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Midget C1 Sabres are on a Roll

The Richmond Midget C1 Sabres picked a great time to get their game back on track. The Sabres opened the Richmond Midget tournament with two disappointing loses the first to Saanich 5-3 and then dropping their worse game of the tournament 6-1 to Chilliwack. Most teams would give up but not the Sabres, all year long the team has had a no give up attitude and it was about to pay off big.

Going into their third game of the tournament the Sabres needed to win to stay in contention for the playoffs; against Duncan the Sabres needed to come out flying, and flying they did. Duncan scored the first goal; but it was all Richmond after that, opening the scoring for the Sabres was Braden Goodwin, and then led by Jeremy and Brendon Garbo. The score after the first period 3-1 Sabres. Jeremy Garbo would score three more times and end the game with four goals and three assists to lead the Sabres to a much needed 9-2 win.



The Sabres would keep the winning alive with a very spirited game against the Richmond Bills, the Sabres took that game 5-3 and it was off to the playoffs. That night the Sabres played the Victoria Ice Hawks in game one of the playoffs; Victoria finished second in the Gold pool with a 3-0-1 record and had no intentions of going home with a lose. The Ice Hawks were by far the fastest skating team the Sabres had seen all year long. The score was tied after the first period 1-1. The Sabres would come out strong in the second scoring for the Sabres were Kyle Evinger, Tristan McKenna –Small; Brendon Garbo and Alejandro Alsakar. The two teams would battle hard right to the end with the Richmond Sabres prevailing 5-3.

The roll kept on going; the next morning the Sabres played the Vancouver Wildcats in the semi-finals with a chance to move on to the Championship game with a win. A tired Vancouver team who only had nine skaters would not be able to stop a determined Sabres team. The Final score was 4-1; it was off to the Championship game against the Alberni Malemen the first place team in the Gold pool.

The Alberni team had beat everyone in their path going 6-0-0 and out scoring their opponents thirty five to seventeen, the only thing standing in the way of a Championship was a win over the Richmond Sabres. Fortunately the game still had to be played and what a game it was...neither team could score a goal due to the outstanding defense and goaltending from both teams. It was in the final eight minutes of the third period when Kyle Evinger finally broke the Alberni defence down and roofed the puck past the Alberni goalie. All the Sabres needed to do was hold of a very skilled Alberni team and the Championship would stay in Richmond. Easier said then done, with 2:58 left in the third the Malemen scored on a scramble in front of Ben Graeme. Off to sudden death overtime, the teams would settle nothing in overtime and would need the shootout to crown the winner. Alberni being the home team selected to shoot last.

Up first for the Richmond Sabres was Jeremy Garbo nicknamed "money" by head coach Peter Evinger. Jeremy Garbo came through and scored the first goal the two teams would trade goals twice more and end up tied three-three and needed a remarkable second round. Richmond's Martin Sakamoto was stopped by the Alberni goalie with a great glove save. Alberni then had a chance to win it but big Ben Graeme saved it. Then the surprise of the shootout came when Chan Woo Lee a call-up from Bantam was called upon to take a shot, Chan took the shot like he had done it a hundred times and scored with ease. It was all up to Ben Graeme once again who was playing in his final year and final game as a Midget player. Graeme would make it look easy stopping the Alberni Malemen shooter dead in his tracks. The Sabes players rushed off the bench to congratulate game MVP Ben Graeme. The Richmond Sabres had outstanding contributions from Tristan McKenna-Small on defence, as well as Ibrahiem Jamal, Martin Sakamoto and David Clark, Ryan Staples strong presences in front of the opposing goalies. The Sabres also had strong leadership from assistant captains Brendon Garbo and Braden Goodwin. The key players who seemed to give the team the lift when they needed it the most came from Alejandro Alsakar who scored two remarkable highlight goals; Captain Kyle Evinger who finished the tournament with 8 goals and 6 assists for 14 points and first year midget player Jeremy Garbo who had 7 goals and six assists for 13 points.

Also playing in their final year as Midget players were Ibrahiem Jamal who had a strong tournament on defence and Brendon Garbo who finished the tournament with 3 goals and four assists. Goaltender leader

erense, and Brendon Garbo who finished the tournament with 2 goals and four assists. Goaltender Jordan Naftel was also very strong in the tournament winning 2 games and losing only 1. The Richmond Sabres were congratulated many times and most notably by the Alberni Malemen for their sportsmanship, the Richmond Sabres had only 42 penalty minutes in seven games and none in the championship game. The coaching staff of Peter Evinger, Rob Garbo and Peter McKenna-Small would like to congratulate all the players and parents on a great tournament and season.

