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Little League Baseball Canada

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"Road to the 2012 Canadian Little League Championship"

Hastings All Stars Crowned Canadian Champions

Hastings defeat Lethbridge 11-1 in the Championship Final

The British Columbia Champion Hastings All Stars are the 2012 Canadian Little League Champions.

British Columbia Champion Hastings All Stars defeated Prairie Champion Lethbridge Southwest All Stars 11-1 in the Championship final Saturday afternoon. After a scoreless first inning, both teams scored single runs in the second inning with BC's Thomas Neal hitting a solo home run, and Lethbridge scoring their run when Wyatt Tomalty hit a triple and scored after a Blake Braun singled in the run to right field. Both teams failed to score in the third inning, but British Columbia blew it open in the fourth scoring 10 runs that included home runs by Steven Moretto and Thomas Neal's second of the game. Lethbridge failed to score in their half of the fourth inning, which meant British Columbia wins the Canadian Championship as a result of the 10 run mercy rule.

The Hastings All Stars will go on to represent Canada at the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania from August 16-26. This is the 8th consecutive Canadian Little League Championship for British Columbia teams.

The 2013 Canadian Little League Championship was awarded to the Atlantic Division of Little League Canada, and will take place in Glace Bay, Nova Scotia next summer.

The 2012 Canadian Little League Championship organizing committee wishes to thank the media for their support and coverage of this event. For most of these players and coaches, this will be a once in a lifetime experience, and your reporting made them feel like pros. And the coverage only added to the theme of this Championship "Little League Players - Big League Dreams!" Thank you all!

The 2012 Canadian Little League Championship Tournament began on Saturday August 4th and concluded with the Championship Final on Saturday August 11th. The tournament consisted of six (6) teams from the five Little League regions in Canada plus a host team from Edmonton. The five regions are British Columbia, the Prairies, Ontario, Quebec and the Atlantic Region.

To obtain further information about the 2012 Championship, please get in touch with the following contacts, or access the Championship web page.

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