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Mustangs alumni Cosmo Wilson leans into old Victoria Royals and Mustangs teammate Deagan McMillan during a Wenatchee Wild Game.

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BY KEVIN MITCHELL
SPORTS WRITER

Cosmo Wilson and Deagan McMillan both jumpstarted their hockey paths by enjoying huge success in the Coca-Cola Classic Pee Wee Invitational Hockey Tournament.

Having back-to-back Classic titles in 17' & 18', the Vernon minor hockey products used that early glory preparing them for the Western Hockey League, considered the No. 1 junior league in North America.

They each celebrated their 20th birthday in January and are clutch veterans on their respective Major Junior teams.

Wilson rang up one goal and 11 points in 61 games as a shutdown blueliner with the Ed Chynoweth Cup champion Moose Jaw Warriors. He pocketed 2+3 in 56 rookie season games.

"They held a parade for us which was a lot of fun," said Wilson, a right-shot who wears No. 12. "We got our rings which are pretty big."

Wilson was a big part of the Warriors' playoff run which included an epic seven-game semifinal series win over the Saskatoon Blades. Six of the games went to overtime. The Warriors swept the Portland Winterhawks in the Cup final. Moose Jaw failed to make the Memorial Cup final, falling 5-4 to the host Saginaw Spirit in preliminary play.

A self-described two-way, stay-at-home d-man, Wilson says Moose Jaw superstar Brayden Yagr, who captained Team Canada at the last world juniors, is a natural leader whose presence was big in the playoffs.

"Yagr is a great player and a great guy. He's not vocal. It's more his work ethic that everybody follows."

Yagr was traded to the Lethbridge Hurricanes in December, the Warriors receiving two players and six draft picks.

Wilson, in his fourth year, also experienced trade central in the offseason when he was sent to the Victoria Royals in exchange for Deagan Kinniburgh and two draft choices.

"It's going pretty good here," said Wilson, a six-foot, 170-pounder. "Good weather and it's a great city."

His memories of the Coca-Cola tournament are all positive. In one tourney title, Cosmo's father, was the coach.

"The parade was pretty good. I remember there was one game when they let all the schools in and they packed the old Civic (Arena)."

Victoria GM Jake Heisinger was over-the-top when he obtained Wilson.

"Cosmo played an important role for Moose Jaw down the stretch enroute to a WHL championship and a Memorial Cup appearance," penned Heisinger, on the Royals' website. "Being able to add a player that brings championship experience to our group will be beneficial both on and off the ice."

McMillan was briefly teammates again with Wilson after going to Victoria for eight games before the Royals dispatched him to the Wenatchee Wild. McMillan, also in his fourth year, racked up 36 goals and 57 points in 170 games with the Tri-City Americans.

McMillan was ranked 108th by NHL Central Scouting in his draft year (2023). The 6-foot-2, 193-pounder went undrafted but attended the Toronto Maple Leafs' development camp that summer. He played for the Vancouver Canucks in the Young Stars Tournament last September in Penticton.

"Everything happens for a reason," said Deagan, on being trade bait. "I feel I will be able to help the team. I play wing for the most part and I just have to keep shooting."

YouTube features three dazzling goals by McMillan on a hat-trick night in The Dub.

Rubbing elbows with NHL players and prospects had McMillan wanting more as he further refines his game. He cited the Toronto camp as "definitely big-boy-hockey."

While Victoria owned McMillan's rights for about 10 minutes, Heisinger was high on McMillan's skill-set before sending him to Wenatchee for Austin Zemlak and a pair of draft picks. McMillan was originally traded from Tri-City to Victoria for Hayden Moore.

"We felt we needed to add to our top 6 and forward group and to do, we had to move a really good player and person in Austin. Deagan can play both centre and wing and adds skill and grit to our lineup."

McMillan loves following the ways of head coach Don Nauchbar, who

brings a no-nonsense style to the game. Nauchbar, 65, put up 468 PIM and 69 points in 223 NHL games.

"He's a great coach. He pushes you. He's old style. He likes the fights, the hits and the board battles."

McMillan, who wears No. 17 and is a right shot, also thinks fondly about the Coca-Cola Classic, where he was part two titles.

"I remember the parade was awesome and the guest speakers at the banquet were great. They were all former NHL players."



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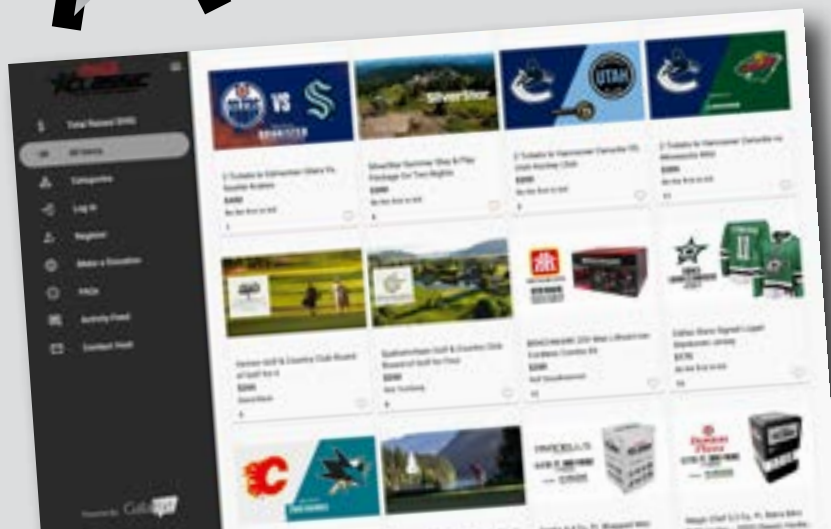
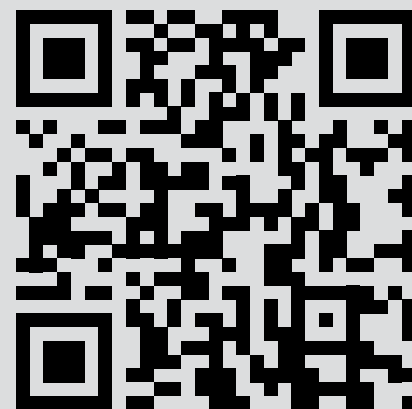
Former Vernon Winter Carnival Executive Director Kris Fuller, drops the puck for the official opening faceoff between Hudson Gott of the California Goldrush and Harrison Sharman of the Vernon Watkin Motors Mustangs at the opening ceremonies of the 51st Coca-Cola Classic Pee Wee Invitational Hockey Tournament in the Kal Tire Place - North.



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On behalf of City Council and the residents of Vernon, a very warm welcome is extended to all out of town hockey players, coaches, officials, and family members attending the 52nd Annual Vernon Coca Cola Classic Pee Wee Invitational Hockey Tournament, February 13th - 16th, 2025.

