

2018 Jr. B Tier I Founders Cup Report Cornwall Island, Quebec

The 2018 Founders' Cup was to have been held in Seneca. On June 21, the CLA announced the 2018 Founders Cup Jr B National Championship would move from Seneca Nation Territory in New York to the Mohawk Nation Territory in Akwesane, Quebec at the A'ndwara'koina Turtle Dome Arena. This was do cross border issues for Referees. The Seneca War Chiefs were unable to Secure Work Visas for the Officials to cross the USA Border to officiate the games, but the Referees were still able to stay on the USA side in the accommodations that had been booked for the week. The lack of success on this issue is a result of factors beyond the control of the Seneca War Chiefs, who had put in a lot of time to Host the Founders' Cup. With the location change to Akwesane, teams only had weeks to change their travel and accommodations to Cornwall, which was very difficult on the short notice. For the 2019 Founders' Cup a motion has been put forward to change the Schedule to a Full Round Robin where you play every team once.

Eight teams competed in the 2018 Founders' Cup: the Calgary Shamrocks (AB), Elora Mohawks (ON), Manitoba Blizzard (MB), Mohawk Medicine Men (Host), Saskatchewan SWAT (SK), North Shore Kodiaks (QB), Seneca War Chiefs (FNLA), Coquitlam Adanacs (BC).

The Shamrocks first game was against the Quebec North Shore Kodiaks. The Shamrocks won 13-6, with Colby Fraser leading the Shamrocks with seven points.

The Shamrocks won their second game against the Seneca War Chiefs by a score of 9-8 in overtime. In this game the Shamrocks were led by James Johnston who had five points.

The Shamrocks third game was against the Coquitlam Adanacs. The Adanacs, scoring six goals in the third period, won the game 14-7. Brian Houghton and Marshall Bloomfield led the Shamrocks with four points each.

Game four was an all RMLL Battle between the Shamrocks and SWAT. The Shamrocks won the game 10-9. Once again Colby Fraser led the Shamrocks with seven points.

The fifth game, the Tier II Trophy, the Shamrocks played was against the Kodiaks, the Shamrocks won 11-7. This was of course not the game the Shamrocks wanted to play in.

The Shamrocks finished Founders with a four and one record. Great job to the Calgary Shamrocks, I am sure this was an experience, that was great for the entire Franchise. They played at a very high level all week long.

The Elora Mohawks and Seneca War Chiefs ended up playing for the gold medal and the Elora Mohawks won 9-5.

The Manitoba Blizzard and Coquitlam Adanacs played in the bronze medal. Unfortunately, the Blizzard lost 9-8.

The scores from the entire week at Founders were:

Coquitlam Adanacs 14-7 Calgary Shamrocks
North Shore Kodiaks 2-18 Seneca War Chiefs
Manitoba Blizzard 13-7 Mohawk Medicine Men
North Shore Kodiak 11-7 Mohawk Medicine
Men Saskatchewan SWAT 9-10 Calgary Shamrocks
Coquitlam Adanacs 5-15 Elora Mohawks
Manitoba Blizzard 10-6 Saskatchewan SWAT
Calgary Shamrocks 13-6 North Shore Kodiaks
Seneca War Chiefs 12-5 Coquitlam Adanacs
Elora Mohawks 16-8 Mohawk Medicine Men
Coquitlam Adanacs 12-5 North Shore Kodiaks
Manitoba Blizzard 8-17 Elora Mohawks Mohawk
Medicine Men 15-6 Saskatchewan SWAT
Calgary Shamrocks 9-8OT Seneca WarChiefs
Elora Mohawks 9-5 Saskatchaewan SWAT
Seneca War Chiefs 9-8OT Manitoba Blizzard
Calgary Shamrocks 16-11 North Shore Kodiaks
Coquitlam Adanacs 9-8 Manitoba Blizzard
Elora Mohawks 9-5 Seneca War Chiefs

2018 Founders' Cup Round Up:

Gold- Elora Mohawks (Ontario)
Silver- Seneca War Chiefs (FNLA)
Bronze- Coquitlam Adanacs (British Columbia)
Fourth- Manitoba Blizzard (Manitoba)
Fifth- Calgary Shamrocks (Alberta)
Sixth- North Shore Kodiaks (Quebec)
Seventh- Mohawk Medicine Men (FNLA)
Eighth- Saskatchewan SWAT (Saskatchewan)

Tournament MVP: Clay Slawlan (Seneca War Chiefs) Clay Scanlan?
Offensive Player MVP: Kelson Borisenko (Manitoba)
Defensive Player MVP: Mathew Froese (Coquitlam Adanacs)
Transition Player MVP: Ron John (Seneca War Chiefs)
Goaltender MVP: Landon Kelly (Elora Mohawks) Landan Kells?

Overall it was an excellent week of lacrosse. Congratulations go to the Medicine Men for do such a great job of hosting.

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All-Star Team (Group A)

Kelson Borisenko, Manitoba Blizzard; Bryce Dueck, Saskatchewan SWAT; Landon Kells, Elora Mohawks; Dalton McGinnis, Mohawk Medicine Men; Cole Spear, Elora Mohawks; Kurtis Woodland, Elora Mohawks

All-Start Team (Group B)

Troi Benedict, Seneca WarChiefs; Beau Chetner, Coquitlam Adanacs; Anthony Desmarais, North Shore Kodiaks; Ron John, Seneca WarChiefs; Kale Lundell, Calgary Shamrocks; Clay Scanlan, Seneca WarChiefs