



**Ontario Lacrosse Festival**

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## FESTIVAL MEDIA RELEASE

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### TEAM ONTARIO REPEAT AS CHAMPIONS IN STX BANTAM LACROSSE CHAMPIONSHIP OF CANADA

The 2011 Ontario Lacrosse Festival concluded its national championship tournaments with the STX Bantam Lacrosse Championship of Canada on Saturday, August 6th. In the "A" division, teams were looking for redemption as both the bronze and gold medal games were rematches of the 2010 finals.

In the STX Bantam "A" Championship, defending champion Team Ontario squared off against Team British Columbia, a team hoping to improve upon an 11-3 loss to Ontario in the round-robin portion of the tournament. Both teams looked nervous to start the game but Team BC was first on the board with a goal from Ryan Wilkinson at the 8:57 mark of the first period. Team Ontario would tie the game 1-1 in the second period on a goal from Jordan McCullough before BC's Brodie Gillespie put BC back in front 2-1. Before the end of the second, Ontario's Clarke Petterson tied the game at 2-2. The teams would trade goals in the third period before the buzzer sounded to end regulation at a 3-3 tie. Neither team wanted to surrender the go-ahead goal so the first few minutes of overtime were tentative but with 3:29 remaining, Noah Bushnell gave Ontario a 4-3 lead. Team BC could not find an equalizer and Ontario closed things out for the 4-3 victory and was crowned the STX Bantam "A" Champions. Petterson finished the game with 2g to finish the tournament third in scoring with 12g, 15a for 27 points while teammate Justin Lemke had 2a in the game to add to his totals and run away with the scoring lead with 20g, 28a for 48 points. Team BC's Brodie Gillespie and Max Gerhardt each added a point to their totals, sharing the sixth spot in overall scoring with 23 points. The Team Ontario victory completed an Ontario sweep as the Midget and Pee Wee teams struck gold earlier in the day.

The STX Bantam "A" bronze medal game was another close game with several lead changes between Alberta and Iroquois. Alberta was looking to rebound from the 9-7 loss to Iroquois earlier in the tournament and looked good early as they took a 2-0 lead before Thomas Miller got Iroquois on the board with 4:29 remaining in the first. Alberta added another goal to 3-1 heading into the second. Team Iroquois scored three consecutive goals in the second to take a short-lived 4-3 lead. Alberta scored two goals in 44 seconds to reclaim the lead before Vernon Hill scored with 49 seconds left in the frame to pull Iroquois into a 5-5 tie. Alberta's Paul Gardner notched the go-ahead goal with 7:00 to go in the third but an outburst of three goals in 56 seconds gave Iroquois an 8-6 advantage. Alberta was unable to mount a rally and Iroquois hung on for the 8-6 victory to take home the STX Bantam "A" bronze medal. Layne Smith's 3g, 1a for Iroquois put him into second place in the scoring race with 22g, 7a for 29 points. Alberta's Laszlo Henning had 3g in the loss to give him 12 points, while Brett McIntyre's goal pushed him to 13g, 5a for 18 points in the tournament to lead Alberta.

Team Manitoba made a consecutive appearance in the STX Bantam "B" gold medal game, looking to repeat as champions. This year they took on Saskatchewan and built a 3-0 lead in the second period before Arliss McCloy scored the first of his two goals for Saskatchewan with 1:27 left in the second frame. McCloy notched his second goal just 46 seconds into the third to cut the lead to 3-2 but Manitoba was able to score three unanswered goals to propel them to a



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6-2 victory to reclaim the STX Bantam “B” gold medal. Riley Thomson had a strong game for Manitoba with 2g, 1a and Kelson Borisenko contributed 3 assists to finish the tournament with a team high 20 points. McCloy’s two goals gave him a team-high 9 goals for the tournament while Jared Steier finished with a team high 14 points.

The STX Bantam “B” bronze medal game was tightly contested between Quebec and Nova Scotia. Nova Scotia took a 2-0 at the end of the first and after not scoring until the 14:39 mark of the second period, Quebec rattled off four straight goals to take a 4-2 lead into the third. Quebec would add a fifth goal before Nova Scotia scored two to come within one with 2:30 remaining. Unfortunately for Nova Scotia, the comeback came up just short as Quebec held on for the 5-4 victory to win their second consecutive STX Bantam “B” bronze medal. Captain Antoine Asselin led Quebec with a two goal performance to finish the tournament with 9g, 8a for 17 points. Nova Scotia’s Jerome Glowacki had 1g, 1a to finish with a team high 12 goals while Luke Smeltzer also had 1g, 1a to lead the team with 21 points.

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