

ADIDAS BROGDEN CUP HEATS UP FROZEN FLORIDA



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Orlando, Florida, January 10, 2010 --- Coming in off a two hour plane trip to Orlando Florida, one would think that the sunshine state is going to hold up to its reputation: sunny, warm, and everything Disney. Well the forecast for the Orlando area was just the opposite of what someone could expect. While temperatures did not reach the all-time record low of 19 degrees in Orlando (January 1985), it did however dip down into the bitter, low twenties. No matter how harsh the weather, it was nothing that these two groups of guys couldn't handle in competition for the 2010 Adidas Brogden Cup.

The Brogden Cup dates back a generation and has seen such greats as the Dave Pietramala, Gary and Paul Gait, Sid Smith, and Tom Marechek just to name a couple. This event was formally played between post-collegiate club players from their respective countries. The newer basis of the Brogden Cup is more geared for pre-collegiate players. Brogden Cup Director and Coordinator Joel Franklin explains "This has evolved into an event which allows U-19 players who do not have the opportunity to compete against really competitive international competition, being that the U-19 world games are held every four years, this takes place annually which enables those with an unfortunate birthdays to be able to experience some really good international play".

This year's match up, like last year was determined by the annual Adidas National Lacrosse Classic which hosted 20 different teams and about 500 top high school lacrosse players from across the nation. From Southern Cali to New England and everything in between, these teams were all fighting for the privilege to represent the U.S. in competition for the Brogden Cup. This year, like last, the privilege goes to a group of young guys from Rochester, New York and they were set to compete against a scrappy bunch of U-19ers from Ontario, Canada. Canada's team is selected annually through the Ontario Junior Men's Lacrosse League (OJMLL) which holds their own selection process from the 22 different teams that they facilitate. A couple of the OJMLL alumni include all time NCAA Division 1 goals leader Zach Greer and Adidas own John Grant Jr.

The events got underway Friday, January 8th with a conjoined team dinner at the housing facilities, followed by a trip to the first ever Indoor Lacrosse game in Orlando. The forty-two players were introduced and honored at halftime for their progress on making it to the Cup. Although the two teams had a great time at the Orlando Titans match, who has recently moved from New York City (see Insider John Jilhoty's report on the game), they knew that they had a tough task ahead of them.

The day got off to a sluggish start as the weather was an unusual slick mix of sleet, hail, and rain. But by time game one was ready to go underway at 12:15 eastern, the weather died down and was left with only 10mph winds and a chilling 30 degrees. Rochester is looking to avenge the U.S. as they have lost the past three years in a row to the dominant Canadian squads. The game started out relatively slow in the first quarter as the weather and nerves might have been influential. The sole first quarter score was posted by a Syracuse commit, Hakeem Lecky who dodged through the Ontario defense and stuck one off hip on the Canadian keeper. The second quarter held a lot more action as the Rochester team took a marginal lead with some great team play in between the lines. However Team Ontario would find their footing in the second quarter to cut the lead to 6-5 Rochester going into the half.

The second half would not fair so well for Ontario as some superb stops from the 6'2 and 220 pound Tyler White of Rochester held the Canadian sharpshooters to just 5 goals in the second half. White would finish with 17 stops on just 26 shots. White said that his size defiantly helped him out, especially with some of the point blank shots he saw. Ryan Yunker of Rochester would lead all scorers in the first game with 3 goals and 2 assists.

Because of the cold weather the second game was moved up to escape the ever dropping temperatures. The second game got off to a similar start, the only change being that it was Ontario that was hitting the net. The big stories in this game were the incredible goalie play of Alex Boque who faced a barrage of shots from the Rochester offense and was able to make 20 saves throughout the second mach. While Alex was taking care of business on the defensive end for Ontario, Virginia commit Mark Cockerton was getting busy on the other end of the field as he lead his team with 5 goals in the 14-8 victory over the team from the "Roc". Reilly O'Connor and Nathan White each had a hat trick in the second meeting which sent the series into a rubber match which was played the following morning to determine the winner of the 2010 cup. Devin Alvis and Hofstra bound Torin Varn each posted 3 goals for Rochester in the second outing.

This brought in the determining third "all or nothing" game of the series after the two teams split the first two games. As seen in the first two match-ups, face-offs were key to getting points on the board and just as he did in the first game, Kenny Tomeno, handled the "X" extraordinarily. The soon to be Red Fox at Marist College accumulated over 40 successful draws over the three game period and 17 ground balls as well as 3 goals to boot. Rochester took the lead in the first quarter and never looked back. The second quarter was an outstanding one for the Rochester offense as they posted 7 goals to go up 10-3 at half.

