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Taeson Knife, a 16-year-old Grade 11 student at F.P. Walshe school, won lacrosse gold with Canada at the Commonwealth Cup in Australia.

Taeson Knife helps Canada claim gold

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Taeson Knife couldn't help but reflect on his lacrosse career as he pulled on a Team Canada jersey for the first time.

The significance of the moment was not lost on the 16-year-old Blood Tribe youth at the 2025 International Indoor Junior Lacrosse Commonwealth Cup in Melbourne, Australia.

"It reminded me of how far I have made it into my career," said Taeson, whose team ended up winning the gold medals at the Commonwealth Cup.

The Canadian team opened the tournament with a 26-12 win over the Melbourne Storm.

In their next game, Canada beat Perth Fury 22-4, and followed that with a 20-7 victory over the Adelaide Thunder.

That sent Canada to the gold medal game where they beat the Australian U20 team 18-6.

In his usual position as transition, Taeson immediately noticed a difference in the level of play in international competition.

"It is much faster paced than what I was used to and a lot more physical," Taeson said.

Taeson had played with Canadian teammate Eric Clarke from their days with the Crowsnest Pass Ravens. He also knew Kieryn Noppen, Koenn Mahar-Robins and Jasen Fiess from B.C., having played together on the Pacific Northwest Native Lacrosse travel team in a field lacrosse tournament.

Taeson credited several people for helping him get to the point where he could represent Canada in lacrosse.

"There are a lot of people, but the ones who helped me the most are my mom, my grandpa, my grandma, and Chad Chief Moon," said Taeson, a Grade 11 student at F.P. Walshe school.

It was Chief Moon who hosted a "try lacrosse" event that introduced Taeson to Canada's national sport when he was in Grade 6.

"I've loved the game since," Taeson said.

Taeson started his box lacrosse career with the Crowsnest Pass Ravens, who are now known as the Chief Mountain Chiefs.

Taeson then joined the Lethbridge Cudas, and played every summer at the Alberta Indigenous Games with Kainai Lacrosse.

The six foot, 150-pound Taeson this year is in his first season of Junior B Tier 2 lacrosse with the Southern Alberta Chaos, and is also a draft choice of the Junior B Tier 1 Lethbridge Rockies.

While in Australia, the Canadian players got to tour Melbourne, visiting beaches and a nature reserve, where Taeson got a close-up look at a kangaroo.

Since his mom, Tana Knife, was in Australia for the tournament, Taeson got permission to accompany Eric Clarke, his father and another player's dad on a fishing expedition.

"During the summer, when I'm not playing or practicing, I like to fish," said Taeson, who had a successful day on the water in Australia.

Taeson plans to keep playing lacrosse and spread his love of the game with other people.

"I want to encourage and mentor the younger kids to enjoy the sport as much as I do," said Taeson, who has helped coach the Crowsnest Pass U11 and Chief Mountain U13 teams the past two years.

"My sister who is 11, is one of the players," Taeson added. "At home, we pass the ball around and I give her some pointers on how to improve her game."