This year's tournament will host teams from Vernon, California, Coquitlam, Foothills County Alberta, Idaho, Penticton, and Vancouver Island. We hope our visitors will enjoy their stay and take

time to explore why Vernon is the perfect place to visit, live, and do business. We're glad we can share our community and Vernon Winter Carnival with you.

I would like to thank the Classic organizing committee, local volunteers, and numerous sponsors for their generous support and diligent efforts to bring players and families to Vernon.

Good luck to all the players and have fun!

Warmest regards,

Mayor Victor I. Cumming
cc Council

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On behalf of Greater Vernon Minor Hockey Association, welcome to all players, team officials, referees, and hockey fans to the 2025 Coca-Cola Classic.

We are all passionate about the game of hockey; however, that passion must always be positive. Please keep good sportsmanship alive on the ice, on the bench, and in the stands. Enjoy the Coca-Cola Classic, and remember that a small army of volunteers have worked extremely hard to make it a fun experience for all players, coaches, officials, and parents. Let's keep the positive spirit of hockey alive and well.

Volunteers are the life force of minor hockey and the greater community. Take a moment to thank a volunteer for their dedication in making this championship a reality. Without our volunteers this event would not even happen.

Good luck to all teams – enjoy your play and stay in the Okanagan.

Yours in Hockey,

Gordon Sitter, President
Greater Vernon Minor Hockey Association

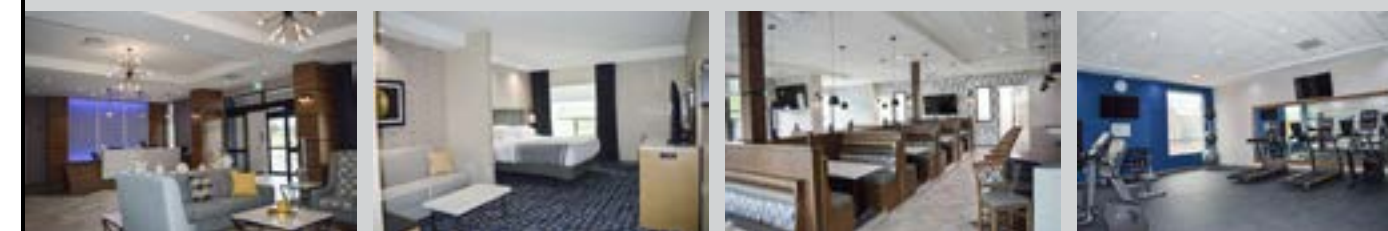


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Ray Allsion	Cranbrook - 1972	Hartford	1979
Len Dawes	Nanaimo - 1974	Chicago	1979
Tony Feltrin	Nanaimo - 1974	Pittsburgh	1979
Mike Winther	Prince George - 1974	Edmonton	1979
Barry Pederson	Nanaimo - 1974	Boston	1980
Mike Kaszycki	Spokane - 1975	NY Islanders	1980
Steve Tsijiura	Lethbridge - 1974	Philadelphia	1981
Rick Chernomaz	Port Alberni - 1975	Colorado	1981
John Newberry	Port Alberni - 1975	Montreal	1981
Chris Jensen	Fort St. - John - 1975	Philadelphia	1981
Paul Cyr	Port Alberni - 1975	Buffalo	1982
Brian Curran	Red Deer - 1977	Buffalo	1982
Mark Lamb	Swift Current - 1978	Calgary	1982
Gord Kluzak	Swift Current - 1977	Boston	1983
Lane Lambert	Swift Current - 1977	Detroit	1983
Doug Quinn	Red Deer - 1978	Vancouver	1983
Rocky Trottier	Swift Current - 1978	New Jersey	1983
Greg Adams	Nelson - 1976	New Jersey	1984
Emmanuel Viveiros	St. Albert - 1978	Edmonton	1984
Doug Bodger	Fuller Lake - 1979	Pittsburgh	1984
Robin Bawa	Fuller Lake - 1979	Washington	1984
Mike Berger	Ft. Sask. - 1979	Minnesota	1985
Jeff Sharples	Terrace - 1980	Detroit	1985
Robin Shudra	Ft. Sask. - 1979	Edmonton	1986

Matt Pesklewis	St. Albert - 1980	Boston	1986
Greg Hawgood	St. Albert - 1980	Boston	1986
Frank Furlan	Nanaimo - 1980	Winnipeg	1986
Mark Pedersen	Medicine Hat - 1981	Montreal	1986
Craig Endean	Prince George - 1981	Winnipeg	1986
Mark Tinordi	Red Deer - 1978	Buffalo	1987
Wade Flaherty	Terrace - 1980	Buffalo	1987
Ryan McGill	Sherwood Park - 1982	Chicago	1987
Kerry Russell	Kamloops - 1982	Hartford	1987
Peter Soberlak	Kamloops - 1982	Edmonton	1988
Chris Joseph	Burnaby - 1982	Pittsburgh	1988
Russ Romanik	St. Boniface - 1982	Winnipeg	1988
Murray Duval	Ft. Sask. - 1983	NY Rangers	1988
Collin Bauer	Ft. Sask. - 1983	Edmonton	1988
Mike Needham	Ft. Sask. - 1983	Pittsburgh	1989
Jason Marshall	Cranbrook - 1984	St. Louis	1989
Richard Matvichuk	Ft. Sask. - 1986	Minnesota	1991
Ray Whitney	Ft. Sask. - 1986	San Jose	1991
Lee J. Leslie	Prince George - 1986	St. Louis	1992
Joaquin Gage	Coquitlam - 1987	Edmonton	1992
Jarrett Deuling	Whitehorse - 1987	NY Islanders	1992
Mike Dubinsky	Sherwood Park - 1990	Vancouver	1994
Daymond Langkow	Sherwood Park - 1990	Tampa Bay	1995
Randy Petruk	Cranbrook - 1991	Colorado	1996
Kevin Swanson	Prince George - 1993	Vancouver	1999

