



BC Wins 2 Silver Medals at Nationals

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BC inline hockey teams captured 2 Silver medals at the Canadian National Inline Hockey Championships this past weekend in Winnipeg, MB.

This is the 5th year of the event sanctioned by the National Inline Hockey Association – Canada and featured teams from BC, Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario. Teams competed in the Squirt (12&under), Peewee (14&under), Bantam (16&under), and Midget (18&under) divisions.

In the Squirt Division, the Mission WC Warriors from Langley, BC, were fresh off a 2nd place finish at the BC Provincial Championships and headed east to take on the top teams in Canada. The Warriors went 3-0 in the round robin to claim the top seed for the semi-finals. A 4-2 victory over Manitoba sent the team into the Gold Medal Game against a strong Red Deer Snipers team from Alberta. Red Deer came out strong early and scored the game's first 2 goals to set the tone en route to a 7-3 victory.

This tournament capped a very successful season for the Squirt Warriors: in 5 tournaments this season, the Warriors finished 1st, 1st, 2nd, 2nd, and 2nd.

In the Midget Division, the TOUR Rage from Vancouver were the BC Representative. This division proved to be the most competitive of the tournament. The top 3 teams after the round-robin were Brampton Radicals (ONT), Sherwood Park Bullfrogs (AB) and the TOUR Rage.

The Rage skated to a convincing victory over the Bullfrogs in the semifinals and went on to meet a powerful Brampton squad in the Gold Medal game. This was by far the best game of the tournament as both teams put on a roller hockey clinic of puck possession and patience. The score was never further than 1 goal apart throughout the contest as each team would battle back to tie the other. The Rage led late in the game before a Brampton goal in the last minute tied the game at 5-5 and the game went to overtime. In overtime the teams traded great chances before the Radicals sniped the winner and the Gold Medal.

TOUR Rage earned their second straight Silver Medal at the Nationals after finished second in 2005 in the Bantam Division. A great performance by this team as they moved up to the older division this year.

Congratulations to the Mission WC Warriors and the TOUR Rage!

Tournament Notes:

- Teams competed from BC, Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario
- The 2007 Canadian Nationals will be held in Alberta

Upcoming Inline Hockey Events:

- BC Summer Games – July 27-30, 2006, Kamloops

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