

## The 2009 Founders Cup Tournament

Hosted by: The Edmonton Warriors

@ Ken Nichol Regional Recreation Center (formerly Beaumont Regional Activities Centre)

5303 -50 Street Beaumont, Alberta

Pool A

ONONDOGA REDHAWKS, ILA

CALGARY MOUNTAINEERS, AB

PORT MOODY THUNDER, BC

EDMONTON WARRIORS, AB

Pool B

CLARINGTON GREEN GAELS, ON

SASKATCHEWAN SWAT, AB

RED DEER RAMPAGE, AB

WINNIPEG GRYPHONS, MB

1 Mon Aug 17 Saskatchewan 4 @ 11 Port Moody 3:00pm

2 Mon Aug 17 Red Deer 4 @ 14 Calgary 3:00pm

Mon Aug 17 \*\*\* Opening Ceremonies \*\*\*\* 5:45pm - 6:45pm

3 Mon Aug 17 Winnipeg 4 @ 16 Onondaga 7:30pm

4 Mon Aug 17 Green Gaels 12 @ 5 Edmonton 7:30pm

5 Tue Aug 18 Port Moody 6 @ 16 Green Gaels 3:00pm

6 Tue Aug 18 Onondaga 11 @ 6 Red Deer 4:00pm

7 Tue Aug 18 Calgary 21 @ 6Winnipeg 6:00pm

8 Tue Aug 18 Edmonton 10 @ 5 Saskatchewan 7:00pm

9 Wed Aug 19 Saskatchewan 4 @ 7 Onondaga 3:00pm

10 Wed Aug 19 Winnipeg 5 @ 23 Port Moody 4:00pm

11 Wed Aug 19 Green Gaels 10 @ 6 Calgary 6:00pm

12 Wed Aug 19 Red Deer 2 @ 5 Edmonton 7:00pm

13 Thu Aug 20 Onondaga 2 @ 12 Green Gaels 11:00am

14 Thu Aug 20 Calgary 10 @ 2 Saskatchewan 12:00pm

15 Thu Aug 20 Port Moody 14 @ 11 Red Deer 2:00pm

16 Thu Aug 20 Edmonton 7 @ 25 Winnipeg 12:00pm

Thu Aug 20 \*\*\* Tournament Banquet \*\*\* 6:00pm - 11:00pm

### Tier II Semi-Finals

17 Fri Aug 21 3rd A Port Moody 11 @ 8 Winnipeg 4th B 2:00pm

18 Fri Aug 21 3rd B Onondaga 11 @ 12 Saskatchewan 4th A 5:00pm

### Founders Semi-Finals

19 Fri Aug 21 1st A Calgary 8 @ 5 Red Deer 2nd B 4:00pm

20 Fri Aug 21 1st B Green Gaels 9 @ 5 Edmonton 2nd A 7:00pm

### Tier II Final

21 Sat Aug 22 Winner 17 Port Moody L\* @ W\* Saskatchewan Winner 18  
10:00am

### Bronze Medal Game

22 Sat Aug 22 Loser 19 Red Deer 6 @ 7 Edmonton Loser 20 1:00pm

### Silver - Gold Medal Game

23 Sat Aug 22 Winner 19 Calgary 8 @ 4 Green Gaels Winner 20 4:00pm

\*Port Moody was a no show

### GOLD MEDAL GAME

CLARINGTON GREEN GAELS 4 VS 8 CALGARY MOUNTAINEERS

After one day and four games here's a quick look at how the Founders Cup has shaken out so far:

#### Pool A

##### **ONONDOGA REDHAWKS, ILA, 1-0**

**Yesterday's Action:** The Redhawks put up the biggest win of the day in Founders Cup day one with a 16-4 dismantling of the Winnipeg

Gryphons. **Wade Bucktooth** led with four goals and five assists while **James Cathers** put up three and five, and **James Holm** and **Connor Lyons** scored two apiece.

