

Founders' Cup 2012

August 13: Coaches meeting

- 1) chin strap rule is in effect. Must have separate strap for chin and chin cup. May be put on ear strap or on helmet
- 2) a referee will ask each team before their first game if they would like equipment measured. This is optional.
- 3) lunches are supplied almost all days. Banquet is supplied at no charge. Also breakfast supplied Saturday and Sunday
- 4) Laundry is supplied free of charge for jerseys
- 5) separate dressing rooms for each team for the entire tournament

August 14

- 1) SWAT vs. QUEBEC: swat won against Quebec quite handily with the 8-5 score not indicative of the play
- 2) GRYPHONS vs. BC: Gryphons and BC played a surprisingly close game. The lead changing a multiple of times. Gryphons edged out BC with a 7-6 win.
- 3) MOUNTAINEERS vs. NOVA SCOTIA:

First period: Mounties spent the first 10:00 getting the travel dust out with Scrappy putting in the first goal. Quebec returns with their first goal, a power play, at 9:06. Mounties controlled the second half of the first period offensively with only the Nova Scotia goalie keeping it close. The first period ends 3-2 for the Mounties.

Second period: much faster period, for both teams. Period ends, 7-7 Mounties..

Third period: Mounties take a 4 minute penalty but persevere to score 2 shorthanded goals. 9-7 at 9:30 of the third period. Another shorthanded goal at 3:28. A power play goal by Nova Scotia brings it in closer at 2:52

but the Mounties hang on. Final score, 10-8 Mounties. MVP for the Mounties goes to Dillon Steyck.

August 15

No games scheduled for Mounties today. Gryphons and SWAT both lost their respective games. Gryphons 10-8 loss to Nova Scotia. SWAT 15-7 loss to Akwesasne

August 16

- 1) MOUNTIES vs. BC

First Period: first goal scored by the Mounties at 15:30 of the first period. Mounties score 2 more to make it 3-0 at 12:17 of the first forcing an early goal tender change by BC. Period ends with a 5-0 lead and Mounties killing off 3 penalties.

Second Period: Mounties score their 6th goal at 15:16. Mounties score at 12:05 with their first power play opportunity making it 8-0. Mounties capitalize on a 4 minute penalty with 2 power play goals. 10-0 at 9:20. BC score their first goal at 3:14. Period ends 11-1.

Third Period: BC opens the scoring with a power play goal at 18:30. At 12:39 Mounties score their first goal of the third making it 12-3. Mounties seemed to lay back in the third. Final score 14-4 Mounties. Cody Freisen wins MVP for the game.

- 2) MOUNTIES vs GRYPHONS

First Period: Mounties open up the scoring at 18:03. Gryphons score their first goal on a power play at 3:56. Mounties score a power play goal at 1:48 to finish off the period with a 4-1 lead.

Second Period: A power play goal at 18:50 brings the score to 5-1. Both teams put in a couple of goals but the Mounties cause frustration and force a goal tender change for the Gryphons at 11:14 with a score of 7-3. Another goal tender change by the Gryphons with a 10-4 score at 7:00. Doesn't seem to help as Mounties score again at 6:35. Period ends 13-4.

Third Period: scoring continues with a power play goal by the Mounties at 17:27. A much slower period as

playing 2 games in 7 hours shows. The Gryphons capitalize on this by scoring 4 goals in the last 5:00 minutes. Mounties win 16-8. MVP goes to Thomas Bruten.
SWAT lose to ILA 22-14.

August 17

SWAT lose to ILA 17-11.

1) MOUNTIES vs. REBELS

Period 1: Mounties open up the scoring at 16:45. Rebels return the favor at 8:23. Both teams playing very tight defense. Not much opportunity for more than 1 shot a possession. End of the first 3-1 Mounties.
Period 2: Rebels open up the scoring in the second period at 14:07. Rebels score on a power play goal at 9:24 to tie it up. Mounties score a short handed goal at 6:48. 4-3 Mounties. Rebels carried the advantage defensively on loose balls in this period.

Rebels controlled the play in our zone for almost 2 minutes resulting in a goal at 1:43. Period ends 5-4 Rebels.

