



Hamilton Mac-Klean Bengals Lacrosse Club

2022 Season Recap

Off Floor

The new year saw the club add some new volunteers to the fold for 2022 and they proved to be valuable additions. We were able to add Game Day staff but unfortunately it was right at the beginning of the season so planning time was limited. In spite of this we were able to have some intermission entertainment for some games, a superhero appearance and a live anthem singer at a number of games. Planning for the 2023 season is already underway.

Coming out of Covid was a real challenge yet we were able to bring on some new sponsors, including a 3 year commitment from Mac-Klean Exterior Cleaning as our major Corporate Sponsor. Royal Blue Construction (owned by an alumni), Freshco Burlington, Tim Hortons Paramount, and Al's Source for Sports Burlington joined our club. These were added to our ongoing fundraising programs with BigYellowBag and FlipGive. We hope to build on this for next season and the outreach has already begun.

On Floor

Most of our coaching staff returned and Bengal Alumni DJ Nedelko joined the staff. Doug Dunham joined the team as our Equipment Manager and Larissa Adamo came on board as our Athletic Therapist. All three proved to be valuable additions to the club.

The team was once again successful on the floor, both in the winning of games as well as seeing a number of our players move up to play Junior A. While some teams in our league hold fast to only allowing 2 players per year a release to play A ball our team has never held a player back from playing at the highest level possible. We feel this is an important part of our affiliations with the Intermediate Bengals, the Brantford Warriors and the Burlington Chiefs. This collaboration has worked well for the teams and also benefits the players as they develop through the different levels.

The team's record of 16 wins and 4 losses is the best record achieved by the franchise to date. The playoffs saw us defeat the Six Nations Rebels in 3 straight games in round 1. The 2nd round saw us go up 2 games to none versus Windsor. The OLA then overturned the Appeal Committee ruling and re-suspended one of our better players and unfortunately we ended up losing the next 3 games, one in overtime.

Planning for 2023 is well underway and the team is always looking for good people to assist. We have a number of spots open and they would suit a mature high school student looking for volunteer hours or anyone looking to be part of the exciting world of Junior B Lacrosse. There is also always room for sponsors to come on board and we have a number of different levels to fit any business.

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