



# The Game Day Page

The Mac's AAA Midget Hockey Invitational

Sunday, December 27, 2009

11	09:00	MB #1	Prince Albert Mintos	Vancouver Canadians
12	09:00	FDB	Beardy's Blackhawks	Calgary Royals
13	11:45	MB #1	St. Albert Sports Raiders	Red Deer Rebels
14	11:45	FDB	Leduc Oil Kings	Yorkton Harvest
15	14:30	MB #1	UFA Bisons	Saskatoon Contacts
16	14:30	FDB	Okanagan Rockets	Saskatoon Blazers
17	17:15	MB #1	Lloydminster Bobcats	Calgary Northstars
18	17:15	FDB	Winnipeg Wild	Shattuck St. Mary's
19	20:00	MB #1	Calgary Buffaloes	Cariboo Cougars
20	20:00	FDB	Carolina Jr Hurricanes	Vancouver NE Chiefs



## Female Division



7	08:00	MB #2	Medicine Hat Hounds	Calgary Flyers
8	10:30	MB #2	Saskatoon Stars	Weyburn Wings
9	13:00	MB #2	Notre Dame Hounds	St. Albert Slash
10	15:30	MB #2	Melville Prairie Fire	Lloydminster Steelers
11	18:00	MB #2	Red Deer Chiefs	Westman Wildcats
12	20:30	MB #2	Calgary Bruins	Vancouver Fusion



## Day One Results



**Bruins 2 Wings 2**  
**Westman Wildcats 2 Chaos 2**  
**SW Wildcats 4 Hounds 4**  
**Stars 3 Thunder 3**  
**Prairie Fire 2 Flyers 7**  
**Chiefs 4 Slash 4**

**Buffaloes 9 Canadians 1**  
**Blazers 1 Flames 3**  
**Bobcats 2 Trojans 0**  
**Sports Raiders 3 Bisons 4**  
**Contacts 7 Silvertips 1**  
**Mintos 4 Y's Men Hurricanes 3**

**Blackhawks 1 Wild 2**  
**Oil Kings 6 Rockets 3**  
**Royals 1 NW Giants 5**  
**Jr Hurricanes 1 Northstars 4**

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## Tournament off to Action Packed Start

The games have begun! The first four games - as well as the final opening day game - of the female division of the 32nd Annual AAA Midget Hockey Tournament proved to be well matched, as all five ended in ties: 2-2 for the Weyburn Wings and the Calgary Bruins, 2-2 for the Westman Wildcats and the Calgary Chaos, 4-4 for the Swift Current Wildcats and the Medicine Hat Hounds, 3-3 for the Saskatoon Stars and the Edmonton Thunder, and 4-4 for the Red Deer Chiefs and the St. Albert Slash in the exciting final female game of the night. While the Chiefs dominated the first two periods, going into the third period with a 4-1 lead, the Slash turned it around in the third with 3 goals, the last two from team captain Melissa Kueber. The Calgary Flyers dominated their game against

the Melville Prairie Fire, winning 7-2, including two goals each from team captain Shawna Griffin and assistant captain Chelsea Minor.

In the male division, the Lloydminster Bobcats shut out the Tisdale Trojans 2-0, while the Calgary Buffaloes played a strong game against the Vancouver Canadians, beating them 9-1. The Saskatoon Contacts came out strong against the North Island Silvertips in a 7-1 game. The UFA Bisons won their game against the St. Albert Sports Raiders 4-3 and the Leduc Oil Kings beat out the sole BC team, the Okanagan Rockets, 6-3. In other host team news, the Calgary Flames beat out the Saskatoon Blazers 3-1 and the Calgary Royals lost to the Vancouver NW Giants 5-1. In a last minute schedul-

ing change due to the delayed Shattuck St. Mary's team, the Winnipeg Wild beat out Beardy's Blackhawks 2-1.

The opening ceremonies at Max Bell Arena featured flag bearers representing all the provinces and the two countries - Canada and the United States - competing in this year's tournament. Announcer Doug DeNance enthusiastically got the crowd riled up for the Tournament as Master of Ceremonies, and then the final two teams of the night took the ice - the Carolina Jr Hurricanes versus host team Calgary Northstars, who won their game 4-1.



