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Re: Pat Dooley Memorial Junior Boys Basketball Classic: a note of thanks from Stephen Dooley

A quick note of thanks to Bernie Love, head Coach, Kwantlen's men's basketball team and his players for organizing the first annual Pat Dooley Memorial Junior Boys Basketball Classic this past weekend. The tournament raised a significant amount of funding for the men's basketball program and the Pat Dooley Scholarship Endowment.

The Pat Dooley Classic was extremely well run with 16 teams competing from across the Lower Mainland. Bernie and his players spent countless hours organizing and delivering the tournament and it went off without a hitch. The feedback from a couple of coaches was that this was the most well organized junior tournament in the province (All the tournament results and photos have been posted on the Kwantlen Eagles website at <http://www.kwantlen.ca/athletics/Tournaments.html>).

I came out on Saturday for the final night and was very impressed with the energy in the gym. While all the teams competed hard they did so in a spirit of true sportsmanship. It was my fortune to hand out the awards to the tournament all stars and the MVP at the end of the tournament.

The theme of Pat's memorial last February was "Take Patrick with you." I want to thank Bernie, the men's basketball team and the Athletic Department for taking this to heart; for developing and delivering a tournament that had Pat's spirit and energy written all over it.

Thanks again.



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