DRAFTED ALUMNI TO THE NHL

Steve McCarthy	Trail/Rossland - 1994	Chicago	1999
Darrell Hay	Kamloops - 1994	Vancouver	1999
Derek Meech	Winnipeg - 1997	Detroit	2002
Matt Ellison	Cowichan - 1997	Chicago	2004
Ben Walter	Semiahmoo - 1998	Boston	2004
Adam Courchaine	Winnipeg - 1998	Minnesota	2004
Shawn Belle	Edmonton - 1999	Dallas	2004
Mitch Fadden	Victoria - 2001	Tampa Bay	2007
Dan Gendur	Victoria - 2001	Vancouver	2007
Casey Pierro-Zabotel	Kamloops - 2002	Pittsburgh	2007
Riley Nash	Kamloops - 2002	Edmonton	2007
Zach Hamill	Port Coquitlam - 2002	Boston	2007
Landon Ferraro	Burnaby - 2003	Detroit	2009
Brett Bulmer	Prince George - 2004	Minnesota	2010
Brett Connolly	Prince George - 2005	Tampa Bay	2010
Morgan Relly	Hollyburn - 2006	Toronto	2012
Mathew Dumba	Calgary - 2006	Minnesota	2012
Griffin Reinhart	Hollyburn - 2006	New York	2012
Josh Morrissey	Springbank - 2008	Winnipeg	2013
Kyle Burroughs	Langley - 2007	NY Islanders	2013
Greg Chase	Sherwood - 2007	Edmonton	2013
Tyler Lewington	Sherwood - 2007	Washington	2013
Josh Morrissey	Calgary - 2008	Winnipeg	2013
Nolan De Jong	Saanich - 2008	Minnesota	2013
Reid Duke	Trailswest - 2009	Minnesota	2014

Jake Virtanen	Abbotsford - 2009	Vancouver	2014
Chase Lang	Nanaimo - 2009	Minnesota	2014
Mathew Barzal	Burnaby - 2008	New York	2015
Noah Juulsen	Abbotsford - 2009	Montreal	2015
Giorgio Estephan	Edmonton - 2009	Buffalo	2015
Austin Wagner	Calgary - 2010	Los Angeles	2015
Josh Anderson	Cowichan - 2010	Colorado	2016
Braydyn Chizen	St. Albert - 2011	Minnesota	2016
Josh Mahura	St. Albert - 2011	Anaheim	2016
Collin Adams	Spokane - 2013	NY Islanders	2016
Kailer Yamamoto	Kent Valley - 2010	Edmonton	2017
Brett Stapley	Campbell River - 2011	Montreal	2018
Trey Fix-Wolansky	Edmonton - 2012	Columbus	2018
Wyatte Wylie	Seattle - 2012	Philadelphia	2018
Maxwell Crozier	Calgary - 2013	Tampa Bay	2019
Henry Rybinski	Vancouver - 2013	Florida	2019
Quinn Olson	Calgary - 2014	Boston	2019
Jack Thompson	Calgary - 2013	Tampa Bay	2020
Dylan Holloway	Calgary - 2013	Edmonton	2020
Luke Reid	Warman - 2014	Nashville	2020
Josh Pillar	Warman - 2014	Minnesota	2021
Parker Alcos	Port Moody - 2019	Vancouver	2024



VERNON DRAFTED ALUMNI TO THE NHL

PLAYER	YEAR PLAYED	DRAFTED BY	YEAR
Rudy Poeschek	1978	Rangers	1985
Brent Gilchrist	1979	Montreal	1986
Jeff Finley	1979	Isles	1986
Bruce Major	1979	Quebec	1986
Jay Stark	1981	Detroit	1986
Dennis Holland	1981	Detroit	1987
Troy Mick	1981	Pittsburgh	1988
Layne Roland	1987	Chicago	1992
Lance Leslie	1987	Ottawa	1993
Jeff Lank	1988	Montreal	1993
Jason Podollan	1989	Florida	1994
Brad Larsen	1990	Ottawa	1995
Matt Higgins	1990	Montreal	1996
Chris Ovington	1994	Florida	1998
Josh Reed	1993	Vancouver	1999
Jerred Smithson	1992	Free Agent Los Angeles	2002
Matt Schneider	1998	Calgary	2004

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Ripleigh Holland Bowers(Left) and Karlee Costanzo(Right) Rienie Holland's Granddaughters present the Rienie Holland Memorial Award to Ken Gaden for his longtime service to the Coca-Cola Classic Hockey Tournament.



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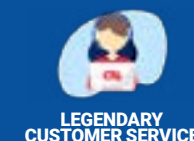
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VERNON WATKIN MOTORS MUSTANGS



Front (L-R): #30 Lucas Gosselin (G), #15 Cooper Krause (A), #17 TJ Podollan (A), #4 Rowan McGrath (C), #19 Jaxon Marchischuk (A), #12 Kingston Prenioslo, #1 Jake McNab

Middle (L-R): #3 Emmett Davis, #14 Korben White, #6 Nixon Spencer, #7 Jake Hughes, #20 Hunter Smithson, #18 Jett Menzies, #8 Roslyn Jacques, #5 Tucker Williams, #9 Colby Boltz, #10 Jonny Dewitt,

Back (L-R): Nic Dewitt (AC), Jerred Smithson (HC), Ashley McGrath (AC)

The Mustangs would like to welcome everyone to the Coca Cola Classic peewee invitational hockey tournament. They are a U13 Tier 1 hockey club that plays under the Greater Vernon Minor Hockey Association and consist of players from Vernon, Lake Country, Armstrong, Salmon Arm, Sicamous and Nakusp. With 16 players born in 2012 and 1 in 2013. The Mustangs are a very competitive and motivated hockey club that takes pride in their team and are eager to learn and get better everyday. They look forward to the challenge of competing against the high-end teams invited to this special tournament.

Our team is lead by head coach Jerred Smithson who brings years of knowledge and experience to the Mustangs. Jerred was born and raised in Vernon and played in the Coca-Cola classic before his professional career started, playing 11 years in the NHL. Alongside Jerred are assistant coaches Ashley McGrath and Nic Dewitt, who also bring a wealth and knowledge to the team.

TOURNAMENT TEAM ROSTER PAGE

VERNON
MUSTANGS
U13 A

CALIFORNIA GOLDRUSH



Front (L-R): #77 Gabriel Dvorak, #88 Brayden Andrews, #12 Michael Bellaro Jr., #11 Lucas McMillin, #13 Brayton Briggs, #29 William Song, #36 Gavin Ramirez, #28 Andrew Vicente (C), #14 Lucca Greco (C), #86 Grason Clinger (G)

Back (L-R): Justin Banard (Head Coach), #7 David Uzakpayev, #27 William Brown, #97 Adam Burke, #90 Aiden Epley (A), #98 Jordan Polanco, #91 Drake Staib (A), #0 Elijah Garcia (A), #49 Milo Hernandez (G), #20 Benjamin Kudla, Gregory Andrews (Asst. Coach), Mark Greco (Asst. Coach)

