



2009 Big Apple Memorial Six-A-Side Tournament

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New York City: 51 Teams competed in the 2009 Big Apple Memorial Six-a-Side tournament at the Aviator Sports & Recreation complex in Brooklyn over the Memorial Day weekend. Competition was held in four divisions: Men, Women U-19 Girls, and U-16 Girls on Saturday and Sunday.

The Big Apple Memorial Six-a-Side tournament is held every year to honor the memory of those field hockey lovers who are no longer with us. They all contributed to hockey in their own way and are missed by all.

The results are as follows:

U-16 Division:

Semi-finals:

Fairfield County United (0) vs CEFH (1)
Hudson Valley I (0) vs Hudson Valley II (2)

Finals: Hudson Valley II (3) vs CEFH (1)

U-19 Division:

Semi-finals:

The Edge (1) vs East Coast FHC (0)
Quik Stix (0) vs The Edge Gaya (2)

Finals:

The Edge (1) vs The Edge Gaya (0) - on Sudden Death Penalty Strokes

Women's Division:

Semi-finals:

BAHC Black (0) vs BAHC White (3)
USA MACCABI (3) vs CNY (0)

Finals: USA MACCABI (0) vs BAHC White (1)

Men's Division:

Finals:

D. C. Dragons (1) vs NYIFHC (0) - on Sudden Death Penalty Strokes

The trophy for the U-16 and U-19 girls divisions is donated by Rosemary and Michael Serrette in the name of their beloved daughter, Michele, who passed away in 1983 at the very young age of nine, after getting hit by a ball while standing on the side lines watching her father play in a tournament in Trinidad. "She always loved to watch her father play," said her mom, Rosemary. "We want to encourage the kids to play because they are the future of the sport and that is why we have dedicated this trophy in honor of Michele."

The trophy for men and women competition is dedicated to Harold Cox (New York FHC), William Irving (Greenwich FHC), Michael Grannum (Tri-State Falcons, Longest serving Secretary of NEFHA), Frank Noodt (North Jersey FHC), Roland Mass (New York FHC), George Moody (West Indies International), John Greer (Greenwich FHC), Steven Haley (Greenwich FHC), Kenrick Bernard (New York FHC) George Griffith (New York Islanders FHC), Aldwin Ferguson (New York FHC) and Qamar Uddin (Zindabad FHC). All these gentlemen were devoted to field hockey and contributed to the growth of the sport not just in the tri-state area but through out the USA.

Next on the schedule for BAHF is the International Big Apple Hockey Festival – Mayor's Cup, over Labor Day weekend, September 5 - September 7, 2009 at the Aviator Sports & Recreation complex in Brooklyn. BAHF is currently accepting applications for this tournament. Please see www.Bigapplehockey.com for details.