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## BRITISH COLUMBIA DEFEATS 2013 CHAMPIONS FOR THE BANTAM GIRLS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP TITLE

In its first year hosting the Girls Box Lacrosse National Championships, the Ontario Lacrosse Festival saw some spectacular play among veteran and beginner teams.

Team British Columbia returned, defeating last year's champions, Ontario, in the Bantam Girl's National Championship.

B.C. won the title in 2012, breaking up a three year winning streak for Ontario, and returned this year stronger than ever.

Both Ontario and B.C. came out of the round robin play with a 4-0-2 record to put them in contention for the Bantam Gold medal. They met twice in regular play, splitting the games 3-1 for B.C., and 4-3 for Ontario.

The final match was another hard fought battle that was only decided in the final seconds of play.

Ontario Captain, Clare Johnston opened up the scoring with a blast early in the first period, logging her 11<sup>th</sup> goal of the festival and taking up the second place standing on the tournament's top scorer's list.

B.C.'s Ashleigh Lesser tied the game with 3:31 left in the period, and Cassandra Gill pushed B.C. ahead 23 seconds later to make the score 2-1.

Ontario was shut out of the second period, as B.C. continued to cushion their lead with a goal by the team's top scorer, Mykhaela Johnson.

The defending champions weren't going down without a fight, however, as Maddy Moloney and Victoria Clark tied the game at 3-3 with 6:54 left in the final period.

The battle continued late into the third period, with the stalemate being brought to an end by Johnson as she popped in her eighth goal of the tournament to make the score 4-3 for the championship win.

The bronze medal bantam game took place between Nova Scotia and Alberta.

Alberta made a great showing at the Ontario Lacrosse Festival, going 4-0-2 in regular play. Nova Scotia lost all six of their opening games, falling in both of their early match-ups against Alberta.

Alberta shut Nova Scotia out, showing great defensive skill to match the offensive talent they showcased throughout round robin play.

Alyssa Suchan hit it off for Alberta, scoring the first goal at the 8:06 mark in the first period.

Susanna McDermott extended the lead with a blast of her own to end the first period with a 2-0 lead.

Alberta scored four more goals in the second period, with Chelsea St. Louis logging two; her fifth and sixth of the tournament. Alberta continued their ironclad defense in the second, finishing the period ahead, 6-0.

Danielle Roberts started off the third period with her first of two goals through the period, followed by a goal from team captain, Kaitlyn Williams to put Alberta ahead 8-0.

Roberts scored her second goal with four minutes left in the game, and Jazmyne Ward capped it for Alberta with her second goal of the game to take the championship title, 10-0.

Jazmyne Ward also headed up the Bantam All-Star Team, with 13 goals and nine assists throughout tournament play for a total of 22 points. She placed first on the tournament points list.

British Columbia's Paige Bell was also selected, with five goals and seven assists over the tournament, placing her in sixth on the total points list.

Kathryn Mitchell was chosen from Team Nova Scotia after collecting one of her team's five goals in the tournament.

Ontario's Clare Johnston was also selected after a great tournament showing, with 11 goals and six assists for a total of 17 points.

Carrigan Rose, from B.C., was chosen as the tournament's All-Star Goalie, helping her team achieve their championship title, and contributing to a goals against average of 2.

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