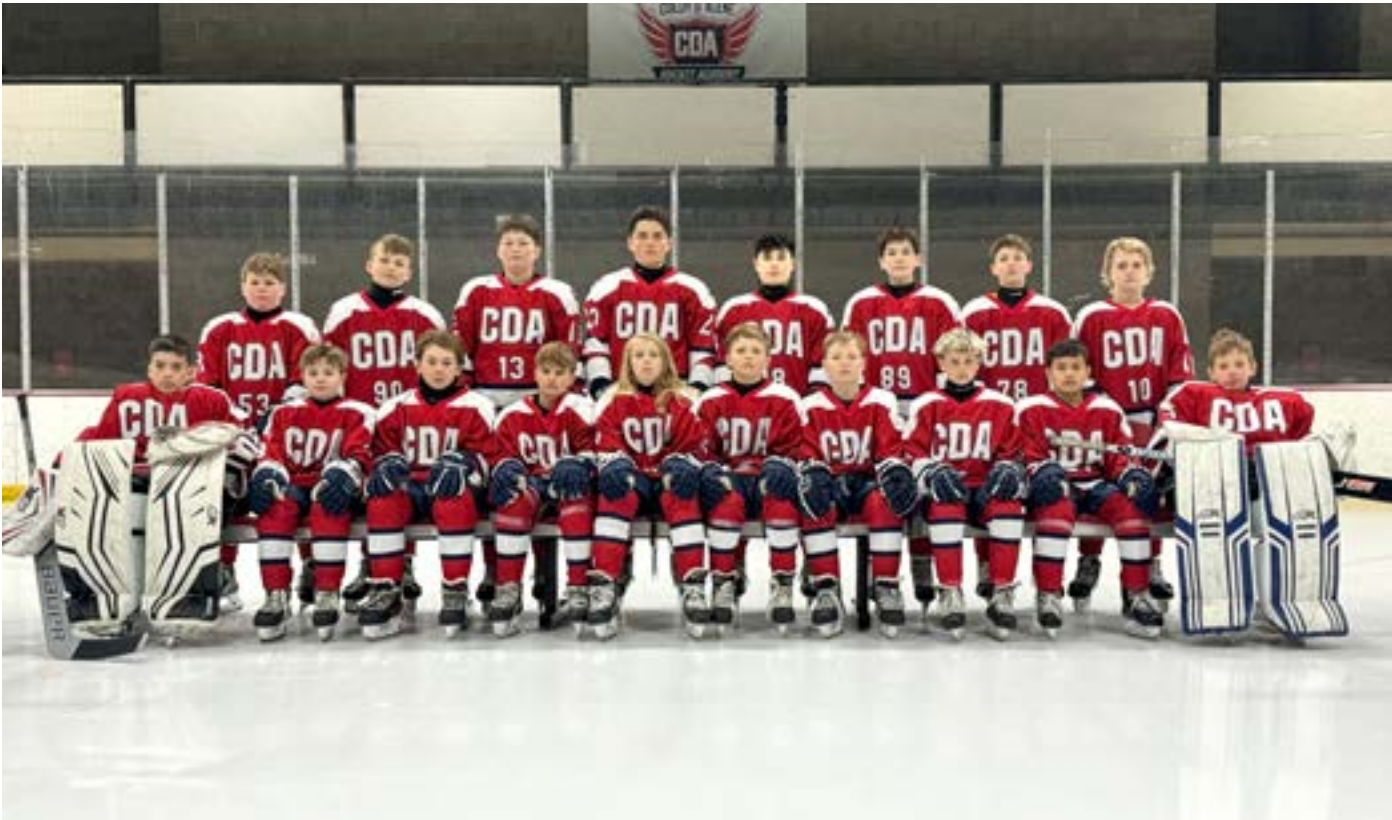
We are the California Goldrush 2012 (AA) team from Lake Forest, California, competing in the Southern California Amateur Hockey Association (SCAHA) against 14 other teams in our division. Our roster this season is made up entirely of second-year players who have been developing a strong core nucleus over the past four years.

In the 2023-24 season, we finished with a 10-5 league record and are setting our sights on a top-four finish and a California State Championship in 2024-25. Our team prides itself on a commitment to systematic play and a team-first mentality. Players and coaches alike have dedicated countless hours and sacrifices to get to where we are now, and we're excited to see our hard work pay off as the season progresses.

TOURNAMENT TEAM ROSTER PAGE

CALIFORNIA
GOLDRUSH
12U AA1(USA)

COEUR D'ALENE ACADEMY



Front (L-R): #39 Caedmon James, #48 Grady Smith, #11 Cason Terraciano, #92 Myles Farnworth, #21 Kellen Kendall, #12 Myles Farnworth, #33 Jace Espiritu, #15 Finn Boksich, #51 Josiah Dehler, #44 Henry Vieth

Back (L-R): #53 Brayden McGann, #90 Brody Finley, #13 Preston Salazar, #27 Aedan Shinn, #18 Blake Brambo-Wulf, #89 Dom Payne, #78 Ivan Bannikov, #10 Cash Sanford

The Coeur d'Alene Hockey Academy 12U AA team, led by Head Coach Tysen Azevedo, is dedicated to developing young athletes on and off the ice. Currently ranked first in Idaho and 217th nationally, the team showcases a strong offensive potential with 119 goals scored this season through the middle of January.

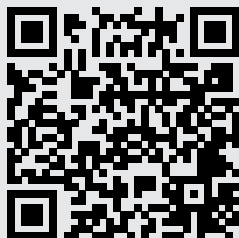
Coach Azevedo brings 21 years of coaching experience, having worked with professional, collegiate, and junior players. Supported by a talented coaching staff, including Assistant Coaches Aaron Azevedo, Frederick Beaubien, Lane Mahoney, and Jeremy Mylymok, the team emphasizes skill development, teamwork, and a passion for hockey.

As the season progresses, the team focuses on growth and improvement, supported by a committed community. With this exceptional coaching team, the 12U AA players are well-positioned for future success while fostering a lifelong love for the game.



COEUR D'ALENE
ACADEMY
U13 A (USA)

TOURNAMENT TEAM ROSTER PAGE



COQUITLAM COMETS



Front (L-R) #13 Jack Bertness, #5 Carter Sam (A), #8 Stefano Trentalance (C), #1 Julien Dishaw (G), #19 Quinn Raptis (A), #16 Parker Fast (A), #6 Ludhan Bouchard

Middle (L-R) Hank Sam (M), #11 Riley Kazuta, #7 Aiden Jung, #17 Hudson Unseld, #3 Leonard Sevtsov, #14 Yul Ko, Dylan Smail (AC), Ryan Dorohoy (HC)

Back (L-R) #9 Kaden Volz, #10 Ben Mah, #12 Niko Proctor, #4 Avin Sharma

The Coquitlam U13 A1 Comets play in the Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association (PCAHA). The team consists of 16 players, 14 who are born in 2012 and 2 who are born in 2013. There are 2 returning players from last year's team.

