

## Western Regional Beaver Cup 2010

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On March 10, 2010 Engineers from Canadian Forces Bases (CFB) Edmonton, Shilo, Suffield and Wainwright gathered at CFB Suffield for the Western Regional Beaver Cup 2010. The three day hockey tournament would test skills on the ice and while CFB Edmonton came out on top this year, the suspense in the last two games could have seen any team take the victory.



The ceremonial puck drop from left to right is Jeff Hallock, CFB Suffield Base Commander, LCol Rod Keller CME, Base RSM, CWO Blake Budd, and Jared Giesbrecht.



CFB Edmonton player scores on CFB Shilo's goaltender during the final match up at the Western Regional Beaver Cup 2010.

Before hitting the ice, the five teams gathered at the Jubilee Arms Club for a "meet and greet" to enjoy food and refreshments, as well as size up the competition.

On Thursday morning CFB Suffield Base Commander, LCol Rod Keller CME, welcomed his fellow Engineers and ceremonially dropped the puck to signify the official start to the Beaver Cup.

Game one saw Suffield square off against Suffield in teams given title "A" and "B". It was a base rivalry that needed to be settled early in the tournament. It was clear some had impressive footwork while others had a bit of a challenge getting their feet under them. A small crowd turned out to cheer on their favourite players.

By Friday, teams were showing endurance. The strong spirit of the Shilo team was noticeable but Edmonton and Suffield were determined to stop their winning streak. At the end of the long day all participants were invited to a banquet to celebrate the gathering of Engineers from four prairie bases. The dinner included Alberta steaks cooked to barbeque perfection.

Saturday morning games were intense. All teams were losing steam on the last day of the tournament and Edmonton pushed hard against Suffield B to win the second semi-final game. The final match up between Shilo and Edmonton was over quickly and Edmonton took home the cup. A few final words from CFB Suffield Base Commander and a victory lap by CFB Edmonton ended the tournament.



CFB Edmonton took home the Beaver Cup in April 2010. The team includes military and civilian engineers and firefighters.



CFB Edmonton goaltender, Andrew Davis, from Engineer Services proudly holds the Beaver Cup above his head.

Until next year...CHIMO!