**Today's Outlook:** At 4:00 PM MST they'll be facing the Red Deer Rampage, a team that even before the Founders was having a bit of trouble cobbling together offense. With a phalanx of forwards that are all just as good at setting up as they are at finishing and two goaltenders in **Tyler Gabriel** and **Edmond Cathers** that have had the ILA reps on top of their game all season, the Rampage are going to have a heck of a time slowing the Redhawks' roll.

##### **CALGARY MOUNTAINEERS, AB, 1-0**

**Yesterday's Action:** The Mountaineers have hauled all of their Alberta championship-winning momentum into the Founders, starting things off with a 14-4 win over the Red Deer Rampage. **Jesse Hunter** exploded for four goals, and **Thomas Bruton**, **Matt Besplug** and **Phil Chilakos** each tossed in two and **Destin Seguin** and **Sam Bacon** had one goal and one assist apiece.

**Today's Outlook:** The Mountaineers will be looking to cruise to win number two as they face the Winnipeg Gryphons at 6:00 PM MST. So long as **Jake Dietrich** can keep holding the opposition to embarrassingly low scores — and he has yet to show any indication that he can't — come tomorrow we should see the Mounties still jockeying for top spot in Pool A with the Redhawks.

*My apologies to **Jake Dietrich**, as the very stingy Mountaineers goalie from Monday night was originally identified as the also-talentedbut-wasn't-playing **Tanner Serwatke**.*

##### **PORT MOODY THUNDER, BC, 1-0**

**Yesterday's Action:** Port Moody's 11-4 afternoon win over the Saskatchewan SWAT may have come as a bit of a surprise to those who have followed the SWAT this year. Probably not so for Thunder fans who know their boys can spread the scoring amongst any number of potent power forwards and transition pistons. Yesterday's goals came courtesy of **Scott Constable**, **Joel Tickner**, and **Tom Seeman** with two apiece and **Cam Patterson**, **Lindsey Flynn**, **Aaron Tung**, **Casey McLaren** and **Cody Sigfusson**.

**Today's Outlook:** These unfortunate sons not only have the early game today, but they're taking on the beasts of the East Clarington Green Gaels. The unofficial final has the Thunder entering the loss column by a score of 16-6.

##### **EDMONTON WARRIORS, AB, 0-1**

**Yesterday's Action:** Please don't go thinking that their last place standing in the pool and 12-5 loss to Clarington should have the Warriors lumped in with the lower echelon of teams in this tournament. Not only were they facing the most dominant team in Jr. B lacrosse in '09, but they did so with the surprise decision to start back-up goalie **Spencer Stobbe** who was hammered with 27 shots in the first period alone. Number one keep **Kyle Kowalchuk** held the Green Gaels to six goals in the second and third, but the offense could not muster more than five.

**Today's Outlook:** They'll be facing a familiar opponent in the Saskatchewan SWAT at 7:00 PM MST tonight, where they'll be looking for their forwards to join the party and eke out the same success they had versus the SWAT in the playoffs. Much is made of **David Lehman** and **Adam Stuckless** — and rightfully so — but the success of the Warriors could lie with players like **Mark Lawrence** and **Jesse Little**, both of whom carried what they could in game one.

#### Pool B

##### **CLARINGTON GREEN GAELS, ON, 1-0**

**Yesterday's Action:** As recently mentioned, it was a strong start 12-5 drubbing of the host Edmonton Warriors. **Shayne Jackson** had three, **Chad Tutton** had two, **Zach Palmer** scored two while his cross-crease passes set up three, and **Ryan Serville** and **Curtis Knight** each scored one and helped out on three.

**Today's Outlook:** The most predictable team in the tourney, the Gaels have already locked up their second win, 16-6.

##### **SASKATCHEWAN SWAT, AB, 0-1**

**Yesterday's Action:** After a surprisingly early exit from the Alberta Jr. B lacrosse playoffs and a long layoff from in-game action, the SWAT tumbled to the Port Moody Thunder 11-4. The silver lining came in **Kent Murton's** hat-trick and **Tandon Naylor's** three set-ups. **Today's Outlook:** While they've fared a bit better all year against familiar opponents, facing the Edmonton Warriors today may not be a welcome change as the Warriors will be looking for redemption after yesterday's loss to the Clarington Green Gaels.

