

GREAT SEASON FOR CRHL MEN'S LEAGUE

Each year the plan is to create, learn and re-create when it comes to the CRHL. The league has come a long way since its inception seven years ago and the idea every year is to continue along that path and keep things new and exciting!

This season we brought in a great deal of youth to the Men's League. It was easy to see how that changed things very quickly by watching the games speed and energy on display each night these young kids took to the floor! Not to take away from the veterans, who continued to show you get better with age. The smart passing and team play that was taught by these vets was a huge compliment to these kids and their talent.

Also on display were two new teams with two new captains, Sam Goodfellow of Gold Rush and Matt Comeau of the Silver Bullets. Gold had an amazing season going 12 and 3 thanks to a great captain putting together a team that complimented each other on and off the floor. Silver had a more challenging regular season going 3 and 12 but managed to pull the upset of the season by taking Gold out in the semis on their way to a strong showing in the final.

The All Blacks, White Lightning and Teal Steel were up and down all season jockeying for the perfect spot going into the playoffs. Teal Steel came together at seasons end and earned a victory in the quarterfinals but lost out in the semis. Black and White made some big trades at the trade deadline that played key roles in turning there teams around but lost tough fought battles in the quarterfinals.

The Orangemen on the other hand coming off back to back championships in 06 and 07 struggled in the early going but did not take long to come together and find their stride. Once they did they were able to establish themselves as a team to challenge for the Championship by finishing 2nd in the regular season and earn a bye in the first round of the playoffs along with Gold. With Teal as their first opponent in the playoffs they were ready and got the win and a spot in the Final versus the underdog Silver Bullets.

With Silver winning the season series against the Orangemen it proved to be a great final. In Game 1 Orange rallied their team and proved that past experience in the finals plays a large part in getting the job done. Game 2 saw Orange take command again but Silver proved that they deserved to be there and battled back to close the gap to 7-5. A couple scramble plays and a few more chances was all that was left in the tank for the Bullets as they gave it everything they had. In the end the Orangemen would prevail and establish themselves as the #1 team in 08 and win their third straight Canning Cup!

Congrats to all of the players and all of the teams on a great year. On behalf of Four Season Sports the governing body of the CRHL we would like to say thanks for playing!

