



Western Lacrosse Association PRESS RELEASE

The Legendary Game of Canada

2019 Graduating Junior Player Draft Next Week

Webcast Starts Live at 6:45 pm on Thursday, February 7th.

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Burnaby, BC – The Western Lacrosse Association (WLA) is excited to be hosting the 2019 Graduating Junior Player Draft next Thursday, February 7th, starting at 7 pm. Fans can tune in to the live webcast for free at wlalacrosse.com starting at 6:45 pm, with pre-draft analysis and interviews from host Jake Elliot.

As one of the best-known voices in Canadian lacrosse, Elliot will bring his decades of experience, knowledge of the game, and analysis of the players to webcast viewers throughout the eight rounds of the draft.

The first overall pick is widely expected to be goaltending phenom Christian Del Bianco, who was drafted by the NLL's Calgary Roughnecks in 2015, becoming their starting goaltender in 2018 at the age of 21, and being a key part of the Coquitlam Jr. Adanacs' five consecutive Minto Cup appearances, two of which resulted in rings for the young Adanacs.

WLA teams may draft any player who is graduating Junior age and has signed and played at least one game for a British Columbia Lacrosse Association (BCLA) registered team within the last three years.

The draft order is set in reverse order of last year's regular season standings, and then any draft pick trades made in this or prior years are applied. Visit WLALacrosse.ca for the complete draft order.

Draft results will be available live on both wlalacrosse.com and official WLA social media channels. Check your team's social media or use the hashtag #WLADraft19 to participate in the conversation.

The Western Lacrosse Association (WLA) is an amateur league of men's Senior A box lacrosse sanctioned by the Canadian Lacrosse Association. The WLA consists of seven teams, based in cities throughout southwestern British Columbia, playing an 18-game schedule from late May to the end of July. Each year, the playoff teams battle for the right to compete against the Major

Series Lacrosse champion (Ontario) for the Mann Cup every September. The championship is hosted alternately between Ontario (MSL) and British Columbia (WLA) every year.

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