##### **RED DEER RAMPAGE, AB, 0-1**

**Yesterday's Action:** A bit of an Alberta underdog, the Rampage were thumped by the Calgary Mountaineers 14-4. Scoring for the Rampage were **Mario Cote**, **Marshall Just**, **John Gorenson** with one apiece and **Darren Kinnear** who had one goal and two helpers.

**Today's Outlook:** They've currently got their hands full with the Onondaga Redhawks with a game starting at 4:00 PM MST. The ILA rep is always nasty but with the right coaching moves and the right attitude there's no reason the Rampage can't hang tough in this tourney.

##### **WINNIPEG GRYPHONS, MB, 0-1**

**Yesterday's Action:** Sure they lost 16-4 to the Onondaga Redhawks, but the Winnipeg Gryphons are the team you can't help but cheer for a little bit no matter where you're from or what team you came into this in favor of. In game one it was **Paul Nicholson**, **Devryn Feldvari**, **Matthew Sieben**, and **Brandon Stuebing** netting goals for the lovable long shots.

**Today's Outlook:** All eyes will be on tenders **Tyler Omichinski** and **Matthew Rhoden** as the Gryphons take on the very tough and even more talented Calgary Mountaineers, 6:00 PM MST.

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**Tuesday, August 18**

### **Clarington Green Gaels 16 Port Moody Thunder 6**

Credit where credit's due: the Port Moody Thunder kept it pretty close for a while. After two periods the Green Gaels had amassed just an 8-4 lead. Yes, they may have had double the goals the Thunder did at that point, but come talk to a few Ontario teams and find out what they would've given this season to stay that close with Clarington through two. The floodgates creaked open in the third a little bit as Clarington scored eight to Port Moody's two but hey, glass two-thirds of the way full.

Tip of the hat to **Shayne Jackson** and **Ryan Serville** who each had three goals and two assists while **Zach Palmer** had two and three, and **Curtis Knight** and **Emerson Clark** had two and two. For the Thunder, **Scott Constable** was back on the scene with two goals and one assist, **Andrew Hadievangelou** put in two, and **Cam Patterson** and **Lyndsey Flynn** rounded out the scoring with singles.

### **Onondaga Redhawks 11 Red Deer Rampage 6**

They couldn't hang on to the top spot in Pool A — that spot belongs to the Calgary Mountaineers and their 35 goals for — but the Onondaga Redhawks solidified second with win number two last night over the thus far winless Red Deer Rampage.

According to my rudimentary math and some incomplete stats, and feel free to email with corrections, **Wade Bucktooth** had another big night with four goals and three assists, **James Cathers** had three and one, and **Brian Bucktooth** had two and two. For the Rampage, it was **Darren Kinnear** with one goal and three assists, **Marshall Just** with one and two, and **Trevor Howse** with two scores. **Mitch Bourden** and **Josh Sullivan** kicked in singles to make it six.

### **Calgary Mountaineers 21 Winnipeg Gryphons 6**

Another nailbiter courtesy of the Calgary Mountaineers last night as the Alberta champs came at the Winnipeg reps with a very ugly 82 shots compared to the Gryphons 28. Calgary now sits 2-0 while Winnipeg is 0-2.

For the Mountaineers, **Jesse Hunter** continued his tear, scoring three and assisting on two, while **Sam Bacon** exploded for four and one, **Cody Friesen** ripped three and three, and **Austen Biggar**, **Mike Tyrell** and **Phil Chilakos** each scored two. For the Gryphons, teamleading scorer **Mathew Sieben** scored two as did **Kyle Saunders**, and **TJ Monkman** and **Drew Selin** each put in one.

### **Edmonton Warriors 10 Saskatchewan SWAT 5**

After a rocky start vs. Clarington the night previous, the Edmonton Warriors rebounded against the familiar foe SWAT, doubling up on them for their first win of the tourney.