Period 3: a couple of breakaways in the first 3 minutes by the Mounties failed to find the net. It takes till 4:54 for the first goal to be scored. 6-4 Rebels. Mounties pull their goalie and put one in at 1:15 5-4 Rebels. Unforced turnovers were the issue for the Mounties in this period. Another 6 on 5 goal with the goalie pulled at 0:26. Tied up 6-6. Wow! What's game! MVP for the game Tanner

August 18

SWAT vs Manitoba. SWAT wins 12-11 and face Nova Scotia in the Tier 2 gold/silver game.

1). MOUNTIES vs AKWESASNE INDIANS

Period 1: Indians open up the scoring with their first shot on goal at 18:17. Mounties playing very strong defensively but Indians take advantage of the odd opening. 3-0 Indians at 11:23. Mounties first goal at 9:17. End of first 5-2 for Akwesasne.

Period 2: Mounties score at 15:38 on a 5-3 power play goal. Shorten the lead again with a 5-4 power play goal at 14:03. A great penalty kill by the Mounties at 4:00 with them ragging the ball for over a minute. 8-6 end of second.

Third Period: Akwesasne score a power play goal at 15:40. Mounties score their first goal of the period at 7:40 to make it 10-7. Mounties pull the goalie at 2:00. Score a 6 on 5 at 1:46. 10-8. Akwesasne score an empty net a 0:21. Final score 11-8 Akwesasne. MVP Shawn Tyrell.

I would expect better officiating in a game that is deciding who goes in gold/silver. Missed calls, extra hits, incorrect too many men called, referees out of position. The poorest officiated game I have seen this tournament.

August 19

Tier 2 trophy game: SWAT loses to Nova Scotia 11-6.

Bronze medal game. MOUNTIES vs ILA

Period 1: Mounties open up the scoring quickly at 19:26. ILA first goal at 15:33. 2-1 Mounties. Different style of officiating this game with it being called much tighter. Mounties doing a great job on loose balls. A Mountie goal with less than a second gives them a 7-4 lead at the end of the period.

Period 2: Mounties ruled the SOG this period but struggled to put one past the goalie, waiting till 6:33 to put one in. End of period score, 10-7 Mounties.

Period 3: Mounties open up the scoring on a power play goal at 18:02. ILA first goal on a power play at 13:47 to make it 12-8. Tender change for ILA at 5:38 with the score at 14-10 Mounties. Not a good move. Mounties score twice in 40 seconds. Mounties win bronze 17-11. MVP goes to Dillon.

Summary

This was, by far, the best organized, well run Founders I have been to. Lunches or breakfasts served free of charge each day. Buses at the disposal of each team for the entire event. Daily laundry

service. Friendly, helpful volunteers. The banquet was shortened to allow players to attend game 1 of the Senior A play offs. The event organizers even gave the Mounties the use of a bus for Monday to allow them to go to Niagara falls. This was provided at no charge. The Mountaineers were a polite, well mannered team. They received compliments from event staff for their great behavior. There was even a compliment from one staff member as to the great shape they always left their dressing room. He said by far the neatest of all the teams. The hotel that we stayed in paid compliments to the Mountaineers as well. They commented that the team was the best behaved and quietest of all teams they have had in years. In viewing the games, there is a concern that Alberta officiates differently than the officiating in nationals. Of particular note was minor interference and draws. Minor interference is called much looser than in Alberta. Draws are similar to NLL draws. This presents a problem for a team as they have no time to make adjustments. I am unsure if this is the standard for all games in the OLA or just this particular tournament. It would be beneficial if Filion and Carlo met to discuss the differences they found in officiating and to recommend changes as required. This would allow us to move more toward this style of officiating in order to arrive at nationals on a more even playing field.

The move to a single team from each province was a positive move. It is easier to manage the organization of the tournament. It will also, in time, move the level of play up. The ALA and RMLL need to look at ways to provide transportation requirements for the Junior B teams well ahead of what was done this year. This would alleviate a number of issues and also reduce costs to the successful team. When booking flights we need to also advise the airline that it is a sports team. This allows each passenger to check in their equipment bag at no extra charge. A positive note was the ALA booking the flights on the association credit card.

There will be discussions regarding future banquets as well as pool selection. There is a move toward discontinuing the banquet as most teams do not see it as a benefit. Pool selection is an issue. It did follow CLA guidelines this year but the selection strongly favored the host team. Doug Leuwly will be looking at this as part of his box sector chair position.

I am sure that this Founders will be the one that future Founders will be measured against.

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