and roll on to their second Presidents Cup Championship with a 12-8 final.

As in 2019 and 2022, due to the speed, and aggressiveness of Senior B lacrosse, the Tournament Convenor and the Referee in Chief to use 3-man mechanic for all playoff games as well as the championship game. The cost of an extra official pales in the insurance costs of player injuries, lost time at work due to injuries. There will be a push to make 3-man mechanic a standard in Sr B lacrosse nationally after this Presidents Cup. Don Koharski, the RIC of the NLL was in attendance at the Presidents Cup and the chance to sit with him for about 8 hours over two days to discuss the three-man mechanic, as well as officials' development. Our two RMLL officials showed very well at the Presidents Cup and were ranked in top-3 in the tournament overall.

Regards,

Norm Shaw
Senior B Commissioner