



2018 Minto Cup Report

The anticipation for the Minto Cup was extremely optimistic based on the results of the previous 2 years, we were hosting for the 1st time in 7 years & we had 2 strong teams representing us.

Game 1 opening nite saw that excitement tone down a notch as the Coquitlam Adanacs came out firing, put the Calgary Mountaineers on their heels early & rolled on to a 16-1 victory.

Game 2 opening nite saw the Okotoks Raiders roar out to a 3-1 lead, the Brampton Excelsiors answered back with 13 straight & cruised home with a 25-8 margin.

Game 3- Brampton pumped in 9 goals before the Mounties answered & walked away with a 15-3 decision

Game 4- Coquitlam led the Raiders 9-2 after 1, Raiders battled back to out score the Adanacs 5-3 in the final 2 frames, but wasn't enough to overcome the Adanacs start. 12-7 final score.

Game 5- Brampton's 8 power play goals defeated Coquitlam 12-9 in a penalty filled affair.

Game 6- In the elimination game, the Mounties started strong with a 2-0 lead after 1. The Raiders took over the final 2 periods gaining the 10-6 victory in front of a full house at Max Bell.

Semi-final- Rematch of game 4 was very similar but a much closer game. Tied at 4 after 1, the Adanacs shut the door for the last period & a half to earn their berth in the Finals vs. Brampton

Best of 5 final featured the best Junior aged goalie in the country vs. the player considered to be the best offensive force in the country. The Adanacs used a strong defence & timely scoring to take the Minto Cup in 4 games, 3-1. The best team clearly won.

In closing, despite some controversy beyond their control, I am proud of the job that the Minto committee & all it's volunteers put forward. It was a 1st Class tournament & showed a significant profit, to prove that we truly belong in this tournament. The results on the floor were not what we expected or desired. I chalk that up to the fact that the competition featured anywhere from (10-13) 20 yr old players vs. our teams that were sporting 4-6 each. That age difference was the biggest differential & I expect to fare much better in BC next year.

Best regards,

Mike Fynn, RMJALL Commissioner