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TEAM ONTARIO PEE WEE TAKE TITLE WHILE BRITISH COLUMBIA CELEBRATES BRONZE

The 2011 Warrior Pee Wee Lacrosse Championship of Canada wrapped up with some impressive victories on August 6th at Iroquois Park Sports Centre in Whitby, Ontario.

Team Ontario returned to the gold medal game to defend their championship against Team Iroquois. Team Ontario continued to hold their opponents off the score sheet while raking in the points on the offensive. Ontario built a 4-0 lead after the first period on the strength of two goals from Owen Lane. Ontario added two more goals in the second period to lead 6-0 heading into the final period. Team Iroquois got on the board at the 14:02 mark of the third on a goal from Jeremy Bomberry but Ontario then added four more goals of their own to cruise to the 11-1 victory and claim the 2011 Warrior Pee Wee "A" Championship. Ontario's Lane finished the game with 2g, 2a to lead all scorers with 15g, 18a for 33 points in the tournament. Top scorers for Iroquois throughout the championships were Chayton King with 17g, 9a for 26 points and Davin Whitlow with 11g, 14a for 25 points.

After suffering a tough loss to Iroquois in the semi-finals, Team British Columbia had to settle for playing for the Warrior Pee Wee "A" bronze medal. The BC squad matched up against Team Alberta who finished 4th in the round-robin portion of the tournament. Team Alberta was looking to avenge the 7-3 loss they suffered against BC in the round-robin but got off to a slow start in the bronze medal game. British Columbia jumped out to a 4-0 lead after the first period and built on their advantage in the second to lead 7-0. Alberta's Will Zapernick finally beat the BC goaltender at the 3:51 mark of the second period to break the shutout bid. Team BC added one more goal in the second before rounding out the scoring with two goals in the third to earn the 10-1 victory and take home the Warrior Pee Wee "A" bronze medal. Team BC had a balanced scoring attack as nine different players scored including Joseph Pollack who registered 1g, 3a to finish second in tournament scoring with 11g, 21a for 32 points. Robert Hofseth also notched 1g, 1a to finish eighth in scoring with 11g, 11a for 22 points. Alberta's top scorer was Caden Coglton with 8g, 6a for 14 points.

The Warrior Pee Wee "B" Championships were decided earlier in the day and provided some last second drama. In the Warrior Pee Wee "B" gold medal game, Nova Scotia clashed with Quebec. Early on it was a back and forth affair as Quebec took three separate one-goal leads before the end of the second period where they led 3-2. Nova Scotia could never take the lead in this game and Quebec powered through for four goals in the final frame to take the 7-3 victory and claim the Warrior Pee Wee "B" gold medal. Austin Madronick led the charge for Quebec with 3g, 2a while Myles Jacobs had 2g, 1a. Nova Scotia's Luke Steinburg had 2g in the loss to lead his team with 8g throughout the tournament.

Late heroics were required to decide the Warrior Pee Wee "B" bronze medal as Manitoba and Saskatchewan battled right down to the last seconds. Down 5-2 in the third period, Manitoba mounted a comeback and was able to tie the game at 5-5 with 2:00 remaining. Both teams were pressing for the game-winner and Manitoba's Loel Asham found the back of the net with just two seconds remaining on the clock to give Manitoba the 6-5 come-from-behind victory and



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the Warrior Pee Wee "B" bronze medal. Asham finished with 9g, 5a to lead the Manitoba team with 14 points. Saskatchewan had goals from five different players and Matt Henry finished atop the Saskatchewan leader board with 11g, 1 assist for 12 points.

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