The Comets are a very hard working team who bring a high level of battle and compete to every game. The goal is not only to develop strong hockey players, but to also develop great young men, to take forward in life their strong work ethic, teamwork, and respect.

The team is led by Head Coach Ryan Dorohoy with Dylan Smail as Assistant Coach. Ryan received the prestigious Ernie Kowal Coach's Award at last year's tournament for being top Coach of the tournament.

The Coquitlam Comets look forward to competing against all of the teams in the 2025 Coca Cola Classic tournament!



COQUITLAM
COMETS
U13 A1 TIER 1

TOURNAMENT TEAM ROSTER PAGE



GAME	TIME	DAY	DIVISION	HOME	VISITOR	SCORE	
1	7:30 AM	THUR	CC	WHEATLAND	VERNON		
2	10:00 AM	THUR	CC	LAKE FOREST	COQUITLAM		
3	12:30 PM	THUR	SV	PENTICTON	FOOTHILLS		
4	3:00 PM	THUR	SV	COEUR D'ALENE	NORTH ISLAND		
5:30PM THURSDAY OPENING CEREMONIES							
5	5:45 PM	THUR	CC	VERNON	LAKE FOREST		
6	8:15 PM	THUR	CC	COQUITLAM	WHEATLAND		

GAME	TIME	DAY	DIVISION	HOME	VISITOR	SCORE	
7	7:30 AM	FRI	SV	NORTH ISLAND	PENTICTON		
8	10:00 AM	FRI	SV	FOOTHILLS	COEUR D'ALENE		
9	12:30 PM	FRI	CC	LAKE FOREST	WHEATLAND		
10	3:00 PM	FRI	SV	COEUR D'ALENE	PENTICTON		
11	5:30 PM	FRI	CC	VERNON	COQUITLAM		
12	8:00 PM	FRI	SV	FOOTHILLS	NORTH ISLAND		

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

- (1) All games shall be regulation stop time, no ties, sudden death overtime.
- (2) In the event 2 teams are tied for points, the team defeating the other shall be placed higher.
- (3) In the event 3 teams are tied for points, the standings will be determined using the following formula.
 - (a) The team with the best goal average will be placed higher.
Example: Goals for 10; Goals against 4; percentage is $10/14 = .714$
 - (b) If 2 teams have the same goal average, the team defeating the other will be placed higher.
 - (c) Coin flip if necessary.



ONLINE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

COCA-COLA DIVISION

VERNON WATKIN MOTORS **MUSTANGS**
COQUITLAM **COMETS**
LAKE FOREST **GOLDRUSH** (CALIFORNIA)
WHEATLAND **BRAVES**

STANDINGS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

SUN VALLEY DIVISION

COEUR D'ALENE **ACADEMY**
FOOTHILLS **BISONS**
NORTH ISLAND **BEARS**
PENTICTON **KNIGHTS**

STANDINGS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

PLAYOFF FORMAT

GAME	TIME	DAY	HOME	VS	VISITOR	SCORE	
13	7:30 AM	SAT	3 RD IN SUN VALLEY	VS	4 TH IN COCA-COLA		
14	10:00 AM	SAT	3 RD IN COCA-COLA	VS	4 TH IN SUN VALLEY		
15	12:30 PM	SAT	1 ST IN COCA-COLA	VS	2 ND IN SUN VALLEY		
16	3:00 PM	SAT	1 ST IN SUN VALLEY	VS	2 ND IN COCA-COLA		

"D" EVENT FINAL

17	8:30 AM	SUN	LOSERS OF GAMES #13 AND #14					
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"C" EVENT FINAL

18	11:00 PM	SUN	WINNERS OF GAMES #13 AND #14					
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"B" EVENT FINAL

19	1:30 PM	SUN	LOSERS OF GAMES #15 AND #16					
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"A" EVENT FINAL

20	4:00 PM	SUN	WINNERS OF GAMES #15 AND #16					
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WINNERS

"A" EVENT -				"B" EVENT -			
"C" EVENT -				"D" EVENT -			



Sasha (Flash) Kuzmich
Position: Centre
Seasons played: 2
Season High: 5 goals, 7 assists
Long-term goal: To tie his own skates
Short-term goal: to find a straw



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FOOTHILLS BISON



Front (L-R): #34 Burke Husted (G), #7 Scarlett Rommens, #10 Hudson Wickett (A), #13 Cole Hubick (C), #18 Ethan Ferguson (A), #8 Rhett Sears (A), #1 Dylan Hovde (G)

Back (L-R): Brad Wickett (HC), #9 Ryerson Graves, #24 Carter Elliot, #11 Eila Gillespie, #16 Nikolas St-Pierre, #22 Carson Lamotte, #20 Riley Wilson, #6 Gage Glover, #2 Carter Sandberg, #14 Tucker Stewart, Shane Stewart (AC), #15 Porter Rhynold

Not Pictured: Dave Mitchell (Asst. Coach), Heidi Peters (AT), Marlee Sears (Manager)

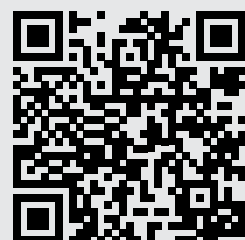
The Foothills Bisons are made up of players from a rural draw zone that includes several small-town communities in southwestern Alberta. This year's team features players from Claresholm, Nanton, Vulcan, and Black Diamond. The Bisons organization strives to be competitive, well-run, and sportsmanlike, and while competing with larger urban centers can be challenging, it's a challenge we embrace! With slightly more second-year players this year and talented first-year players, we've had a competitive season so far, including a five-game winning streak in November. This year's team has proven to be a hardworking group that has come together on and off the ice.

A unique aspect of the Bisons is our annual fundraiser, where proceeds go 100% to a chosen community cause or charity. The charity changes yearly, and all three age divisions (U13, U15, and U18) play on "Bisons Day" at a home arena in the draw zone. In 2024, the Bisons donated over \$17,000 to STARS Air Ambulance. For 2025, Bisons Day will include our new U11 team, with proceeds supporting a former teammate facing serious health challenges to help with treatment costs.



FOOTHILLS
BISONS
U13 AA

TOURNAMENT TEAM ROSTER PAGE



NORTH ISLAND BEARS



Front (L-R): #29 Sawyer Elke, #33 Brantley Kristensen

Middle (L-R): #12 Wyatt King, #14 Grayson Morrison, #16 Lincoln Germyn, #4 Liam Rosse, #10 Koen Nicholas, #8 Charlie Laxdal, #13 Brantley Haugan

Back (L-R): Dennis Bellavance (HC), #20 Ben Ellemo, #48 Liam McNaughton, #2 Reef Cegnar, #9 Logan Murray, #6 Colton Smith, #44 Mavrik Gornall, #23 Elliot Cockburn, #42 Rhett Resicini, David Hooper (AC)

Not Pictured: Scotia Bellavance (AC)

The North Island Bears, based in Campbell River, BC, are a Tier 1 Zone team made up of players from across the North Island. We bring together the top talent from various communities, competing at the highest level and representing our region with pride.

