




Rams Newsletter

HIGHLIGHTING ALL THINGS

Minor Lacrosse Day in St. Albert



Crude vs. Mountaineers


Wear your jersey to win a Crude Prize Pack

Pre Game Warm up @ 12:30

June 4th 1:30pm

Jerome Iginla Arena

Bring a helmet and stick to get on the floor in between periods




NIGHT OUT WITH THE JR A MINERS

BE PART OF THE GAME

Looking for a team building event or night out with your team?

Parents \$5 each (Regular Admission \$10)

WINNER WINNER!

Wear your team jerseys! All players on your team will be entered into a draw to WIN Miners and Canlax SWAG!

BOOK YOUR TEAM EVENT NOW!

Contact: minersfundraising@gmail.com

CAN YOU SCORE?

U11 - U17 Teams

Bring your helmet & stick and take your best shot on our backup goalie between periods

11-17 - \$50 Team

Contact us for more details.

U9 MINI GAMES

Looking for U9 teams to be part of the action!

Bring your team and play mini games during intermissions! Contact us for details.

NEXT HOME GAMES

June 3	8:00 pm
June 4	3:30 pm
June 24	5:30 pm
June 25	5:00 pm
July 8	7:00 pm
July 9	2:00 pm

All Games at Bill Hunter Arena

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A Message From the President

With the ongoing concerns regarding the treatment of referees, the Rams are taking steps to hold our members accountable while protecting the referee's and the integrity of the game. If any Rams affiliated person is caught, disciplined or has complaints brought against them from the **ALRA**, they will be required to take the **Respect in Sport** program before being allowed to return as a spectator, coach, player or staff member. **The St. Albert Rams** do not take lightly, the poor treatment of our referees or anyone else that helps create the opportunity for our players to grow.

Have you ever watched a Lacrosse game?

The answer to this question may surprise you.

As a coach, one of the first questions I ask at the beginning of a season is: "How many of you have ever watched a lacrosse game?" At first I was surprised to see how few hands were raised. As the years went on, the surprise wore off but the disappointment never leaves. Not disappointment in the players, but that they have never gotten to spectate the game we are expecting them to learn and love. Well, our local Jr clubs are hard at work enticing teams and players to come watch some high level Lacrosse, and it's a mandatory event for any team I coach. Now with Major clubs reaching out, and Lacrosse becoming more prominent on TV, I have hope that the answer to my first question at the beginning of every season will be different in years going forward. And that when asked, the looks of confusion become looks of children reminiscing the excitement of live Lacrosse.

LAX FACTS

Before French Settlers coined the name "Lacrosse", History has recorded the original name of the sport as "Baggataway"

SHARE WITH US

Have a team, player, coach or event you would like recognized? Email it to marketing@ramslacrosse.ca and you could see it in the next newsletter!

We want to highlight our members, on and off the floor!

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NORTH

2023 North Zone Team Highlights.

U17A

The U17A North remain in the mix for the WRLL North Division. They finished the month riding the high of a Bronze Medal finish at the Curtis Ptolemy Memorial Tournament in Saskatoon.

Team	GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	DIFF	PIM	Win%	GB	HR
U17 A South												
HOKs U17 A 1	11	7	3	1	15	78	63	15	134	0.682	0	0
Calgary Hornets U17 A 1	9	6	1	2	14	92	60	32	94	0.778	0	0
Red Deer Chiefs U17 A 1	10	7	3	0	14	74	62	12	122	0.700	0	0
Rockyview Rage U17 A 1	10	5	3	2	12	95	68	27	90	0.600	0	0
Calgary Axemen U17 A 1	12	4	8	0	8	78	103	-25	196	0.333	0	0
Calgary Sabrecats U17 A 1	9	2	7	0	4	52	87	-35	120	0.222	0	0
U17 A North												
Edmonton Warriors U17 A 1	12	11	1	0	22	82	57	25	146	0.917	0	0
Sherwood Park Titans U17 A 1	11	4	5	2	10	74	58	16	241	0.455	0	0
SWAT U17 A 1	10	4	5	1	9	62	59	3	146	0.450	0	0
Edmonton North U17 A 1	10	3	7	0	6	52	69	-17	175	0.300	0	0
Parkland Posse U17 A 1	10	0	10	0	0	35	88	-53	156	0.000	0	0

U15A

The U15A North continue to look for consistency while heading down the stretch. The standings are tight in the U15A division, and with any team having the ability to beat any other team, there is still a great opportunity to make some noise.

