

Saturday - Earning the Medal Rounds

(July 26, 2008) - After two days of double sessions, it was a relief to be playing just one game on Saturday. The medal rounds were determined today as Long Island remained undefeated at 5-0 and Central won a one-goal game with Hudson Valley for the other spot. That left Western and Hudson Valley in the bronze medal game and New York City and Adirondack without a game on Sunday.



The Bronze medal game will be played at 9:00 am and the Gold medal game will be played at 11:00 am on Sunday.

In today's 3:00 pm game, fans saw **Western** play a smart game and defeated Adirondack 11-4. Western attack led their scoring with 9/11 goals. Adirondack had four different players score. Western was hoping to keep the score down in the faint hope that they might win a spot in the gold medal game if the tie breaking procedure would be decided by the "goals against" criteria. By the end of the night, it did not matter since the Hudson

Valley vs Central score was so low. So Western will meet Hudson Valley to play for the bronze medal. **Click here for the story**.

The 5:00 pm game had **Long Island** playing in a mismatch against New York City, who was without their most prolific scorer, Forrest Sonnenfeldt who sat out the game with a back strain.

Long Island dominated against New York City in the second game of the day, winning 17-1. The lone NYC goal was scored with 4:13 remaining in the first quarter when Jon Tomashoff scored for the City on a clear. The long stick defenseman took the ball all the way down the field and scored himself.

Only one offensive player from Long Island did not have either a goal or an assist. The scoring was spread out of 12 players. All but three Long Island players had at least one ground ball. **Click here for the story**.

Both **Central** and Hudson Valley knew that they were playing for the second spot in the Gold medal round and the game was close and hard fought throughout. The teams were intense from start to finish even after five goals over a three and a half minute period in the third quarter and although after a long weather delay that kept them from playing for about two hours. Valley mounted a valiant comeback but they were

one goal short and Central earned the spot with a 8-7 victory. Click here for the story.

The <u>opening day article</u> is also available. For an overview of <u>Thursday's</u> <u>contests</u> click here. <u>Games played on Friday</u> are found here.