



# Calgary Renegades

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Day 1 of the U18 National Championships went off very well after Herculean efforts by a set-up crew who stayed late and came early and got the pools in fantastic shape in time for Thursday's opening games.

Bagpipes brought the athletes into the opening ceremonies in a nice acknowledgement of the Scottish origins of "wet kilt" water polo. Calgary's new mayor Naheed Nenshi paid a visit and even went out of his way to wish the Renegades good luck after the opening ceremonies had been completed. He has the body of a hole-set, but the jury is still out on his swimming abilities. The various teams all put their own spin on how to wear their complimentary western kerchiefs, with Fraser Valley girls opting for the Raggedy Ann look, the DDO boys wearing them in Wild West bank robbing style, and one Renegade who chose the Full Amish Look and spent the rest of the afternoon taking orders for feather quilts.

Other than that, Day 1 was pretty much business as usual, with a few close games and the "haves" having their way with the "have-nots" on both sides of the women's pool. The Renegades Gold team opened the morning against a tough CAMO team, but the young girls played hard until the final whistle. Kyra Christmas scored the only goal in a 12-1 loss and was named third star for her troubles.

Their second game was against Renegades Black. Black prevailed 18-6 and Renegade parents cheered every goal in a game filled with smiles. Renegades Black finished their day dining on sushi (the Bushido variety) in an easy 22-2 win. Lots of girls scored lots of goals, but the real tests lie ahead.