Richmond Midget B2 Outlaws win Playoff Championship

The Richmond Midget B2 Outlaws have finished this season as divisional and playoff champs. Despite being one of the smaller teams, the Outlaws used their speed and passing skills to prevail. The team, comprised of six third year players, who all played C level last season, five first year midgets and one goalie, Hee-woong Yang. However when the injury bug hit the Outlaw starter, a total of 7 goalies, including defenseman Kaz Hikida had to be called for net duty, persevering and finishing first in divisional play.



The turning point late in the season was a one sided 8-2 loss to cross-town rivals, Seafair.

"Seafair dominated from beginning to the end of the game," said Coach Ira Hikida. "I think the loss really embarrassed all the players and the coaches into working a little harder from there on in. We got back on track and had a successful run in the playoffs" - coming back to defeat Seafair 6-1.

The final hurdle was an end-to-end, nail biter against Port Moody, who had previously defeated Richmond 2 out of 3 games. This time Richmond came out on top, winning 3-1. Richmond's first goal, by Matt Richardson assisted by David Mitchell came 4 minutes into the first period, setting the game off to a great start. Fans had to wait until the second period for the Outlaw's second goal, by Alex Verhoeven assisted by Chad Tasaka and Kalen Martyniuk, followed minutes later with another goal by Ty Kelm from Matt Richardson. Port Moody managed to sneak in their one goal at the end of the third period.

The whole team displayed outstanding defensive play: from D-men Ty Kelm, Tyler Siemens, David Merlo, Mitchell Louis, and Kaz Hikida with tenacious fore-checking from Matt Richardson, Jeff Styles, David Mitchell tremendous speed of Alex Verhoeven, Chad Tasaka, Kalen Martyniuk and smart two-way play of Josh Hertzman, Jon Tsai and Ryan McConaghy, and great support from injured players Mark Hosford, Brad Bycraft and Hee-woong Yang. Head Coach, Ira Hikida and his assistants, Bobby Doi, Harry Eng and Emeet Duhra were very impressed with the hard work and discipline (averaging only 6 minutes in penalties per game) in the playoffs.

Sabres Win Presidents' League Playoff Championship

The Richmond Bantam C1 Sabres, coached by Justin Cherewyk, won the Presidents League Playoff Championship over New Westminster C2 in the Gold Group this weekend with a stunning 4-2 victory!



Renegades get Presidential Treatment

Spirits were high as the Richmond Renegades Atom AAA Hockey Team won the 2006/07 Atom AAA Tier 1 Presidents Series Playoff Banner this past weekend. They were undefeated in the series with a 2-0-1 record competing against North Shore Winter Club A2, Vancouver Thunderbirds A1 and Vancouver Minor A1.

The Renegade success was a result of a solid team effort lead by Head Coach, Grant Coates and Assistants, Luc Cronier, Bryan Gawdin & Steve Yip.

The team got solid goaltending from Adam Cronier



and Matthew Gromer while its defensive corps of Kevin Coates, Jodi Gentile, Leah Lum, Colin Phang and Tyler Yip was relentless in its own end and won the majority of battles for loose pucks and rebounds.



Renegade forwards Alex Bernardini, Chandler Bradley, Glenn Gawdin, Matthew Mah, Nicholas Mah, Roman Pallone, Alex Whitwham and Isaiah Yu were also able to convert many of their scoring chances and worked tirelessly on the backcheck to support the defencemen and goalies.

2006-7 Highlights for RMHA Rep Hockey

It has been another excellent season for RMHA teams, highlighted by our two Provincials bound teams - Juvenile AAA1 and PeeWee AAA. We wish you the best of luck at the Provincials!

The Juvenile AAA1 team beat North Delta 9-4 to clinch the final berth in the Provincials, which will be held in Nanaimo March 21 to 24th.

The PeeWee AAA team won the Final Four, defeating Hollyburn 3-1 and BWC 4-0 to advance to the Provincials, which will be held in Cloverdale March 18-21st.

