



2023 Big Cheese Classic Wheelchair Lacrosse Tournament



JUNE 24 - 25, 2023 MEQUON, WI

Wisconsin Adaptive Sports Association (WASA) again hosted this year's Big Cheese Classic (BCC) Wheelchair Lacrosse Tournament. Six teams competed this weekend: Milwaukee A and B, Minnesota, Indianapolis, Grand Rapids, and Houston for an intense 2 days of competition. BCC decided to try a round robin format for each team to get the most out of the weekend. The top three teams took home Big Cheese Classic dog tags!

RESULTS:

- 1st-Milwaukee A
- 2nd-Milwaukee B
- 3rd-Grand Rapids
- 4th-Houston
- 5th-Minnesota
- 6th-Indy

WLUSA also tried a 7 v 7 game instead of 8 v 8 and used a different type of face-off.

We want to thank Paralyzed Veterans of America-WI for their continued partnership and sponsorship. Our continuing sponsors: Kemps, Ozaukee Ice Center, Kwik Trip, Piggly Wiggly, and the Medical College of WI stepped up again to provided these athletes a well deserved tournament. It goes without saying that the BCC would not be possible without our volunteers, especially Paula Knox, Stephanie Schmidt, Brunettes, Cornelius', physicians from MCW, and our wheelchair specialist Paul Knox. Big thank yous to our Marquette University Men's Lacrosse Team and our student coaches for their annual support of the Milwaukee Eagles Wheelchair Lacrosse Team!

THANK YOU ALL!

The Milwaukee Eagles had a great recruiting effort and had a large roster, and therefore were able to compete with two teams, Milwaukee Eagles A and B. With the Marquette University Men's



Now, the coolest team for this year: the "Most Improved" award goes to the Grand Rapids Frenzy. Wow. Talk about the new boss flexing his muscle! This quiet and "friendly" team came with their fangs and claws out and took everyone for a ride! And the Frenzy still got that "HAVING FUN" mentality! Always great to compete against this team and have fun at the same time. Teams beware, if you

take them for granted, you will be hurting! They easily took the 3rd place medal and proudly went home. Way to go Frenzy, you deserve the MVP(T) of this year's BCC. Very proud of you!



If you haven't heard, there is a new kid on the block. The Houston Apollos blasted their way into the Midwest and rocked the rink.



For the new kid, there was no shyness about the Apollos. They just started ripping up the rink and taking some great shots

at their opponents. For a new team, it was amazing to see how they maneuvered and played. The Apollos have potential and will be a fearsome opponent in the future. We all need to keep an eye on this team as they could be a potential dominator!!! And despite being the new kid, they jelled into the Midwest well. Great to have you in the WLUSA league and great job Apollos!

Minnesota Rolling North Stars, one of the original Midwest family, did not have a full team, but all the other teams bonded and played extra games with them



The North Stars are a power team and we know once they get going, they will hit the rink hard! They did not medal this year but true to their nature, they had a great time regardless. We have to watch out for them at Nationals.



Now, Indy RIP, another original team from the Midwest, was missing 4 of their power players, but they showed that they are still in the game. We want to recognize the Indy RIP for a special sportsmanship award: The

most respected and honorable team during the tournament. Why? Indy RIP did not win a single game. But did they mope around and pout and give up? No! They fought hard in each game.

There was no giving up. Not only that, they continued to have fun, interact with other teams, bond with new and old folks, and genuinely showed what true sportsmanship was about. From the history of lacrosse, the game is a "gentleman's sport" where each team plays hard but respects others and enjoy the moment, win or lose. The Indy RIP definitely portrays that. Each one of you are true athletes and the Big Cheese Classic is honored to have you play.

Our hats are off to you. Huge, huge respect to the Indy RIP!

Thank you everyone for a fantastic weekend. We will see you all at Frenzy Fest and Nationals!



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NATIONALS, BUFFALO, AUG 25-27