**Mark Lawrence** and **Jesse Little** each had one for the Warriors, **David Lehman** had two and two, **Adam Stuckless** scored one and set up three, **Chris Britton** had two and three, and does-it-all defender **Thomas Chibri** added one. Assistant Captain **Regan Harding** had three goals and one assist for the SWAT, while **Kent Murton** and **Zack Hunter** added singles.

There has been many a complaint about the organization and pool system of this year's Founders Cup, and how it all came to be is something we'll want to look at a little more closely in the next few days, but for now why don't we save it for when it isn't overshadowing the four teams that are all set to slug it out in today's semi-finals? Put your vitriol in your back pocket for safekeeping and take a look at the young men who are just one game away from potential Founders glory.

### **4:00 PM MST: Calgary Mountaineers vs. Red Deer Rampage**

**HOW THEY GOT HERE:** Red Deer is in the semis, not Saskatchewan as was posted earlier. I was confused. Maybe because THE OFFICIAL FOUNDERS CUP WEBSITE SAID IT WOULD BE SASKATCHEWAN. CONGRATULATIONS RED DEER.

The Mounties topped the tough Pool A by virtue of their goals for and goals against totals. Round of applause for tender **Tanner Serwatke**, please. In the round robin, Calgary tore down Red Deer, Winnipeg, and Saskatchewan and let a bit of penalty trouble come between them and a win against the Clarington Green Gaels, which would account for their record of 3-1. In a matter of hours we'll see what clutch players like **Jesse Hunter**, **Thomas Bruton**, **Phil Chilakos**, **Matt Besplug** and **Cody Friesen** have left in the tank.

### **7:00 PM MST: Clarington Green Gaels vs. Edmonton Warriors**

**HOW THEY GOT HERE:** Well what do you say about Clarington that hasn't already been said. They cruised to a 4-0 record in the round robin, more than doubling up on several strong teams. **Zach Palmer**, **Shayne Jackson**, **Zack Higgins** and **Ryan Serville** were the very worthy round robin all-star nods on a roster full of names that could've been on team one or two. But before we decide to do away with the semis and championship game and skip right to chiseling CLARINGTON on the trophy, let's remember that when it comes to being a dominant sports team, there's a pretty distinct line between being the Chicago Bulls of 1996 and the New England Patriots of 2007.

As far as the Edmonton Warriors go, well, it hasn't been such a straight-forward and pride-filled journey. In fact it took a vicious 25-7 bullying of the Winnipeg Gryphons yesterday to get the hosts to where they are but don't hate the player or the game, hate the set-up. In the Edmonton Warriors we've got one of the top two teams in Alberta B ball with a gifted goaltender as well as one of the most wellrounded players in the entire B loop in defender, captain and drawman **Thomas Chibri**. The only question mark is the offense, who certainly have the chops to make this game a messy one but have been known to take a night off here and there. After putting on such a clinic yesterday, we'll see if **David Lehman**, **Adam Stuckless**, **Chris Britton** and **Mark Lawrence** saved enough scoring for their Ontario foes.

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## GOLD MEDAL GAME CLARINGTON GREEN GAELS 4 VS 8 CALGARY MOUNTAINEERS

There was one team on the tip of everyone's tongue as the 2009 Founders Cup tournament began. Hint: it wasn't these guys.

And why would it have been?

Sure they finished the regular season first overall in Alberta with a nearly unfettered record of 19-1. And the clean sweep of the Edmonton Warriors for the league championship may have been additionally impressive, but come Founders Cup round robin time, they were just another speed bump on the Ontario rep's road to glory. It didn't matter how close they kept it or for how long. A loss is a loss, and 10-6 is a big one.

But if this was the Clarington Green Gaels' year to win the Cup, somebody forgot to tell the Calgary Mountaineers.

The Mounties are a team of two-way terrors with an offensive depth chart that sags only under the strain of their scoring statistics. From **Destin Seguin** all the way down the floor to goaltender **Jake Dietrich**, this is a team that looked as though it had been specifically assembled to take on the best that Ontario had to offer. But make no mistake about it, this championship has been years in the making. A nine-player core has been together on the Mountaineers since 2006.

