

# Vancouver and Victoria get weekend visit from Super Bowl champion Seattle Seahawks

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A little rain wasn't going to dampen the festive weekend the Seattle Seahawks had planned for the members of the [12th Man in British Columbia](#).

Fans crowded Jack Poole Plaza in downtown Vancouver on Friday night to join Seahawks players Russell Wilson, Bobby Wagner, Bruce Irvin, Jermaine Kearse, and Bryan Walters for an evening of celebration.

It's the fifth year the Seahawks have stopped through B.C. on their official summer tour of the Pacific Northwest but each visit offers something new. This time, they brought with them a shiny silver trophy that they had won for the first time in franchise history when they beat the Broncos [43-8 in Super Bowl XLVIII](#) a few months earlier.

The players that made the trip to Canada were left overly impressed by the city and its loyal legion of football fanatics.

"It's beautiful up here," said Wagner.

"This is like home, I'm excited to be here," said Wilson. "We love seeing people in Seattle but we need our Vancouver people, too."

"I think it's always good to come up here and show our support," added Irvin. "It's a privilege to be here, I'm having a great time."

On Saturday, the players' focus shifted back to the football field. Ambleside Park in West Vancouver was home to an all-day flag football tournament and Wilson brought his football camp, the Russell Wilson Passing Academy, which had over 200 kids participate and learn the fundamentals of football from the best. The day concluded with a

celebrity game coached by the Seahawk players.

To cap off their weekend, Wagner and Irvin stopped over in Victoria to meet with Vancouver Island's contingent of the 12th Man.

"The Seahawks are cognizant that there are a lot of fans in Canada, specifically Western Canada," said Omar Mawjee, the managing director for the Seahawks Regional Marketing Office in Canada. "We organize events like this every year to say thank you for the support from this market."

It's worth noting that everything the Seahawks do in Canada is done in concert with the CFL and the B.C. Lions. The Lions had an [autograph booth set up](#) at Saturday's event and the teams have [worked together in the past](#) and continue to maintain a healthy relationship.

This past season was especially exciting for B.C.'s Seahawks fans as they watched their team make their run to the Super Bowl. Their passion was certainly felt over the last three days and their presence is recognized at every home game, when thousands drive down to Seattle to watch the action.

This weekend, the Seahawks returned the favour. It's an experience that the players will cherish for just as long as the fans they came across.



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