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Hungarian Official Brings More to the Table than just the Rules

The journey of a young linesman, and his path to leadership

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Love them or hate them, on-ice officials are an integral part of hockey. While referees get most of the attention, linesmen are equally as important, and have come to be known in many circles as the managers of the game. In short, linesmen are leaders.

One such leader is Barna Kis-Király, a Hungarian linesman that has made the trip across the pond to take part in this year's annual Mac's Midget AAA Tournament.

Kis-Király, began officiating at an early age – 15, to be exact. All the while playing for the Hungarian U18 team that has taken part in this year's tournament.

"I wasn't a very good player," Kis-Király explained. "An official came to me after a game and said 'why don't you try to be a ref?'"

"I liked the idea to stick around hockey. So that was the beginning, actually."

Linesmen have the ability to con-



Hungarian official Barna Kis-Király has, like many teams in this year's Mac's tournament, travelled a great distance to take part in the competition

trol the pace of the game, and while they do not have the authority to call penalties, they do have a say – when required – in what gets called.

They are another set of eyes on the ice, and are, in some cases, able to see things more clearly than the referees.

While some qualities of an official like Kis-Király seem obvious – such as knowledge of the rules, ability to work as part of a team, skating ability,

etc. – some qualities are more abstract and harder to define. Yet without them, a linesman wouldn't be a linesman at all.

Living under the belief that hockey is a sport to be enjoyed by all, at any level, Kis-Király spoke with conviction when asked what kind of leader he believes himself to be on the ice,

"This is my life," Kis-Király said passionately, "and I believe that when



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Hungarian Official (Cont.)



Barna Kis-Király shortly before calling his third game of the tournament

you make friends in hockey they are friends for life, so I want my friends out there to have a clean game and not to get hurt.”

Kis-Király’s positive approach to officiating could be considered a breath of fresh air by some, as often times the stripes on an official’s sweater can turn into crosshairs when a call or two goes unnoticed.

“Referees didn’t have a big impact on me before I began officiating,” Kis-Király continued. “I played pretty

rough when I was about 15, but after I got a sense of how I was impacting the game after I started reffing, I left that behind and became a clean player.”

Calling nearly 20 games a month, including past experience in the IIHF World Junior Championship and professional leagues across Europe, Kis-Király is a man constantly on the move, and while that does impact him mentally, he is convicted in his belief that this is what he is meant to do.

“I feel energized all the time, more balanced in life, and feel more open to everything – especially coming here. Just me.

“It was a big chance in my mind, but I had to take it. It was a great opportunity.”

Armed with knowledge and a love for the game, it is people like Kis-Király that perfectly personify the international language that is hockey, and the theme of leadership that this year’s Mac’s tournament has adopted.

Followed by an air of confidence, the not so hot player turned linesman, Kis-Király, believes that it isn’t skill that creates leaders, but passion.

“Just do what you love. It doesn’t matter what level you play if you don’t love it, so if you’re not going to play pro, that isn’t a problem. Just do what you love.

“That’s what I do, as well.”

STANDINGS

| Male Division | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Pool 1 | GP | W | L | T | GF | GA | PTS |
| Belarus National U17 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 17 | 11 | 8 |
| Calgary Buffaloes | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 17 | 11 | 4 |
| Vancouver NE Chiefs | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 17 | 8 | 4 |
| Regina Pat Canadians | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 15 | 4 |
| Arizona Bobcats | 4 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 20 | 0 |
| Pool 2 | GP | W | L | T | GF | GA | PTS |
| Cariboo Cougars | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 9 | 8 |
| Notre Dame Hounds | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 12 | 6 |
| New York Jr. Islanders | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 15 | 24 | 2 |
| SSAC Boston Pizza Athletics | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 22 | 2 |
| Calgary Northstars | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 12 | 18 | 2 |
| Pool 3 | GP | W | L | T | GF | GA | PTS |
| Calgary Royals | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 11 | 6 |
| Saskatoon Contacts | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 18 | 11 | 6 |
| Shenwood Park J Ennis Kings | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 13 | 14 | 4 |
| Austrian National U18 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 13 | 15 | 3 |
| Okanagan Rockets | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 18 | 1 |
| Pool 4 | GP | W | L | T | GF | GA | PTS |
| Prince Albert Mintos | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 13 | 4 | 7 |
| Leduc Motors Oil Kings | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 8 | 5 |
| Hungarian National U18 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 5 |
| Calgary Flames | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 18 | 24 | 3 |
| New Jersey Hitmen | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 9 | 23 | 0 |
| Pool 5 | GP | W | L | T | GF | GA | PTS |
| Foothills CFR Chemical Bisons | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 9 | 8 |
| Red Deer Optimist Chiefs | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 11 | 6 |
| Greater Vancouver Canadians | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 13 | 4 |
| Moose Jaw Generals | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 10 | 18 | 2 |
| Alaska Oilers | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 8 | 19 | 0 |
| Female Division | | | | | | | |
| Pool 6 | GP | W | L | T | GF | GA | PTS |
| Rocky Mountain Raiders | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 20 | 3 | 6 |
| Vancouver Island Seals | 4 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 16 | 5 |
| Melville Prairie Fire | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 6 | 4 |
| Westman Wildcats | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 10 | 4 |
| Kootenay Wild | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 16 | 0 |
| Pool 7 | GP | W | L | T | GF | GA | PTS |
| Saskatoon Stars | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 5 | 8 |
| Calgary Fire | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 20 | 5 | 6 |
| San Jose Jr. Sharks | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 8 | 16 | 4 |
| Northern Capitals | 4 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 14 | 2 |
| Fraser Valley Rush | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 17 | 0 |