Other RMHA teams have had fantastic seasons as well, highlighted by the following (sorry if I missed some other highlights):

Juvenile AAA2 - finished second in league play and third in the playoffs Presidents Series Flight # 2 Midget AAA - played extremely well at the Richmond International Tournament, travelled to Whitehorse for Hockey Day in Canada Midget B1 - narrowly missed the Final Four, losing game 4 of a 4 point series Midget B2 - won the league banner, and Presidents Series playoff banner Bantam AAA - won the bronze division of the Abbotsford Tournament Bantam B - narrowly missed the Final Four, losing game 4 of a 4 point series, won the Presidents Series playoff banner, finishing 2nd at the Cowichan Tournament PeeWee B1 - qualified for Final Four, finished 2nd at the Vancouver Christmas Tournament PeeWee B2 - won the Vancouver Thunderbirds Christmas Tournament, finished 2nd in league play Atom A1 - narrowly missed the Final Four, losing game 4 of a 4 point series, won the Presidents Series playoff banner, were ranked in the top 10 provincially, all season Atom A2 - played well in Tier 2, both during regular season and playoffs Atom A3 - managed a 2-3 record in playoffs, won the Most Sportsmanlike Team at the Vancouver Tournament

Good luck in your spring break tournaments!

PCAHA JUVENILE SCHOLARSHIP TOURNAMENT 2007

Richmond Minor Hockey Association hosted the first game of the 25th Annual Pacific Coast Amateur Hockey Association Scotiabank Juvenile Scholarship Tournament on February 4, 2007 at Minoru Stadium.

This special recognition event is held annually by the PCAHA to showcase the talents of players in the Juvenile Division, especially those who exhibit the qualities of good sportsmanship, leadership, character and playing ability. In addition, the Tournament aims to promote participation in Minor Hockey at the Juvenile level and to increase participation by Juvenile players in the PCAHA Scholarship Program.

For purposes of the Tournament, three teams were comprised of players selected from the 30 Juvenile "AAA" teams within the PCAHA.

The first game of the Tournament, played in Richmond, featured the red "Flames" team (coached by the RMHA duo of Maurice and Richard Hamlin) against the white "Senators" team which featured RMHA players: goalie Bobby Poupart, defencemen Georgio Trasolini and Michal Slomba, and forwards Aaron Zuzartee and Adam Phillippe. The Senators won the game 4-2. Adam's speed and style of play earned him game MVP honours. Adam was also the recipient of a Special Bursary Award during the tournament.

The championship game featuring the "Canucks" versus the "Senators" will be broadcast on Delta Cable on Friday Feb 16, 8:00pm and Monday Feb 19, 4:00pm

A special thank you goes out to Chelsea Simpkins for her wonderful rendition of "Oh Canada" during the opening ceremonies. In addition, thank you to the RMHA volunteers who helped with the event: Brett and Brendan Mullin for assisting with timekeeping, Sandra Nass who assisted with MVP selections and Nicole Nass, who coordinated the music.



RMHA Players Make BC Best Ever U16 Team

RMHA is proud to announce that two of its Bantam AAA players have been selected to the BC Best Ever

RMHA is proud to announce that two of its Banham AAA players have been selected to the BC Best Level U16 program this year:

Rudi Thorsteinson and Wesley Phang.

Players are selected to one of eight Zone teams which compete in the BC Cup, to be held April 19-22 in Mission, BC. Congratulations!

Midget Players Make Scholarship Team

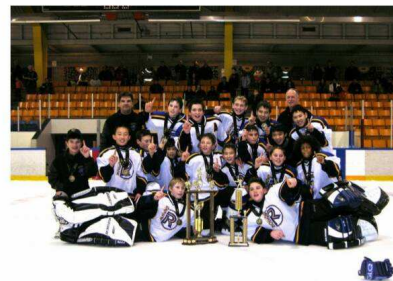
Congratulations to six of our RMHA Midget AAA and Midget B1 players who were selected to the 2007 Midget Scholarship teams for our zone:

Joel Boyd (Forward) - Midget B1
Jonathan Daudet (Goaltender) - Midget B1
Tim Jackson (Forward) - Midget AAA
Jeremy Jung (Defence) - Midget B1
Brendan Steadman (Forward) - Midget AAA
Jasper Tang (Forward) - Midget AAA

Well done! These players will play in a scholarship tournament during the week of January 21 through 27.

PeeWee AAA Chiefs Win North Delta Tournament!

