

## **A.R. MacNeill wins Pat Dooley Memorial Basketball Classic**



When the final buzzer rang on Saturday afternoon in Kwantlen Polytechnic University's gymnasium, one team stood victorious, but all of the teams took one thing with them. The knowledge that they'd been part of something special, and that in one way or another, they'd taken Pat [Dooley] with them.

The Pat Dooley Memorial Junior Boys Basketball Classic is hosted by the Kwantlen Polytechnic University men's basketball team and is one of the first tournaments to kick off BC's junior boys basketball tournament schedule. Held over three days, [December 1-3], the 2011 Classic hosted seven local junior boys

teams in grade 9-10 who competed in honor of Pat Dooley; a member of the Eagles family who played sports with passion and promise and who passed away suddenly on February 5, 2008.

This year's classic championship title went to A.R MacNeill Secondary (Richmond) who shot the lights out on Saturday afternoon, racking up a 35-point victory over Pacific Academy and improving upon their 6<sup>th</sup> place finish in 2010. Enroute to their title, they defeated Panorama Ridge [55-53], Elgin Park [65-32], and Pacific Academy [68-33].

In its four-year history, the Classic title has gone to four different teams, which is a testament to the depth of talent that exists in BC junior boys basketball.

"The Pat Dooley Memorial Junior Boys Basketball Classic is about more than just basketball, said Kwantlen's Director of Athletics and Recreation, Elise Le Brun. "It's about following your passion; sportsmanship; being a part of the community, but most of all, it's about honoring a young man who embodied all of these elements."

The Classic's Most Valuable Player went to A.R MacNeill's post player Nathan Tomas, who dominated the event with rebounds and some strong post play. Classic All-Star honors went to Matt Strang (Elgin Park), Afan Saleem (North Delta), Nimrit Plaha (Panorama Ridge), Mosses Adediran (Pacific Academy) and Omar Tung (A.R. MacNeill).

An honorable mention goes out to coach Satinder Grewal and the boys from North Surrey Secondary who, after one of the teams dropped out, accepted the challenge to play twice as many games as every other team to make sure the classic schedule did not have to be altered.

According to Steve Dooley, Pat's dad, "Pat was very passionate about sport and worked hard at whatever he put his mind to. He loved being part of the Kwantlen team and, on behalf of the entire Dooley family, we congratulate all the participants of this year's event. We also want to thank Coaches Stephon Wilson, Nathan Randall, and the entire Kwantlen Athletics department for celebrating the life of our special Pat."

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