

# FLAT STANLEY CUP NEWS

Señores y Señoras! The final two days of the Flat Stanley Cup have been nothing short of legendary. Monumental. Ground-breaking. Stunning. To be sure, the tournament wrap-up was agonizing for some teams as they had to say goodbye to their dreams of winning the cup this year. But this was one for the record books, folks.

On the final day of round-robin group play, we reverted to close grudge matches, eeking out points at the final gasping breaths of some intense games. Classic third graders, led by all-time leading scorer El Samo, defeated their older foes of the day by a one goal differential. This team is the best team in the tournament when it comes to heart and celebrations and whole-team participation. Historic win after win has been aided by the blanketing by Rachel and Emmy alongside Lillian and Lilly and great defensive work from Wyatt and Addison as well as stellar passing from Jack. One of the strongest players who didn't even score was Myles. Ok I could go on all day about this team's heart and team spirit.

Still in the elementary bracket, LasHuellas 2<sup>nd</sup> grade won 2-1 with some solid play from Charlie, Savannah, and Ian in the back and goals by the usual suspects. What was more incredulous was the fourth graders playing with only two players but with a ton of saves from Xavier and a miraculous goal on the faceoff (the only of the tournament) from Noah. Incredible. You had to be there to see it, but it was unbelievable.

For the lower el. games, Trevor scored a last minute goal to lift them past a resilient first grade team of fighters (Merrick, PJ, Greyson<sup>2</sup>, Ethan, Kieth, and Gordie). But lest we forget, Lilli also scored a wonder goal that was called back by a penalty on someone else on her team – way to go Lilli! First grade LasHuellas, Ms. Anita's gorilla warfare group, was the only group not to be defeated by Ms. Rachel's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. They packed the box with defenders and wouldn't let them score.

In the middle school wrap ups, both eighth grade and sixth grade resumed their winning ways with 2-0 and 4-0 victories, respectively. Ethan doubled up, once again, in the eighth grade game and Carson also led his team,

though supported by Aiden in the goal scoring. But what's tough about this sixth grade is their strength and speed; they fly up and down the court! The teachers will have to double team Carson (hint, hint!) and get ready to be sore the next day chasing these goons all around 😊

On the final day of play, Thursday, the group winners faced off to see who was the best team in the elementary and then the best team in the school at large. Mr. Chad's third grade flock was once again too strong for a solid 2<sup>nd</sup> grade team. A goal from Lincoln was not enough to stop the two goals from Sam (one very closely aided by Hunter), the final once again coming at the last second. Tremendous strength was exuding from Ms. Rachel's team of leaders, namely Best and Ruggles and Post and Cuevas and Rodriguez and Duer, to name a few.

The first ever Flat Stanley Cup champions were proven with the same speed and strength they showed all tournament. 6<sup>th</sup> grade takes the trophy after a quick opening goal and a later finale to finish off the winning ways. Gio was sneaky up top and Jacob was solid in the back. This team, Peyden and Justin and Gaurov and Tocino and Carson and Ayden and Gio and Trevor, was strong from the top to the bottom of play and are deserving of the trophy. Will they beat the teachers tomorrow? That remains to be seen, but I have a sneaking suspicion on who I think will win ...

Adios for now,

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