



The Canadian Broomball Championships were held in Leduc Alberta from March 29 - April 1. Saskatchewan sent 2 representatives in both the men's and ladies divisions. The Saskatoon Flyers and Regina Ice Devils competed in the ladies division while the Bruno Axemen and the Odessa Outlaws competed on the men's side.

In the ladies division the Saskatoon Flyers finished the round robin with a 1 win, 3 loss record to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in their pool. They lost 2 close games both by a 1 - 0 score to Quebec and Alta, and also lost 5 - 1 to Ontario, before rebounding with a 4 - 0 victory over N.W.T. The Regina Ice Devils finished with a 2 win, 2 loss record. They opened with a 4 - 0 win over Nova Scotia and then lost their next 2 games by the score of 2 - 1 to Manitoba and to last years champs the Quebec Huskies. In the last round robin game they defeated the Alberta 2 - 1. The two teams played against each other in the B-side semi finals with the Saskatoon Flyers coming away with a hard fought 1-0 victory. This win put the Flyers into the gold medal game on the B side which they won with a 2 - 1 victory over Calgary Bullets. The Regina Ice Devils claimed the bronze medal by defeating the Edmonton Wasabi 2-0.

On the men's side the Bruno Axemen finished with a 4 - 1 record. They started out with a 4 - 1 victory over N.W.T. and then beat Manitoba 3 -0, they lost their next game 3 - 2 to the defending champs, the Quebec Frost, before finishing off with 3 - 0 wins over Edmonton and the Leduc host team. The Odessa Outlaws also finished their round robin draw at 4 - 1. They started off beating Lethbridge 2 - 1 & NFLD. 3 - 2 before losing 3 - 2 to the Quebec Titans. Their next game was a 2 - 1 overtime victory against Ontario and then an 8 - 0 win over B.C.. Both teams finished second in their respective pools which set up semi final matches against the Quebec teams. The Axemen played first and defeated the Titan 4- 2 to advance to the Gold medal game. Odessa played the second semi final and lost 1 - 0 to the defending champs. This loss put Odessa up against the

Quebec Titans in the bronze medal game and they were defeated 3 -1 which gave them a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish. In the gold medal game the Bruno Axemen were up against the defending champs from Quebec. This game lived up to all expectations as the intensity and skill level were second to none. In the end the Bruno Axemen came away with a hard fought and well deserved 3 - 1 victory, this gave Bruno its second national championship in the men's division and the right to return as defending champs next year in Manitoba.

All of our teams played exceptionally well and having 2 of our men's team in the top 4 of the country proves that Saskatchewan will be a force to be reckoned with. Many of the players on these teams are still young and will continue to mature and gain confidence over the next few years so I believe that Saskatchewan's name will be appearing on the National Champs trophy quite regular.

Some of our player also took home individual trophies as well. Here is a list of some of the notable achievements.



Gold Medal Game MVP  
Blake Huber (Bruno Axemen)

Tournament MVP

Jason Bender (Bruno Axemen)

1<sup>st</sup> team all-star

Brooke Sykhuis (Regina Ice Devils)  
Stephanie Vogt (Regina Ice Devils)  
Chad Schneider (Odessa Outlaws)  
Jason Bender (Bruno Axemen)

2<sup>nd</sup> team all-star

Crystal Klein (Saskatoon Flyers)  
Ryan Bender (Bruno Axemen)