Our roster includes players born in 2012 and 2013, combining fresh energy with experienced talent to create a dynamic and competitive team. This mix allows us to approach each game with enthusiasm and readiness to take on any challenge.

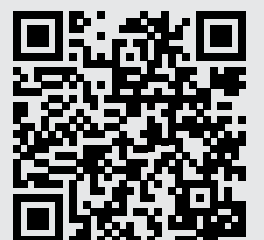
Despite coming from a smaller region, the Bears consistently compete against top teams across the province. We've secured several victories against rivals in our division and are focused on pushing toward the league playoffs. Our dedication, hard work, and skill ensure we remain competitive in every game.

United by a passion for hockey and teamwork, the North Island Bears are excited to showcase our abilities in this tournament. Thank you for considering us—we look forward to representing our region at the top level!



NORTH ISLAND
BEARS
U13 T1

TOURNAMENT TEAM ROSTER PAGE



PENTICTON KNIGHTS



Front (L-R): #7 Kane Fitzgerald, #3 Shawn Bourgette, #4 Ryden Wicharuk (A), #1 Linden Hartford (G), #12 Kristian Bowen (C), #30 Oakley Speckman (G), #14 Isaac Zeeman (A), #6 Lucan Kelm (A), #2 Parker Keith

Back (L-R): Cam Keith (AC) #8 Lance Bryant, #19 Sylas Goodale, #9 Avery Bliss, #17 Carter Hickson, #16 Spencer Hall, #11 Bates Wallgren, #20 Piper Dupuis, #10 Vin Biro, Dima Laurenau (HC)

The Penticton Knights Tier One team proudly represents the South Okanagan under the Penticton Minor Hockey Association. Competing in the OMAHA Tier One division, they face strong teams from Kelowna, Vernon, Kamloops, and Prince George. The roster consists of 17 players, 16 born in 2012 and one in 2013, who excel at a team-oriented game emphasizing passing, puck possession, and creativity.

Head Coach Dima Laurenau, a former junior hockey player and cofounder of Next Level Hockey School, fosters a drive to compete and develop skills. Despite being from a small association, the Knights consistently challenge their opponents and finished the 2024 season undefeated. They're excited to return to the Coca-Cola Classic to defend last year's championship. With hard work, determination, and a passion for hockey, the Knights aim to make their community proud. We wish all the teams the best of luck and know this tournament will be a blast!



PENTICTON
KNIGHTS
U13 A

TOURNAMENT TEAM ROSTER PAGE



WHEATLAND BRAVES



Front (L-R) #1 Mark Gavrilovs, #10 Easton Price, #5 Jason Hicks (A), #7 Malcolm MacNeil (A), #19 Kiptyn Wrathall (C), #11 Finn Sewall (A), #20 Charlie Leachman, #31 Nixxon Reid

Middle (L-R) # 9 Moe Rafih, #12 Gabriella Valente, #22 Lucas Ouellette, #8 Josh Sampson, #15 Landon Dalziel, #23 Lawson White, #4 Graysen Grant, #17 Gabriel Pope, #18 Jeran Manovich

Back (L-R) Jack Vergouwen (AC), Ryan Skytt (HC), Chad Sewall (M),

Not Pictured: Connor Boyd (AC)

The Wheatland Braves are proud representatives of Strathmore, Alberta, competing in the South-Central Division of the Alberta Elite Hockey League (AEHL). Our roster features a dynamic group of young athletes, including nine players born in 2012—three of whom are returning from last season—and eight players born in 2013.

Our team brings together talented players from Strathmore, Langdon, and Chestermere, creating a strong and cohesive unit. As a young, good skating team, we are focused on developing our game and pushing towards a playoff run this season.

Behind our success is an exceptional coaching staff composed entirely of dedicated non-parent coaches. Each coach has strong ties to the Wheatland Association and has played junior hockey in Alberta and British Columbia. Their passion for the game and commitment to our players' development exemplify their desire to give back to the next generation of hockey players.



WHEATLAND
BRAVES
U13 AA

TOURNAMENT TEAM ROSTER PAGE



HISTORY OF TROPHIES/AWARDS



AMY MYLES TROPHY "A" DIVISION WINNER

Mrs. Myles was a dedicated member of the Vernon & District Minor Hockey Association, contributing over 15 years of service. As a founding member of the "Mothers' Auxiliary to Minor Hockey," she became a beloved figure in the community. In 1965, she was awarded a Life Membership in recognition of her tireless efforts. Her dedication earned further recognition in 1968 when the CAHA presented her with a Scroll of Merit for her exceptional service to hockey and her commitment to the physical and mental development of young Canadians.



MICKEY MCMAHON TROPHY "C" DIVISION WINNER

Born in Nelson and raised in Revelstoke, Mickey McMahon moved to Vernon in 1951 to work as a telegrapher for the CPR. His passion for hockey led him to join Minor Hockey in 1968, managing the pup division and Pee Wee rep teams. With coach Walt Trentini, he guided the team to "A" Division victory in 1973 and "B" Division in 1974. Serving as Minor Hockey President in 1975-76, Mickey earned a Scroll of Merit in 1972 from the Canadian Legion and was honored with a Life Membership in the Vernon Minor Hockey Association in 1977.



ERNIE KOWAL MEMORIAL AWARD COACH OF THE TOURNAMENT

Active in Junior A and minor hockey in Vernon since 1958, Ernie Kowal, known as 'Esso Ernie,' held roles as coach, manager, vice-president, and president of the Vernon Minor Hockey Association. He co-owned the Vernon Essos of the B.C. Junior Hockey League and, with his brother-in-law Vern Dye, managed the Junior A franchise for over 20 years, often using their own vehicles to transport players. A volunteer firefighter and former RCMP Auxiliary member, Ernie passed away on December 12, 1997, at 63, leaving behind his son Tom, an NHL referee, and daughter Sue.



DAN OXNARD MEMORIAL AWARD MOST SPORTSMANLIKE TEAM

Born in Lytton, B.C., in August 1944, Dan Oxnard moved to Vernon in 1966 and served as a professional firefighter for 28 years. Off duty, he raised funds for Muscular Dystrophy and the B.C. Burn Unit. In 1975, he joined Minor Hockey, dedicating 12 years as a coach, team manager, and executive, including roles as Director, Vice President, and President. Known for his willingness to help, Dan played a key role on the Pee Wee Hockey tournament committee starting in 1985, contributing to its success for eight years.