The Chiefs, who have been ranked # 1 in the province this season, once again proved that they are one of the best teams in the province, as they dominated the North Delta Tournament, winning the final game 5-2 over Surrey. Along the way, the Chiefs defeated the West Coast Hockey Club 5-2, South Delta 6-1, Mission 8-2, and Cloverdale 8-2. The Chiefs are David Hansen, Brodie Burdeny, Anthony Ast, Stephen Bradley, Jeremy Chiang, Jordan Cronier, Shawn Hanley, Travis Ingram, Troy Kaczynski, Ryan Kidd, Brayden Low, Bryan McAulay, Mark Pearlman, Turner Popoff, Troy Stecher, Daniel Tait, and Tony Yang. The Chiefs are coached by Ron McIntyre, Norm McAulay and Luc Cronier.



PeeWee B2 Warriors Win T-Birds' Christmas Tournament

The Richmond PeeWee B2 Warriors captured the Vancouver Thunderbirds Christmas Tournament with a stunning 8-0 win over the Sunshine Coast A team in the finals.

The Warriors opened the tournament with a strong first game, handily beating the Vancouver B1 Spirit 8-2, and followed that up with a 5-2 win over Ridge Meadows. The third game of the round robin pitted the Warriors against Sunshine Coast. Both teams were undefeated in the tournament to that point. The Warriors pulled out a 4-2 win.



The Warriors dispatched Vancouver in the semi-finals, and that set the stage for the re-match with Sunshine Coast in the finals. Both teams played hard and it was a scoreless first period. But the Warriors took over after that, cruising to an 8-0 win.

The Warriors are:

Bubba Nathu, Jefferson Xu, Nick Arnold, Justin De Graauw, Nick Lightfoot, Nathan Mak, Brian Wong, Kelsey Yip, Daniel Charach, Harjun Gill, Jas Kahlon, Ben Kiang, Josh Lee, Lucas MacNeil, Kenton Mugford, and Nick Wooster. The Warriors were missing Brendan Mullin's heads-up play and scoring touch for the tournament. Brandon Coulson was called up to play and he was fantastic addition to the team!

The Warriors are coached by Steve Yip, Ernest Chan, Al Mugford and Yu-Zhi Kiang.

Coaches' Game - January 5, 2007

RMHA would like to take this opportunity to once again, thank its coaches for the time, dedication

KIMHA would like to take this opportunity to once again, thank its coaches for the time, dedication, hard work and efforts that they put in to making all our Richmond teams a success!

It was a pleasure to see some of our coaches out at the annual Coaches Game tonight for a fantastic display of hockey talent, and a great chance for the coaches to meet and chat with each other over a burger afterwards. It was also great to see the fans in the stands cheering on the the coaches!

I would like to thank our volunteers: Rick Alder, TJ Sander, Simon Hunt, Cheryl Thorsteinson, Irene and Bob Pacey and Kelly Freigang for helping to make this evening a great success!

The "Blues" won the game on the ice 12-6 over the "Whites" and there were some very special awards given out:

Best Female Player: Tina Freigang (scored a goal and had another great chance)

Oldest Player: Paul Falconer (but we're not telling.....)

Best Scoring Touch: Chris Smith (4 goals for the "Blues")

Player that Fell Down the Most: Jim Schuck (watch out for the blue line, Jim!)

All the best for 2007, coaches. We really appreciate all you do!

Richmond Renegades Go Undefeated in Tiering

The Richmond Renegades Atom AAA team completed the final weekend of tiering in Tier 1 of the Greater Vancouver Conference, with an impressive 7-0-1 record. They finished on top of their conference after receiving a total of 23 out of a possible 24 points (taking into consideration 8 additional sportsmanship points). Their tiering opponents included Burnaby WC A2, Vancouver T-Birds A1, Squamish A, Seafair A1, North Shore WC A2, Hollyburn A1, and finally Burnaby WC A1 and North Shore WC A1 in back-to-back games the November 4/5 weekend.



The Renegades final weekend of tiering saw them facing off against perennial powerhouse teams from Burnaby Winter Club and North Shore Winter Club. Saturday, the Richmond squad traveled to Burnaby Winter Club to face the BWC A1 team, coming from behind twice to prevail 4-3 over the Bruins in a hard-fought game. On Sunday, the Renegades hosted the NSWC A1 team at Richmond Ice Centre, and held off the previously undefeated Winter Hawks for a thrilling 3-2 win. Both were exciting contests, with the Renegades prevailing behind the stellar goaltending of Adam Cronier.

