



2015 Jr.A Division Commissioner's Report

The Jr. A division had a very productive season. The Mounties finished the regular season on top & were the prohibitive favorites going into the playoffs. The Raiders had a good season with a young, upcoming team. The Miners enjoyed a surge up to 3rd & won a playoff game. The Titans were in a rebuild mode, similar to the Miner's previous season.

In the playoffs, the Raiders won 3-1, in a best of 5 battle with the Miners in the 1st round.

The provincial round saw the Mounties & Raiders in a see-saw battle that went 6 games. The Raiders prevailed 4-2. After dropping a tight 1st game, the Raiders roared back with 3 tough straight wins before the Mounties won game 5. With the exception of game 4, all games were tight, hard checking affairs, with a tangible intensity. The Raiders then represented Alberta vs. Coquitlam Adanacs from the BCLA, in the Western finals, held @ Max Bell.

The future for Alberta Jr. A is back on track, with a tentative 6 yr. agreement that will see Alberta host the Minto Cup again in 2017. It will be a 4 team round robin with 2 teams from the host province. The Western Finals proved to be the wrong alternative & all 3 provinces agreed to use the previous format. There also was a suggestion put on the table in regards to an all-inclusive Canadian Jr. A operating policy. The CLA will oversee & write the agreement using many of our operating policies & regulations & all 3 provinces will have to agree in order to ratify.

One area of improvement I would like to see, is the media coverage this division has seen so far. We will sit down at the AGM this year & come up with some solid options for media & social media coverage.

Overall, a very good year for the Jr. A division of the RMLL.

Yours in Lacrosse,

Mike Fynn,

Jr .A Commissioner