Team	GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	DIFF	PIM	PTS%	Win%	+/-	GB	HR
Titans U15A	9	7	2	0	14	85	56	29	103	0.78	0.778	29	0	0
Posse U15A	9	5	4	0	10	73	62	11	96	0.56	0.556	11	0	0
Rams U15A	9	3	5	1	7	46	60	-14	173	0.39	0.389	-14	0	0
Crush U15A	9	2	6	1	5	40	58	-18	90	0.28	0.278	-18	0	0
SWAT 15A	4	2	2	0	4	18	26	-8	50	0.50	0.500	-8	0	0

U13A

The U13A North have had a rocky month, but they continue to fight hard. In their game against the Swat on May 13, they came back from a 9-2 deficit in the 3rd period to finish with an 11-10 loss, having 2 goals disallowed along the way.

Team	GP	W	L	T	PTS	GF	GA	DIFF	PIM	PTS%	Win%	+/-	GB	HR
Titans U13A	9	7	2	0	14	69	32	37	86	0.78	0.778	37	0	0
Posse U13A	8	6	2	0	12	55	34	21	79	0.75	0.750	21	0	0
Crush U13A	9	5	4	0	10	40	30	10	102	0.56	0.556	10	0	0
SWAT 13A	4	1	3	0	2	26	38	-12	34	0.25	0.250	-12	0	0
Rams U13A	8	0	8	0	0	22	78	-56	40	0.00	0.000	-56	0	0

STRONG RAMS CONTINGENT REPRESENTING ZONE 5 IN THE 2023 ALBERTA SUMMER GAMES.

The Rams are proud to announce that Sam Hilkiwich, Charlie Graham, Bryder Ibsen, Liam James and Lucas Evans have been selected to play for the Zone 5 team in the 2023 Alberta Summer Games held in Okotoks, AB July 20 - 24. They will be joined by U15 North Zone A teammate, Miller Beck who also made the team. Zone 5 consists of all GELC clubs outside of the Edmonton City Limits; The Rams, Titans, Raiders, Posse, Rock and Rebels.



Rams Lacrosse the World

Rams Alumni shares his passion for Lacrosse as he sets up a permanent home in Korea.

After his minor Career with the Rams, A successful NCAA career, some time with the Edmonton Rush, and back to back President's Cup victory's with the Miners, Dave Marrese is ready for the next step in his Lacrosse Adventure.

Dave played his entire minor career with the Rams, before graduating to the Jr. B Tier 1 Rams in 2004. After a year of Jr. B, he made the jump to the [Jr. A Miners](#) where he played until 2008. Finishing his Junior career, he was first pick for the [Sr. B Miners](#) for their inaugural

season, spending 7 years playing with the Club. In those 7 years, he would spend 2 of them sharing the net with his brother Jon, claiming 5 RMLL championships and 2 national championships.



In Tandem with his Jr. and early Sr. career, Dave Attended [The Dominican University of New York](#). He spent one season playing attack and three playing defense for the [Chargers](#), captaining the team for 3 of those 4 seasons while earning his Psychology Degree.

After Graduating university, Dave was signed as a free agent by the Edmonton Rush. He would remain on the practice roster from 2011-2013, but never got his crack at an NLL start.

In 2011, he would become an instructor for the Lacrosse Program at [St. Francis Xavier](#), where he taught until 2020. This is when Dave decided it was time for change. But neither from teaching nor from Lacrosse.

In 2019 Dave originally made the move to the Republic of Korea, where he started teaching English at a Hagwon (Korean Kindergarten). While getting settled into his new life, local Lacrosse figure Stu Begg put Dave in touch in with the [Korean Lacrosse](#) Program. Dave took his experience and passion for Lacrosse and started a development program for the Korean Men's national team.

During this time in Korea, he would meet his soon to be wife Julie. Though spending the majority of their time at their home in Korea, Dave would still find time to come back home to Canada in between responsibilities. And when those times did come, he would instantly jump right back into the local Lacrosse fold.

While home, Dave coached a 10U team for the Rams during the 2022 season, once again building a love for the game, that he seems to contagiously spread to all the players he interacts with. Dave has continued to work with the Rams, consulting the Executive Board, and evaluating players during the pre-season. *cont. on pg.4*

AFTER LOSING IN THE 2014 **PRESIDENTS CUP** FINAL, DAVE WOULD GO UNDEFEATED IN STARTS THROUGH 2017. HE WOULD FINISH WITH A 31-0 RECORD FROM 2015-2017 EN ROUTE TO BACK TO BACK PRESIDENTS CUPS VICTORIES, DURING THEIR THREE-PEAT RUN FROM 2016-2018.



For the Greater Good

The next step is always the biggest one.

When the Spring of 2023 arrived, evaluations had been completed and the pre-season fully under way, Dave was preparing for a final move to Korea once again. This time for good. He and his now wife, Julie made the decision to call Korea home Permanently.

Amongst all that he was doing, Dave was also completing his Elementary Education Degree at the U of A. This earned him a job at [Chadwick International School](#) in Songdo, where he will get to work along side Julie.

