



Founder's Cup Report
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I was the ALA representative at the 2013 Founder's Cup. Although there were three RMLL teams participating in the tournament (Calgary Mountaineers, Saskatoon SWAT, Manitoba Gryphons), I was there for the Mountaineers.

As ALA rep, I have several functions. First, I support the CLA Convenor Doug Luey. I did this by sitting on the discipline committee, helping out with medal presentations, and providing advice. In this capacity I was joined by Dave Vernon, the OLA JrB Commissioner. The discipline committee had only three issues: a match penalty suspension, a determination over the tie-breaking formula (there were three tie games in the round robin), and some questions raised about the eligibility of a few players. All were resolved.

A second function is to support the Alberta representative at the Founder's Cup (Calgary Mountaineers). The Mountaineers, especially manager Janet Norton and head coach Wayne Sutherland, were easy to work with. The team was quite disciplined on and off the floor. There were no discipline issues. I was also a conduit between the Mountaineers and Luey; raising any concerns/questions that they had.

One item of concern was the ticket prices for the semi-finals and medal games. The tournament pass was \$40 but it only applied to the round robin and initial cross-over game. There were day passes (not individual game prices) for \$12. However, for the semi-finals and medal games, the day passes were \$25. Since most spectators only went to one game, that meant \$25 a game. For a set of parents or grandparents that meant \$50 for the semi-finals and another \$50 for the gold medal game. This was seen as very high. It was also seen in a noticeable drop in attendance for the semi-finals and medal games. While this could be contributed to the lack of a Manitoba team in the semi-finals and medal games, a more likely explanation was the higher ticket prices. Future Founders' hosts might want to consider this.

On the floor, there were two pools. There was a round robin within each pool to determine seedings.

Pool A

Manitoba Gryphons RMLL/MLA (2-0-1)
Onondaga Redhawks ILA (2-0-1)
Saskatoon SWAT RMLL/SLA (0-2-1)
Quebec FCQ (0-2-1)

Pool B

Six Nations Rebels OLA (3-0-0)

Calgary Mountaineers RMLL/ALA (2-1-0)

Manitoba Selects MLA (0-2-1)

Nova Scotia LNS (0-2-1)

After the round robin, there was a cross-over quarter-final game. Here are the results:

Nova Scotia 11 Manitoba Gryphons 9

Onondaga 9 Manitoba Selects 7

Calgary 20 Saskatoon 2

Six Nations 21 Quebec 0

After the quarter-finals, there were two sets of semi-finals: medal round and consolation round. Here are the results:

Manitoba Gryphons 15 Saskatoon 12

Quebec 9 Manitoba Selects 7

Calgary 15 Nova Scotia 10

Six Nations 22 Onondaga 8

On the final day, there were three games. The Tier II trophy game, the bronze medal game, and the gold medal game. Here are the results:

Tier II: Manitoba Gryphons 12 Quebec 1

Bronze: Onondaga 14 Nova Scotia 9

Gold: Six Nations 17 Calgary 12

The gold medal game was closer than it appears. At several times throughout the game (which was hot and humid), there was a tie score. With only 10 minutes remaining it was a 13-11 lead, and Six Nations scored two insurance goals in the last minute.

Congratulations to Adam Virgo who was sparkingly in net with over 50 stops (and faced 33 shots in the second period alone) and Sean Tyrrell (1G and 5A) who was player of the game for the Mounties. Way to go for winning the silver medal!