



2012 Big Apple Memorial Six-A-Side Tournament

New York City: 58 Teams competed in the 2012 Big Apple Memorial Six-a-Side tournament at the Aviator Sports & Recreation complex in New York City over the Memorial Day weekend (May 26 & 27). Competition was held in four divisions: Women, U-19, U-16 and U-14 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 and have contributed to hockey in their own way and is missed by all.

The weekend weather was perfect, with 80's degrees on both days, with a slight interruption of play on the Sunday morning. The whole atmosphere created with music, good hockey, Carnival, vendors, family and friends was a site to behold.

The results are as follows:

U-14 Division:

1st Place: Hudson Valley

2nd Place: The Edge FHC

U-16 Division:

1st Place: The Edge FHC

2nd Place: F C United

U-19 Division:

1st Place: The Edge FHC

2nd Place: Hudson Valley

Women's Division:

1st Place: H V Extreame

2nd Place: Xcalibur FHC

This year the strength of the Hudson Valley and The Edge FHC hockey programs were on display and we witnessed the excellent skill level and great team work of the players.

Congratulations to the winning teams!

Special mentioned was made in respect to Benard Kojem (Ben) a good friend of hockey, loving father and husband and a strong supporter of Wannanchi HC who left us this past year. A small token of acknowledgment was presented to his wife and brother who were in attendance. Gone but not forgotten! RIP!

The trophy for the U-16 and U-19 girls divisions was 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), 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 FHA), Aldwin Ferguson (New York FHC), Qamar Uddin (Zindabad FHC) and Kenwin Nancoo (The Edge FHC).

All these individuals were devoted to field hockey and contributed to the growth of the sport not just in the Tri-state area but throughout the USA.

Special thanks to, Dita Hockey, Defender Mouthguards, All 4Sports, LaGuardia Plaza Hotel and the Flatbush Volunteer Ambulance for their continued support.

On behalf of BAHF, Inc. (Big Apple Hockey) I thank you all for you continued support and we look forward to seeing you at our next event.