



Ontario Lacrosse Festival

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FIRST NATIONAL CHAMPIONS CROWNED AT REEBOK MIDGET CHAMPIONSHIP

The Reebok Midget Lacrosse Championship of Canada made its first appearance at the Ontario Lacrosse Festival this year and produced exciting action and drew the largest crowd on championship Saturday at Iroquois Park Sports Centre in Whitby, Ontario.

Fans filled the seats on the morning of August 6th to watch the Reebok Midget "A" Championship game between Team Ontario and Team Iroquois. Team Ontario claimed the first lead of the game with a goal at 11:58 from Matt Gilray. Just 30 seconds later Iroquois tied the game at ones on a Brendan Bomberry goal. The teams traded two more goals to finish the first period at a 3-3 dead lock. Ontario took a 4-3 at 13:42 of the second but Iroquois was able to find an equalizer soon after. Team Ontario turned up the pace and scored twice more to take a 6-4 lead into the third. Team Iroquois cut the lead to one early in the third but Ontario added two more goals to close out the 8-5 victory and claim the 2011 Reebok Midget "A" Championship. Ontario was led by Ryan Myles and Chris Cloutier who each had 2g, 2a. Tournament top scorer Cam Milligan (16g, 16a) was held off the score sheet in the final. Iroquois was led by Zach Miller and Brine Rice, each with two points. Rice finished second in the scoring race with 21g, 9a for 30 points.

Just prior to the gold medal game, Alberta and British Columbia battled through overtime to determine a victor of the Reebok Midget "A" bronze medal. Alberta established a 3-2 lead after the first period but saw British Columbia respond in the second to tie things at 5-5 heading into the third. Alberta scored a quick goal on Cody Graden's third goal of the game at 19:33 of the third before adding a second goal to take a 7-5 lead. British Columbia pulled to within one at 7:18 before tying the game with 6:09 remaining. The teams remained tied 7-7 at the end of regulation. In the first period of overtime, British Columbia scored with 4:55 remaining to take an 8-7 lead but Alberta was able to tie the game at eights with 1:19 remaining. The second period of overtime changes format to sudden victory and BC's Brett Kujala was the hero as he scored at the 6:11 mark to lift British Columbia to the 9-8 victory and claim the Reebok Midget "A" bronze medal. Team BC had strong games from Jonathan Phillips, Johnny Pearson, and Brett Kujala each with 2g, 1a. Team leader Joe Olson was held off the score sheet but still finished tied for seventh in tournament scoring with 10g, 11a. Alberta's Graden finished the game with 4 goals for a team-high 16g, 5a for the tournament, tying him with BC's Olson with 21 points.

In the Reebok Midget "B" gold medal game, Quebec clashed with New Brunswick. New Brunswick scored the first two goals of the game to take a 2-0 lead before Quebec scored with 1:44 remaining in the first to cut the deficit. Quebec seemed to gain some momentum from the late first period goal and scored two unanswered goals in the second to take a 3-2 lead heading into the third. New Brunswick tied things at 3-3 with a goal at 19:32 before Quebec scored twice to retake the lead at 5-3. New Brunswick drew to within one as Alex Miller scored with 3:40 to go but Quebec tacked on an insurance goal with 59 seconds remaining to claim a 6-4 victory and earn the Reebok Midget "B" gold medal. Quebec got goals from six different players and Kevin Kendall finished the tournament with a team high 5g, 7a for 12 points. New Brunswick



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was led by John Newman with 1g, 2a and Taren Cook with 1g, 1a to put him atop the team leader board with 7g, 7a for 14 points.

The Reebok Midget "B" bronze medal game had Manitoba taking on Nova Scotia. Nova Scotia won the round-robin matchup 10-6 two days earlier and took an early lead with a goal at 16:43 of the first period. Manitoba scored late in the second period to head into the decisive third period tied at 1-1. Manitoba took a 2-1 lead at the 18:23 mark but Nova Scotia overcame the deficit with three unanswered goals to win 4-2 and take the Reebok Midget "B" bronze medal. Darion Abraham and Jared Courchene each had 1g, 1a for Manitoba in the loss while John Dale had 2g and John MacDonald had 2 assists for Nova Scotia. Brian Huyghue led Nova Scotia with 13g, 4a for 17 points overall.

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