"I do think that the fact that this team has been together for so long, and that we aren't two separate squads as offense-defense teams seem to be, contributes to how we play so well together," says Mounties forward **Sam Bacon**, a 36-point scorer in the regular season. "Also our coach knows who to put out in the right situations making us feel comfortable and able to perform at our best."

Bacon along with Seguin, **Matt Besplug**, **David Worbets** and **Steven Schorn** led the Mounties in regular season scoring, topping their division as well. This invariably made the five of them marked men in the national tournament, but anyone at all familiar with the Calgary roster knows this didn't have much effect on the final scores. The big five got to work taking on the responsibilities of the two-man game, creating valuable space and opportunities for their teammates who were prepared to step up in the clutch. And step up they did. **Jesse Hunter**, **Thomas Bruton**, **Phil Chilakos** and **Cody Friesen** combined for 44 points in the tournament.

"I believe they have been targets since day one and no matter what they continued to step up," says Bacon. "They are great players and the fact that if you focus on shutting those guys down the next three players who step on the floor can do the same amount of damage. That's what puts our team ahead of most other teams we face."

The accolades obviously can't begin and end with the offense, especially on a team that held the Clarington Green Gaels to four goals — a single-game output that was regularly achieved by players like **Zach Palmer** or **Ryan Serville** alone.

"Every player on our roster is solid on defense but I would say **Fraser Grant** is one of the big d-guys we can depend on. He is a big body and can push people around," says Bacon. "Another stronger d-man would be **Eric Hamilton** who is more of an aggressive player and rarely misses getting a loose ball. We all pride ourselves on our defense and hard hitting which makes the other teams reluctant to go through the middle. I also have to mention **Jesse Hunter** in being one of the best stick checkers I've seen."

"Our goalies are both incredible and we knew in the back of our heads that if our press was to falter our goalies would stop the ball. Also having changed our defense in the finals, our tightly-packed defense held up because we knew that whoever it was could stop the outside shots. I think our goalies are a major strength of ours and without them I couldn't say where we would be."

For their in-net efforts, **Tanner Serwatkewich** was named a second team round robin All-Star while Dietrich was twice named player of the game for the Mounties, both times against Clarington. He was also named the game MVP in the championship where he made 53 saves.

In the Founders Cup final it didn't seem to matter that the Mountaineers and Green Gaels were tied 3-3 after the first. And it probably wasn't a concern to anyone who wasn't on the floor when the best of the West were leading 6-4 after two. Clarington was a third period team and had been all tourney. All they needed was for the Mountaineers to make one mistake. To give just a little.

They never got it.

"I think we deserved more credit coming in but we also like the sort of underdog feeling," says Bacon. "I think a lot of the other teams felt intimidated going into their games against Clarington but we knew we could beat them. Our first game we slipped up for 6 minutes and they scored 6 goals, we critiqued those mistakes we made and came up with a great game plan for them in the finals and executed it. That's why we are the champions right now."

It was a tournament fraught with controversy, from reffing to scheduling to standings. But if the myriad of complaints being lodged are for the good of the game, then the Calgary win is for the great of it. In doing what only two non-Ontarian teams have done before, the Mounties have earned every right to hold the Cup up high where the could've and should've have no chance to touch it. After all, a win is a win, and 8-4 is a big one.

*Congratulations to Nick Albers, Sam Bacon, Matt Besplug, Austen Biggar, Thomas Bruton, Ryan Buchan, Phil Chilakos, Jake Dietrich, Cody Friesen, Fraser Grant, Mitch Grant, Eric Hamilton, Jesse Hunter, Steven Jarrell, Elliot Johnston, Travis Mizera, Trenton Roll, Steven Schorn, Destin Seguin, Tanner Serwatkewich, Dillon Stecyk, Brendan Tyrrell, Mike Tyrrell, Craig Warren and David Worbets as well as coaches Wayne Sutherland, Colin Risi, Rick Kerr and Mike Peltier and managers Jaye Bacon and Marnie Worbets, trainers Tara Collin and Brandy Bryson and ball boy (and future Mountaineer?) Sean Tyrrell.*

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