

Canada wins world junior ringette championship in OT

Helsinki, Finland – January 3, 2015 – Canada’s junior team took down the Finns 10-9 in overtime to claim gold at the world ringette championships today in Helsinki. The Canadian squad were undefeated in round robin play and beat the Finns in two games of a best of three series.

“It feels freaking amazing,” said Ottawa’s Sarah-Lynne Begin, who scored the overtime winner. “I was a bit nervous going into game two of the best of three series, but looking around at the Athletes in the dressing room, I knew we were ready and I knew we could do it.”

In addition to picking up the game winner, Begin picked up a second goal and three assists in the game. She was named player of the game for Canada and also picked up top center and MVP for Canada for her performance in the event.

Guelph’s Abby Richardson and Moncton’s Jenny Snowdon picked up hat tricks in the game and Moncton’s Britney Snowdon contributed a single. Other event awards for Canada include Boucherville’s Laurie St-Pierre as top goalie and the Snowdon sisters as top forward.

“The Athletes were outstanding! It’s an amazing group of young athletes that played to their absolute potential and achieved their performance goals. The Athletes committed to the systems of play and traveled their road to Championship success step by step, shift by shift and game by game” said Coach Lorrie Horne. Horne and her Staff are extremely proud of the victory on the ice. The game was executed in the true vision of the Horne’s style of play. The Athletes were well prepared and united to face the battle of their lives on the ice. It is a true historical moment in the history of the Canadian game. The coast to coast Team in which Horne assembled with her Staff made history winning for the first time on Finnish ice for the since 1992. Horne as also the Head Coach with the Sr. Squad last claimed the Sam Jack’s World Championship trophy in 2002.

The Canadian senior squad could not push the Sam Jacks series to three games, losing 13-0 to Finland to go home with silver.

All games were webcast live and can be accessed through the following links:
President’s Pool: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RingetteTV>

About Ringette

Ringette is a Canadian sport that was invented in 1963 in North Bay, Ontario by the late Sam Jacks. There are currently nearly 30,000 players on nearly 2,000 teams across

Canada, with over 1,500 officials and nearly 8000 coaches. Internationally, it is played in more than a half a dozen other countries around the world. Ringette has been designated a Heritage Sport by Sport Canada and as part of the Sport for Life movement, ringette is well advanced at adapting Sport Canada's Long Term Athlete Development model. For more information, please refer to the Ringette Canada Web site at www.ringette.ca.

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