

St. Patrick's Community School Esports team wins top spot in national tournament

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St. Patrick's Community School is proud to announce that its Celtics Esports Team Green clinched the U-15 title at the prestigious Esports Canada EDU 2024 Spring Rocket League Tournament over the weekend. The event, held on April 20, showcased intense esports competition among 30 teams from across the country over two age categories.

The St. Patrick's Celtics Team Green, one of two teams representing St. Patrick's in the U-15 category, demonstrated remarkable skill and resilience, overcoming a challenging start to the tournament to triumph in the finals. The Swiss-bracket tournament included teams from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick playing three-on-three in Rocket League.

Team Green opened the tournament with a tough loss. Trailing 4-0 in their opening game, they rallied to narrow the gap, before ultimately losing 4-3. Their persistence paid off as they won their next two matches in decisive fashion, advancing as the top team in their pool.

The quarterfinals saw an all-Celtics matchup, with Team Green emerging victorious over Team Purple, thereby ending Team Purple's strong run in the top 8.

Team Green's path to victory included a nail-biting semifinal against the LJC Grizzlys from École Secondaire Louis-Jacques-Casault from Montmagny, Quebec, concluding with a thrilling overtime win.

In the finals, the Celtics faced the HFW Cardinals Red team from Holy Family Catholic School in Wallaceburg, Ontario. Despite leading 2-0, the Celtics needed overtime to secure the first game,

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followed by successive wins in their next two games, finishing the tournament with a commanding 7-2 victory in the third and final match.

"This tournament was a testament to the skill, dedication, and teamwork of all our players. Celtics Team Green showed incredible determination and tactical excellence, and even though it was tough to see them face Celtics Purple early on, both teams have done St. Patrick's proud. We're looking forward to building on this success at the upcoming ASEC event in Lethbridge," said Celtics Esports Head Coach Michael Saretzky.

"This victory marks a significant achievement in the emerging field of scholastic esports, highlighting the talents and potential of young gamers in Canada. St. Patrick's Community School continues to support and celebrate the achievements of its students in all arenas, including the competitive world of esports," added St. Patrick's Community School Principal Mandy Reed.

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