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## **Shattuck Delayed**

Hockey fans had to wait a little bit longer than planned to witness the much-anticipated return of fan favourites Shattuck St. Mary's to the Mac's Tournament for the first time since the 2004-2005 season. Due to weather, at least six players and the head coach were delayed on Christmas Day in Minot, North Dakota,

on their way into Calgary. As a result, there have been some schedule changes that will see Shattuck play two games on Tuesday, December 29. Boasting NHL alumni Sidney Crosby, Zach Parise, Ty Conklin, Patrick Eaves, Noah Clarke, Drew Stafford, and Ryan Malone, Shattuck won the Mac's in 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2003.

## **Battle of the Twins**

**C**ourtney and Chelsea Minor are 17 year old twins from Calgary, competing in their third Mac's Tournament, and hoping to bring home the championship title. Except there is a unique twist to their story – they are competing on opposite teams.

**W**hile Courtney plays defence and is team captain for 2008 semi-finalists Calgary Bruins, Chelsea plays left wing and is assistant team captain for the Calgary Flyers. Throughout their competi-

tive careers, they played for the same team, until 2 years ago, when Chelsea was traded from the Bruins to the Flyers. "It's definitely made us more competitive," Courtney says. "I think it's improved our relationship," adds Chelsea. "Yeah, we're not 'the twins' anymore," explains Courtney. "We are individuals with our own teams."

**T**he girls were first introduced to hockey at the age of 6, after a good friend of theirs – a boy – took up hockey. They discovered their passion for the game at around age 8, while in the atom division.

**W**hen asked what they are most looking forward to in this year's tournament, Courtney does not hesitate to answer: "Winning the cup!" "Yeah," says Chelsea with a smile, as mom Trish jumps in with, "You know only one of you can win, right?"

**C**ourtney expresses "how cool" it would be if the championship game saw the Bruins take on the Flyers for the cup, and it is obvious that despite their energetic competitive spirit, they have not stopped having fun.

**B**est of luck to both of you, Courtney and Chelsea!

## Mac's Midget Tournament Memories

**F**or the hockey players participating in the 32nd annual Mac's Midget Tournament, it was not the anticipation of Santa on Christmas Eve that made them lie awake restlessly in their beds. Rather, it was on the following night, the eve of puck drop, that they had trouble sleeping, as they know full well what lies ahead.

**A**lthough the players are fidgety in the hours before the Mac's Midget Tournament commences, the rinks are peaceful with the lights down and seats vacant. Oh Silent Night. But if you listen closely to the boards, dressing rooms, penalty boxes and benches of Calgary's host arenas, a history of players past resonates and, as the tournament kicks off, it seems only fitting to pay homage to those past Mac's Midget players who have laid the foundation for all those who skate in their wake.

**I**f only these arenas could talk...  
...They might tell you that long before they both donned Team Canada's jersey at the 2006 Turin Olympics and later became the backbone of the Calgary Flames, Jarome Iginla (St. Albert Eagle Raiders, 1992) and Jay Bouwmeester (Edmonton South Side, 1998) both led their respective teams at the Mac's.

...They might point out that prior to Sidney Crosby and Zach Parise leading a crop of young superstars in the NHL, they were a force to be reckoned with as linemates for Shattuck St. Mary's in 2002.

...They may even go so far as to remind you

that 29 years prior to Calgary-native Mike Vernon having his jersey retired at the Saddledome, he stood between the posts at the Mac's while playing for the Calgary Royals in 1978.

**I**f only these arenas could talk, the most important thing they might tell you is to watch closely, because you never know who may become the next Team Canada teammates, the next future stars of the NHL, or the next player to have their jersey retired in front of

**W** 20,000 screaming fans.  
Who will be the next Mac's Midget Tournament participants to go on to do great things on the ice? Of course, only time will tell, but we suggest you don't miss a minute of the action!

- Kristin Hursh

### Action Photos

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