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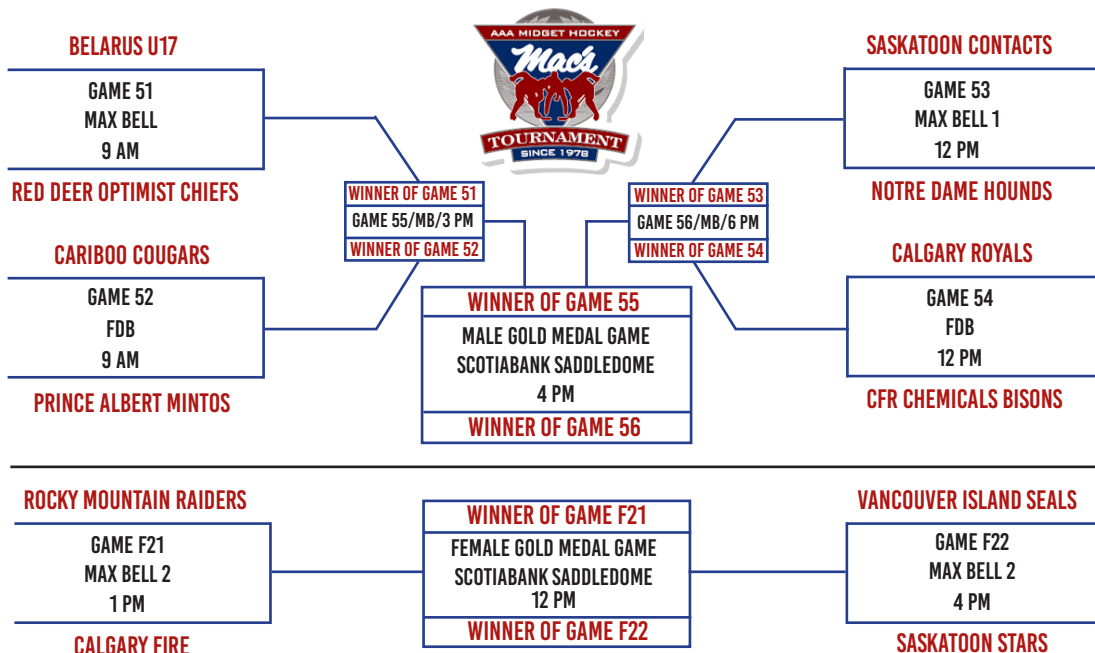
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| MALE DIVISION RESULTS – DAY 5 | | | |
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| Regina Pat Canadians | 5 | Vancouver NE Chiefs | 3 |
| Cariboo Cougars | 7 | SSAC BP Athletics | 1 |
| Hungarian National U18 | 3 | Leduc Oil Kings | 3 |
| Foothills CFR Chemicals Bisons | 7 | Moose Jaw Generals | 4 |
| New Jersey Hitmen | 7 | Calgary Flames | 8 |
| Belarus National U17 | 4 | Arizona Bobcats | 3 |
| Okanagan Rockets | 1 | Sherwood Park J Ennis Kings | 6 |
| Calgary Northstars | 3 | New York Jr. Islanders | 1 |
| Red Deer Optimist Chiefs | 6 | Greater Vancouver Canadians | 2 |
| Calgary Royals | 2 | Saskatoon Contacts | 4 |
| FEMALE DIVISION RESULTS – DAY 5 | | | |
| Vancouver Island Seals | 3 | Westman Wildcats | 3 |
| San Jose Jr. Sharks | 3 | Northern Capitals | 0 |
| Rocky Mountain Raiders | 1 | Melville Prairie Fire | 1 |
| Calgary Fire | 3 | Saskatoon Stars | 4 |



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