The Renegade record in Tiering has been a solid team effort. The team has received strong goaltending from Adam Cronier and Matthew Gromer. Its defensive corps of Kevin Coates, Jodi Gentile, Leah Lum, Colin Phang and Tyler Yip have been relentless in their own end and won the majority of battles for loose pucks and rebounds. The Renegade forwards Alex Bernardini, Chandler Bradley, Glenn Gawdin, Matthew Mah, Nicholas Mah, Roman Pallone, Alex Whitwham and Isaiah Yu have converted chances on offense and worked tirelessly on the backcheck to support in their own end.

The Richmond team has rewarded the hard work and dedication of its coaching staff. Head Coach Grant Coates and Assistants Luc Cronier, Bryan Gawdin, and Steve Yip have instilled a team-first philosophy for the Renegades. Based on the team's performance in Tiering, it would appear their efforts are paying off.

Congratulations to the Richmond Atom A3 Hurricanes

who were selected as the "Most Sportsmanlike Team" in the Vancouver AAA Thanksgiving Tournament, for being the least penalized team in the tournament. The Hurricanes are Rajan Beryar, Eitan Bloom, Gurchetan Dhaliwal, Marcus Dhesi, Graham Fleming, Thomas Furland, Holly Gill, Tyler Hait, Sam Kiang, Mason Rai, Kyle Rana, Adam Schuck, Marcus Verhoeven, Brendan Woodley and Tyler Yan. The Hurricanes are coached by Mike Sulentic, Harold Hait, Larry Beryar, Hari Gill and Frits Verhoeven.



Congrats on your Successes!

Congratulations to Warren Lees, who has been selected to play for the Vancouver Canadians Major Midget team. This team draws its players from Richmond, Vancouver, South Delta and North Delta, so

the competition is fierce. Warren, who last played with RMHA on the Bantam AAA team two seasons ago, and who was drafted by the Vancouver Giants in the WHL Bantam draft, will play defense for the team. RMHA wishes Warren all the very best this season!

RMHA would also like to congratulate the players who tried out for the team, going several rounds before being released back to RMHA to play for our Midget AAA pool: David Dotan, Andrew Parent, Pavan Sangara, and Taylor Woodcock.

Hamlin Awarded 2006 PCAHA President's Service Award

RMHA is proud to congratulate Maurice Hamlin (Midget AAA Coach) on being recognized by the PCAHA for his long time service to minor hockey.



Congratulations 2006 RMHA Scholarship and Award of Merit Recipients

This year RMHA presented over \$13,000 to 30 of our graduating players in the form of Scholarships/Awards of Merit. The following individuals were presented at their School's Validictory ceremonies in June.

Burnett - Michael Buckoll, Kenzo Kiren, Geoff McGowan
 Steveston - Marcus Burwell, Jordan Chin, Shawn Lawrence, Greg Sargent
 Hugh Boyd - Trevor Heath, Zahed Kurji, Paul Milaire, Jonathan Picken
 McMath - Andrew Higo, Scott Hunt, Chad Langham, Christopher McRae, Michael Paget, Alex Pinto, Chad Poon, Ryan Saretsky
 Cambie - Kane Ireland, Scott May, Robert Savage, Nick Steadman
 Little Flower Academy - Melanie Jue
 McRoberts - Jordan Jung, Jetzen Loo, Spencer MacLean, Shane Roberts
 McNair - Jared Lim, Matthew Neufeld.

The following Memorial Awards were awarded to- Greg Sargent (Ron Frame), Paul Milaire (Kyle McKinnon), Nick Steadman (Noah Yelizarov) and Chad Poon (Jim Crosley). A very special thank you to all those involved with our Midget International Hockey Tournament, including the many sponsors, individuals and volunteers that help make our tournament a success in order to continue to fund these awards.

Congratulations to our 2006 PCAHA Scholarship Award Winners

RMHA players can also apply for scholarships from PCAHA. There are 20 scholarships offered to graduating players from all over the lower mainland. This year, RMHA is proud to announce three scholarship winners:

PCAHA Scholarship: Vladimir Choi
 James Killeen Memorial Scholarship: Michael Buckoll
 PCAHA Scholarship: Melanie Jue