ALEX KULY TROPHY "B" DIVISION WINNER

Born in Portage La Prairie, Manitoba, Alex Kuly played Junior Hockey with the Portage Terriers and later joined the Flin Flon Bombers as a defenseman. During the war, he served in the Air Force as a physical education instructor before returning to the Bombers. Kuly also played for Kamloops, coached in Vernon, and was head referee for the Okanagan Mainline Minor Hockey Association. After transferring to Quesnel as a Forest Ranger, he coached the Kangaroos. Returning to Vernon in 1961, he remained a passionate supporter of Minor Hockey.



MICKEY OGASAWARA TROPHY "D" DIVISION WINNER

Born in Vernon on July 22, 1936, Michael Barton "Mickey" Ogasawara excelled in multiple sports. Starting in Pee Wee hockey, he advanced through bantam and midget rep teams, winning valley titles. In 1952, he helped the Vernon Juveniles Hockey Club win the B.C. Championship and, in 1953, was part of the B.C. Juvenile Lacrosse Championship team. In 1954, he played catcher for Nick's Aces softball team, winning the B.C. Senior "B" Championship. A member of the 1956 Vernon Junior Hockey team, Mickey also served as head referee for the N.O. Hockey League.



RIENIE HOLLAND MEMORIAL AWARD LONG TIME VOLUNTEER AWARD

Joining the committee three years after the tournament's inception, Rienie served as ice ambassador for minor hockey, a division manager, and executive board member. He was a regular in the scorekeeper's box at the old Vernon Civic Arena during Lakers' games. Rienie also contributed to minor baseball as an umpire and division manager. His oldest son, Ken, has been a successful general manager for the Edmonton Oilers and Detroit Red Wings with four Stanley Cups from his time with them, while his youngest son, Dennis, is an NHL scout for the Dallas Stars.



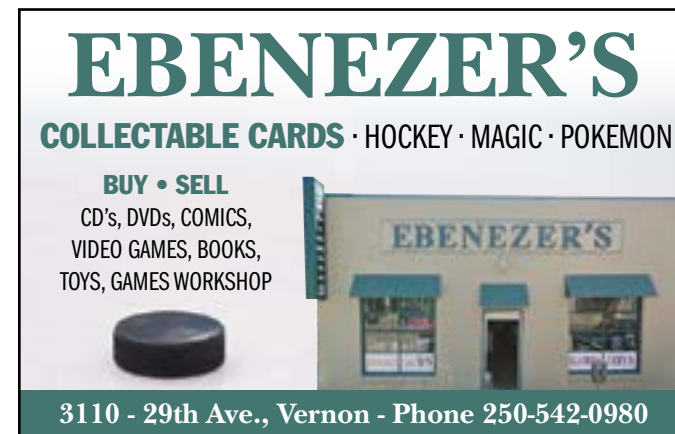
ED JOHNSTONE AWARD HEART & HUSTLE

Eddie Johnstone, a former Canadian professional ice hockey player, competed in the WHA with the Michigan Stags/Baltimore Blades and played nearly ten NHL seasons with the New York Rangers and Detroit Red Wings. Born in Brandon, Manitoba, and raised in Vernon, British Columbia, he transitioned to coaching after his playing career. From 1987 to 1992, he coached the junior Vernon Lakers in the BCHL, leading them to back-to-back Centennial Cup championships in 1990 and 1991, solidifying his legacy in Canadian hockey.



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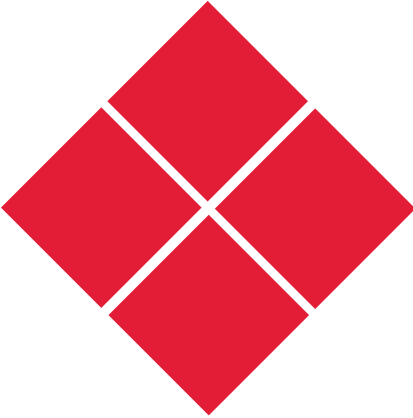
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DAN OXNARD MEMORIAL AWARD

ERNIE KOWAL MEMORIAL AWARD



Committee chair Keith Green presents the Dan Oxnard Trophy for Most Sportsmanlike Team to Tyler Liebel (left), head coach of the Penticton Knights, during the players' banquet on Saturday night. Shortly after, Keith awards the Ernie Kowal Memorial Trophy for Top Coach of the tournament to Ryan Dorohoy, head coach of the Coquitlam Chiefs.



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EDDIE JOHNSTONE HEART & HUSTLE AWARD



Former NHL'er, Eddie Johnstone presents a new award to the tournament, The Heart and Hustle Award. Jade Kostiuk of the East Kootenay Avalanche is the first recipient of this award hand picked by Eddie himself.



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A MESSAGE FROM US

On behalf of the committee, we would like to send out a **huge thank you** to all the players, parents/relatives, coaches, officials, and fans for coming out to enjoy the Coca-Cola Classic Hockey Tournament.

We would also like to sincerely thank all the dedicated volunteers, tournament sponsors/donators, arena staff of Kal Tire Place, Vernon Winter Carnival Society, Greater Vernon Minor Hockey and the City of Vernon.

Without your continued support, this tournament would not be possible to run year in, year out. *Thank you!*



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“A” DIVISION FINALS

- 2024 Penticton 7 - Vernon 1
- 2023 St. Albert 4 - Cranbrook 3 (OT)
- 2020 S. Delta 2 - S. Okanagan 8
- 2019 Port Moody 7 - Vancouver 9
- 2018 Vernon 9 - Yellowknife 5
- 2017 Vernon 4 - Chilliwack 1
- 2016 Vernon 5 - Idaho 3
- 2015 Seafair 10 - Langley 0
- 2014 Calgary 3 - Warman 2
- 2013 Springbank 1 - Vancouver 0
- 2012 Vancouver 6 - Edmonton 3
- 2011 St. Albert 8 - Simons Valley 5
- 2010 Kent Valley 6 - Edmonton 5 (OT)
- 2009 Calgary 9 - Burnaby 8
- 2008 Vernon 6 - Swift Current 0
- 2007 Vernon 5 - Calgary 3
- 2006 Vernon 6 - Fairbanks 5 (2 OT)
- 2005 Prince George 5 - Abbotsford 2
- 2004 Nanaimo 6 - Prince George 4
- 2003 Burnaby 8 - Prince George 3
- 2002 Port Coquitlam 4 - Barrie 3 (OT)
- 2001 Barrie 5 - Edmonton 1
- 2000 Kamloops 7 - St. Albert 6
- 1999 Edmonton 5 - Penticton 1
- 1998 Semiahmoo 3 - Winnipeg 2 (OT)
- 1997 Prince George 4 - Cranbrook 1
- 1996 Cranbrook 6 - Semiahmoo 3
- 1995 Edmonton 5 - Cowichan 4
- 1994 Edmonton 6 - Trail 1
- 1993 Vernon 6 - Prince George 3
- 1992 Kamloops 12 - South Delta 3
- 1991 Winnipeg 9 - Vernon 4
- 1990 Winnipeg 6 - Cowichan 5 (OT)