By the end of the third quarter the score appeared similar to that of the second game in last year's series which also had Rochester up going into the last quarter however as the final whistle sounded it was the Roc that would fall as Ontario notched a game winner with 6 seconds remaining. Rochester was determined to stay away from any déjà vu this year though. They kept their lead into the forth and set it on cruise control behind the excellent goaltending by Tyler White and his army of, what seemed to be impenetrable defenders. White would only see 28 shots and managed to get his stick on 21 of them allowing only 7 goals for the Canadian natives.

The final of the rubber match was 14-7 as the Team Rochester doubled up on Team Ontario for the victory and the rights to this year's Adidas Brogden Cup. Kenny Tomeno was accredited with the Rochester team MVP for his efforts in ball possession and overall scrap and on the other end Ontario's Alex Boque was given team MVP for his stellar play between the pipes. Boque's 20 saves in the second game as well as a crushing body check to stop a one on one opportunity and his effort in the final match sealed up his award.

Deven Alves led the Rochester team in total points with 9 (7 goals, 2 assists) while Hakeem Lecky and Ryan Yunker each posted 7 points. Jack Hinderland achieved 6 points (5 goals, 1 assist) as Torin Varn tossed in 6 goals. Mark Cockerton led Ontario with 9 points (8 goals, 1 assist) including his 5 goal effort in game two and Nathan White had a total of 8 points (3 goals, 5 assists). David Lintner contributed to Ontario's efforts with 7 points (4 goals, 3 assists) and Reilly O'Connor tacked on 6 goals of his own. In addition to the honor of being the winners of the 2010 Brogden Cup and the Brogden Cup medals, each Rochester team member each received G awards on behalf of Gatorade and Ontario received this year's runner-up Brogden Cup medals.

Props to Adidas Lacrosse, Level 2 Sports, and Gatorade for putting on yet another great Lacrosse event in the annual Brogden Cup and many including myself are looking forward to the talent that this year's Adidas National Lacrosse Classic will bring to Maryland. For more information on the Brogden Cup or the ANLC stop by their website at AdidasNationalLacrosseClassic.com.









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adidas Brogden Cup Official Game Statistics

	GAME ONE		GAME TWO		GAME THREE	
	Rochester	Ontario	Rochester	Ontario	Rochester	Ontario
Score by Quarter 1	1	0	3	3	3	2
Score by Quarter 2	4	4	3	2	7	1
Score by Quarter 3	4	2	1	4	2	3
Score by Quarter 4	5	3	1	5	2	1
Final Score	14	9	8	14	14	7
Goals						
Rochester		Totals				
Alves, Deven	7	3		3		1
Varn, Torin	6	1		3		2
Yunker, Ryan	5	3		1		1
Hinderland, Jack	5	1		0		4
Lecky, Hakeem	4	2		0		2
Tomeno, Kenny	3	1		0		2
Kehoe, Derek	2	2		0		0
Brooks, Ian	1	1		0		0
Love, Alex	1	0		0		1
Messina, Michael	1	0		1		0
Noto, Pete	1	0		0		1
Ontario						
Cockerton, Mark	8		0		5	
O'Connor, Reilly	6		2		3	
Linter, Daniel	4		2		1	
Crough, Matthew	4		3		1	
White, Nathan	3		0		3	
de Soo, Mitch	2		2		0	
Power, Mike	2		0		0	
Knight, Curtis	1		0		1	
Goals-Total	66	14	9	8	14	7
Assists						
Rochester						
Lecky, Hakeem	3	1		0		2
Yunker, Ryan	2	2		0		0
Alves, Deven	2	0		1		1
Hinderland, Jack	1	1		0		0
Love, Alex	1	1		0		0
Tomeno, Kenny	1	0		1		0
Messina, Michael	1	0		0		1
Knight, Curtis	1	0		0		1
Ontario						
White, Nathan	5		2		1	
Linter, Daniel	3		2		1	
Knight, Curtis	1		0		1	
Cockerton, Mark	1		0		0	
Jackson, Kyle	1		0		0	
Assists-Total	20	5	4	2	3	5
Shots	45	26	45	26	58	28
Face-Offs Won	16	9	12	13	16	8
Loose Balls Controlled	22	22	33	26	34	22
Saves	17	20	12	20	21	17
Penalties	6	7	10	7	5	15
Penalty Time	5:00	5:00	9:30	6:30	3:30	15:30