

2013 Masters Team championships



January 2013 Masters: Vancouver Racquet Club, Vancouver, BC

On January 18, 2013, a gallant Quebec Masters Team set out to defend its Masters Team Championship title in Vancouver. The team was made up of the following Quebecers:

M1	Mario Gagnon	Montcalm
M2	Daniel Fortin	MAA
M3	Robin Vaillancourt	CDL
M4	Dan Dorsey	MAA
W1	Melissa Reyes	CDL
W2	Danielle Shaienks	Gatineau
W3	Lucie Cardyn	MAA

Quebec is Back!



Team Quebec was seeded #6 in a total of eight teams, four teams in each pool. Pool B includes BC1, Alberta, Quebec and Yukon. Pool A included Ontario, Manitoba, BC2 and Saskatchewan. While still battling the jet lag on Friday night, Team Quebec came out firing against the BC1 team but to no avail. The biggest highlight was that Mario Gagnon took the BC1 number 1, Trevor Latimer, to five sets, almost pulling out a huge upset. Quebec lost 7-0 to BC1. Quebec was then handled by Alberta 7-0 in the second Friday night match.

Saturday morning was a different story as Team Quebec came out and dispatched Yukon 5-2. Quebec was positioned in the consolation round to take #5 place, however Saskatchewan dashed Quebec's hopes by beating them 6-1. Quebec's lone win came from Robin Vaillancourt who wound up with a 3-2 winning record on the tournament weekend.

Sunday morning Quebec played for #7 place against Yukon and did not disappoint. Quebec took care of business and beat Yukon 6-1. Melissa Reyes played an inspired match and beat the Yukon W1 after she had lost to her the day before.

Quebec finished #7 in the tournament but finished #1 in winning the "The Neddy" Trophy. The Neddy is given out every year in memory of Steve Wren's father who believed that having fun was just as important as competing hard. Team Quebec won by singing a rousing rendition of "Quebec is Back" sung to the tune of "Take it Back" by Frank Stallone, and by delivering the Top Ten reasons why Team Quebec almost didn't come to the Tournament. Reasons:

Top 10 Reasons why Quebec almost didn't send a team to the Masters Team championships: 10) As defending Champion, Team Quebec's request to be seeded #1 was rejected. 9) The Vancouver Racquet Club would not allow us to smoke in between games. 8) The directions were not available in French. 7) No Molson Export Beer or Poutine. 6) The Montreal Canadiens were playing in Montreal tonight. 5) There was 100th Anniversary Party at Club Super Sexe. 4) We didn't know Yukon was coming. 3) No Bilingual scoring or referee. 2) We don't travel to cities that have never won the Stanley Cup. 1) Rob Pacey

Quebec was well represented at the tournament and not surprisingly, Team Ontario finished #1 by beating BC1.

The venue for next year has not been decided, however the consensus of everyone at the banquet was that the MAA should be the site for 2014. There were no commitments and I think it would be a great idea if we could accommodate.

I look forward to the rest of the squash season.

Team pictures included. Special thank you to Carlos and Eric from Oliver Sport Canada who made sure that we looked great with our Team Quebec shirts (with the accent over the 'e').

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Dan Dorsey

Captain