Having been fortunate enough to Chat with Dave shortly before he left, while watching a North Zone U15A Practice, which happens to have a number of players that he coached at a Tyke level, he mentioned his new role with Korea Lacrosse.

Dave had been promoted to Asst. Coach with the Korean Men's National Team, and will help lead them to the [2023 World Men's Lacrosse Championship](#) in San Diego California.



Dave and his wife Julie still plan on spending summers home in Canada to be with friends and family. But you can be assured, that if there is Lacrosse, Dave will find himself there, no matter what side of the globe he happens to be on at the time.



**North U17A
Bronze
Medalists**

Curtis Ptolemy Memorial
Saskatoon Sk



Getting Social with Lacrosse



The [Miners Lacrosse Club](#) have introduced the [Monday Miners Pod](#), hosted by Cody Janzen, the voice of the [Saskatchewan Rush](#). They'll go in depth with the Jr. A Miners

throughout the season as they push toward the [2023 Minto Cup](#).



The [Apex Lacrosse Club](#) has opened registration for its summer field program. Lead by Erik Turner, Apex is offering a pre-season skills camp starting June 19th followed by a "Sixes" program starting July 10.

Elementary, Jr Varsity and Varsity age groups are offered.



Tryouts for the Various Team Alberta box and field teams are underway. Head to [Alberta Lacrosse](#) to learn more about the various opportunities to represent our province this summer.

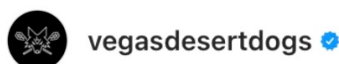
KNOW THE PROS!

Well Deserved Recognition!

Following the Desert Dogs final game of the season, Rams alumni, Erik Turner was presented the Joe Tsai Community Award for 2023.



"Ever since joining the Desert Dogs organization, Erik immediately embraced the Las Vegas community. He has been instrumental in growing the game of Lacrosse here and we couldn't be more grateful for all of his efforts"



Always Giving Back

When our two most recent [NLL](#) draftee's aren't on the floor for the [Panther City Lacrosse Club](#), [Ronin](#) and [Mathieu](#) are suiting up for the [Miners Jr. A](#). When they're not suiting up for the Miners, they are helping coach the U17A North team. And when they are not coaching the U17A's, they are paying visits to our young aspiring Rams, as seen during a U11-2 practice.

IS A REFEREE'S GREATER CHALLENGE THE GAME, OR THOSE WITHIN IT?

It's cliché to say that referee's are only noticed when they get the call wrong. And that you'll never recognize a referee for calling a great game. But sadly these are more commonly truths than they are cliché. And we are at a breaking point with our referees.

The **ALRA** has sent off major concerns and a suggested course of action to the **ALA** following a very rocky start to the 2023 season. With an attrition rate of almost 75% from the new referee pool in 2022, and current referees declining assignments, we are on a path that quite literally leads to no Lacrosse being played.

Incidents ranging from parents berating officials, coaches questioning every call and even as far as physical altercations against officials are causing our referee pool to diminish at an alarming rate.

Quite often these officials are young lacrosse players looking for ways to get more involved in the game, but is actually causing them to get further away. This causes problems for the schedule makers and tournament organizers, but most importantly our young men and women looking to help grow and stay involved in the game.

So next time you feel the need to call out a referee for what you think was a missed or incorrect call. Take a look around first. See that parent that doesn't seem to be sitting with either club playing the game? That is likely the referee's parent, and just like you, they are there to watch their child learn and thrive. And though a parent may be able to shrug off the words you feel compelled to shout, that young official cannot, and should not have to. If that child is not granted the opportunity to learn and grow in their craft, then yours may lose the opportunity to play.

Important Dates in June

June 3-4 - Team Alberta Women's Box Tryout
Calgary Soccer Centre

June 4 - Crude Minor Lacrosse Day
12:30pm @ Jerome Iginla Arena

June 8 - Rams Executive Meeting
7:00pm

June 9-11 - Jeremy Richardson Memorial
Baggataway

Parents Challenge!!

Common Lacrosse Canada rules and regulations that maybe you didn't know.

Rule 37 - Charging

(a) A minor or major penalty shall be assessed to a player/goalkeeper who runs, jumps into or charges an opposing player/goalkeeper. When a violent collision results, the *Reckless and Endangering Play* rule may be applied. A goalkeeper penalty shall be served by a player who was on the floor at the time of the infraction. **(Modified 2013)**

Situation 1 - Rule 37

Q - Can an offensive player be assessed a penalty for charging?

A - Any offensive player (including the ball carrier) who deliberately charges directly at a defensive player may be assessed a penalty.

Note: This interpretation is only to be used when the infraction is too violent to be covered under the minor interference rule.