- 1989 Sherwood Park 3 - Winnipeg 2 (OT)
- 1988 Winnipeg 9 - Kamloops 8 (OT)
- 1987 Winnipeg 11 - Richmond 2
- 1986 Cowichan 8 - Fort Sask. 5
- 1985 Cowichan 3 - Red Deer 2 (OT)
- 1984 Cowichan 5 - Kamloops 1
- 1983 Fort Sask. 6 - Richmond 5 (OT)
- 1982 Richmond 6 - Kamloops 5
- 1981 Richmond 8 - Nanaimo 4
- 1980 Vernon 6 - St. Albert 3
- 1979 North Shore 10 - Vernon 4
- 1978 North Shore 10 - Vernon 4
- 1977 Swift Current 7 - Coquitlam 5
- 1976 Red Deer 6 - Seattle 3
- 1975 Port Alberni 13 - Vernon 4
- 1974 Fort St. John 10 - Lethbridge 4
- 1973 Vernon 4 - Saanich 2
- 1972 Saanich 9 - Hollyburn 3

“B” DIVISION FINALS

- 2024 California 4 - St. Albert 5
- 2023 Wenatchee 4 - Leduc 10
- 2020 Yellowknife 5 - Coquitlam 3
- 2019 Edmonton 3 - Los Angeles 6
- 2018 Coquitlam 6 - South Delta 8
- 2017 West Kootenay 8 - Seafair 3
- 2016 Alaska 7 - St. Albert 4
- 2015 Chilliwack 7 - Kelowna 6
- 2014 Edmonton 7 - Vernon 3
- 2013 Vernon 5 - Nanaimo 2
- 2012 South Delta 3 - Bow Valley 2
- 2011 Surrey 5 - Vernon 2
- 2010 Vernon 3 - Prince George 1
- 2009 Abbotsford 10 - Prince George 0

- 2008 Edmonton 4 - Richmond Hill 3
- 2007 Victoria 5 - Sherwood Park 4
- 2006 Hollyburn 3 - Abbotsford 2
- 2005 Fairbanks 5 - Anchorage 3
- 2004 Cranbrook 7 - Saanich 4
- 2003 St. Albert 4 - Richmond 3 (OT)
- 2002 Edmonton 5 - Kamloops 4
- 2001 Vernon 5 - Cowichan 4
- 2000 Barrie 10 - Vernon 3
- 1999 Edmonton 13 - Vancouver 5
- 1998 Kamloops 5 - Surrey 3
- 1997 Coquitlam 5 - Cowichan 3
- 1996 Lambton 10 - Vernon 1
- 1995 Coquitlam 13 - Nanaimo 8
- 1994 Edmonton 7 - Vernon 6 (OT)
- 1993 Nanaimo 6 - Cowichan 3
- 1992 Victoria 10 - North Delta 3
- 1991 Cowichan 9 - Victoria 7
- 1990 Sherwood Park 10 - Vernon 1
- 1989 Winnipeg 6 - Burbaby 5 (OT)
- 1988 Vernon 12 - Victoria 4
- 1987 Coquitlam 7 - Seattle 1
- 1986 Prince George 8 - Winnipeg 7
- 1985 North Delta 3 - Winnipeg 1
- 1984 Vernon 9 - Nanaimo 8
- 1983 St. Boniface 12 - Trail 2
- 1982 Prince George 5 - Sherwood Park 3
- 1981 Vernon 5 - Prince George 3
- 1980 Terrace 7 - North Shore 4
- 1979 Saskatoon 8 - Brandon 3
- 1978 Red Deer 6 - Swift Current 2
- 1977 Fort St. John 5 - Red Deer 4
- 1976 Port Alberni 6 - Vernon 4
- 1975 Coquitlam 13 - Fort St. John 5

“C” DIVISION FINALS

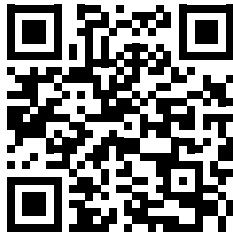
- 2024 Coquitlam 3 - East Kootenay 1
- 2023 Chilliwack 3 - Okotoks 1
- 2020 Kamloops 5 - Port Moody 4 (OT)
- 2019 St. Albert 17 - Vernon 3
- 2018 San Diego 2 - Edmonton 3
- 2017 Cochrane 2 - California 6
- 2016 Nelson 4 - Dawson Creek 3
- 2015 Vernon 6 - Bow Valley 4
- 2014 Nanaimo 3 - Prince George 2
- 2013 Seera 3 - Hollyburn 2
- 2012 Seattle 3 - Juan De Fuca 6
- 2011 Spokane 3 - Campbell River 2
- 2010 Spokane 2 - Calgary 9
- 2009 Edmonton 5 - Seattle 2

“D” DIVISION FINALS

- 2024 Okotoks 1 - Calgary 9
- 2023 Vernon 3 - North Delta 6
- 2020 Vernon 18 - Merritt 4
- 2019 Yellowknife 4 - California 2
- 2018 Sherwood Park 2 - Calgary 7
- 2017 Montana 2 - Sherwood Park 4
- 2016 Fort St. John 4 - Glenlake 5
- 2015 Seattle 1 - Spokane 12
- 2014 Seattle 4 - Strathcona 5
- 2013 Southland 8 - Spokane 2
- 2012 Vernon 8 - Spokane 4
- 2011 Juan De Fuca 7 - Anchorage 1
- 2010 Chilliwack 4 - Cowichan Valley 5 (OT)
- 2009 Nanaimo 7 - Vernon 1



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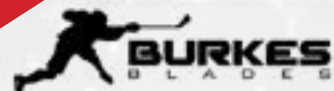
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2024 C & D DIVISION CUP PRESENTATIONS




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Committee members Rob Tornberg and Rolf Staudhammer present Coquitlam Chiefs captain Marcus Phillips the Mickey McMahon trophy after winning the 51st "C" Final.



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Committee member Rolf Staudhammer presents Calgary Royals Captain Kaden Goulard the "D" Division - Mickey Ogasawara trophy after winning the 50th "D" Final over the Okotoks Oilers.



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Committee members Tyler Willan (left) and Trevor Keenan present the “B” Division - Alex Kuly trophy to the St. Albert Raiders Captains after winning the 50th “B” Final over the California Goldrush

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