

## 2008 President's Day Elite Invitational – 13U Event Recap



**MM3 CIA Canada Bounce (Canada)**  
**2008 President's Day Elite Invitational 13U Champions**

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MM3 CIA Canada Bounce drove from Canada to Connecticut for one reason: Win the Championship. Canada Bounce did just that going undefeated this weekend in pool play and in the playoffs beating NHBGC Blazers (CT), All For One (MA), Hudson Valley Heat (NY), and Westbrook (CT) all by more than 15+ points each. What was more impressive than the highly skilled athletes, speed, and size of Canada Bounce was their discipline and understanding of the offenses and defenses that they were running. The coaching staff did a great job calling timeouts and managing this team to almost perfection through out the weekend. The team they would match up against in the Championship Game had their own agenda on Sunday and planned to win the Championship and walk away with the 12 pairs of adidas sneakers and bragging writes. The Gauchos were also undefeated this weekend having beat NHBGC Blazers (CT) in overtime, Durham Shock (CT), and Westbrook (CT). The Gauchos suffered a major scare on opening night squeaking out a two point overtime win against NHBGC Blazers in front of about 150 fans. The Blazers played tough and hard and proved they were not scared of any team playing the Gauchos to the wire.

The Championship Game was everything it was expected to be with a series of runs for both Canada Bounce and Gauchos. The Gauchos came out fired up and pushed Canada Bounce to play at a speed they did not feel comfortable with, but Bounce's coaching staff took over, settled their team down, and controlled the tempo of the game for the next 20 minutes pushing up their led to 11 at the half. In the second half the Bounce's lead grew to almost 20 points, until about four minutes left the Gauchos threw together a full court man press that temporally flustered Bounce and were able to cut the lead to 11 points. The Bounce then took the air out of the ball and controlled the clock on their way to a 68-47 Championship win over the Gauchos.

Player evaluations: Championship MVP: Canada's Musa Kalon (6'5 F) who was long and athletic controlled the boards and blocked shots. Kalon finished with a double-double and was also Canada's co-leading scorer finishing with 15 points, 14 rebounds, and 5 blocked shots. Cyle Egamino (5'8 G) from Canada was a spot up shooter knocking down jump shots, scoring in transition, and locking up the Gauchos speedy scorers. Egamino finished with 15 points, 4 steals, and 5 assists. The Gauchos player that impressed the most through out the weekend was Matt Kerrigan (6'1 SF) who a tough, hard nose player that did a little of everything. Kerrigan finished with only 10 points in the game, but proved to be a very smart player setting up teammates in scoring position by drawing defenders for 5 assists, taking 2 charges on the defensive side, and boxing out while pulling down 12 rebounds. Gauchos speedy point-combo guard who at times looked like their floor general finished with 14 points and 6 assists. Gauchos leading scorer in the game was Ronnie Pinkerton who finished with 16 points.



**New York Gauchos (NY)**  
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### MM3 CIA Canada Bounce Tournament Standouts



Musa Kalon (MVP)



Tyler McIntyre



Paulo Reyes



Tevin Findlay



Cyle Egamino

### New York Gauchos Tournament Standouts



Isiah Whitehead



Ronnie Pinkerton



Matt Kerrigan

**Other standouts for CIA Bounce Canada were Tyler McIntyre with 7 pts & 4 assists, Tevin Finlay with 5 pts, R.J. Ramirez with 5 pts, Jaylen Roberts with 4 pts, Joshua Rhodius with 4 pts, and Brent Carey with 3 pts. Other Gauchos contributor: Parker with 7 pts.**