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NFL FLAG FOOTBALL WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

TEAM CANADA TAKES THE SILVER MEDAL

Team Canada earned a silver place finish at the 2006 Flag Football World Championship. The round robin tournament, comprised of ten national teams, took place on August 24-26th in Cologne Germany.

Team Thailand earned a 45-32 victory after Canada had closed a 12 point halftime gap to come within 6 points in the second half. Each team drove hard, showing resilience right to the end.

Team Canada was represented by players from Ecole River Heights in Winnipeg, where Flag has been played for the last seven years. They earned their spot in the World tournament in February play-offs in Windsor, Ontario. Altogether there were 800 teams, internationally that played for the right to play in the Worlds.

For more information please visit: <http://www.canoe.ca/FlagFootball/News>



TEAM CANADA PLAYERS NAMED CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT MVPs



Photos: Kurt Tillman

August 27th - Cologne, Germany – There was double cause for celebration for Canada when receiver Ben Allen was named the tournament's male MVP and Emily Zarychta took the female award.

Receiver Ben Allen led the tournament in touchdowns and therefore in points scored and claimed the male award. The female accolade went to teammate from the Ecole River Heights team Emily Zarychta, the second year running the award has gone to a member of the Canadian team.

But in the end it was Thailand that retained the NFL Flag Football World Championship with a 45-32 victory over Canada. The Chaopraya Wittayakom School from Bangkok outscored the Ecole River Heights Middle School team from Winnipeg, Manitoba and came up with some key defensive plays to deny the Canadians a shot at a comeback. Thailand led 39-32 going into the final minute of action and managed one more score to put the game out of Canada's reach.

Game recaps on the championship game and both semi finals can be found in the news section of the tournament website www.NFL-Flag.com.

The NFL is proud to partner with Reebok, EA and Gatorade and promote this prestigious coed tournament, which motivates boys and girls to participate in a fun and safe sport.

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MARITIME WOMEN'S FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS



August 6th – Congratulations to the Lady Gladiators, from the Capital Area of Fredericton, for winning the Judy Upward Trophy at Leo Hayes Field in Fredericton, New Brunswick. They defeated the Halifax Xplosion by a score of 20 - 8.

For more information, please visit <http://www.gridironnewbrunswick.org/mwflhome.html>

MARITIME FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS

August 12th – Congratulations to Saint John Vito's Alpine Wanderers who captured their second McIntyre Cup at Simonds High Field in Simonds, New Brunswick. They defeated the Dartmouth Knights by a score of 52 – 26 to win the 5th annual Maritime Bowl.



For more information, please visit <http://www.mflfootball.ca/>



(Cindy Wilson/Telegraph – Journal)

2006 NORTHERN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

August 20th – Milton, ON – The Oshawa Hawkeyes captured their first NFC title with a score of 20 – 17 in a tightly fought defensive struggle against the Milton Marauders. Oshawa netted 242 yards offensively, while Milton had slightly more with 273. Leading rushers were Oshawa's Evan Davis who had 6 carries for 44 yards and a touchdown while Milton's Jon Nedeljkovic had 16 carries for 94 yards. At the pivot position Oshawa's Quarterback Chris Foster was 10 for 20, 1 T.D. and 1 interception. Milton's Josh Spaniel was 6 for 16 and 1 T.D. Offensive Game MVP was Milton's Jon Nedeljkovic, and for Defense, Oshawa's Hughroy Simms, who had 5 tackles including 1 for a loss.

The National Championship will be played on Saturday, September 23rd, 2006 in Red Deer, Alberta.

10th ANNUAL FOOTBALL CANADA CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT



August 1st - Football Canada's 10th Annual Charity Golf Tournament was another huge success. All of the proceeds raised during the day will support our grass roots Amateur Football Programs for girls and boys. The main success of our event is because of our sponsors, as well as our golfers and donors who participate in our signage, auction and prize programs. We sincerely appreciate the interest and generosity of all sponsors and participants, and look forward to next year's tournament.

ParkLane Financial Group's Ed Furtak, on the left, and Ron Olsthoorn, on the right, present Jack Jordan, CEO of Football Canada, a cheque for \$183,156.93 as part of Football Canada's participation in the ParkLane Donations for Canada Program.

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP 2007 QUALIFIER

August 5th, 2006 – **Germany wins big against Denmark.** Bright sunshine and 1,427 spectators at Flensburg near the Danish border provided good surroundings for the World championship qualifier. The Danish team saw themselves as underdogs, but had a strong first quarter, opening the game with a forced fumble recovery and scoring a touchdown 4 plays later. After their initial shock, the German defense took matters into their own hands, allowing only two first downs in the first half. The second half saw the German team take total control of the game, building up the score for a 68 – 7 win. This win qualifies the German team for World Cup 2007, which will be held in Kawasaki, Japan from July 7th to 15th, 2007.



GEORGE WELSH TO LEAD UNITED STATES ENTRY IN IFAF WORLD CUP 2007

August 9th Vienna, VA – Former Navy and University of Virginia head coach George Welsh has been selected by USA Football to lead the United States national team that will compete in the third World Championship of American Football next year in Kawasaki, Japan.

For more information please visit <http://www.ifaf.info/>.

ENERGY DRINKS UPDATE

We've had several inquiries about energy drinks and their effect on health, sport performance, and of course doping-free sport. One thing to be aware of is that many energy drinks on the market have high caffeine levels. Currently, caffeine is not considered a Prohibited Substance, but it is being monitored by WADA in its 2006 Monitoring Program.

Please advise all your athletes that energy drinks should be viewed as supplements. For more information about supplements, please see the following attachments, provided by the CCES and Health Canada.

Supplements FAQ

<http://www.cces.ca/pdfs/CCES-PUB-SupplementFAQ-E.pdf>

Supplements section on CCES website

http://www.cces.ca/forms/index.cfm?dsp=template&act=view3&template_id=152&lang=e

Health Canada

http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/iyh-vsv/prod/energy-energie_e.html.

“RED” AND “BEAR” COME SOUTH

For the past three years, Gord Hudson, a former Ottawa Rough Rider, has organized football skills camps for the youth of the Cree Nation at Mistissini in Northern Quebec. Many coaches have attended from the pro ranks, most recently Don Mathews of the Montreal Alouettes, the CIS, and amateur ranks. Not only are there football skills workshops but an opportunity to interact with the kids of the region showing them care, affirmation and encouragement.

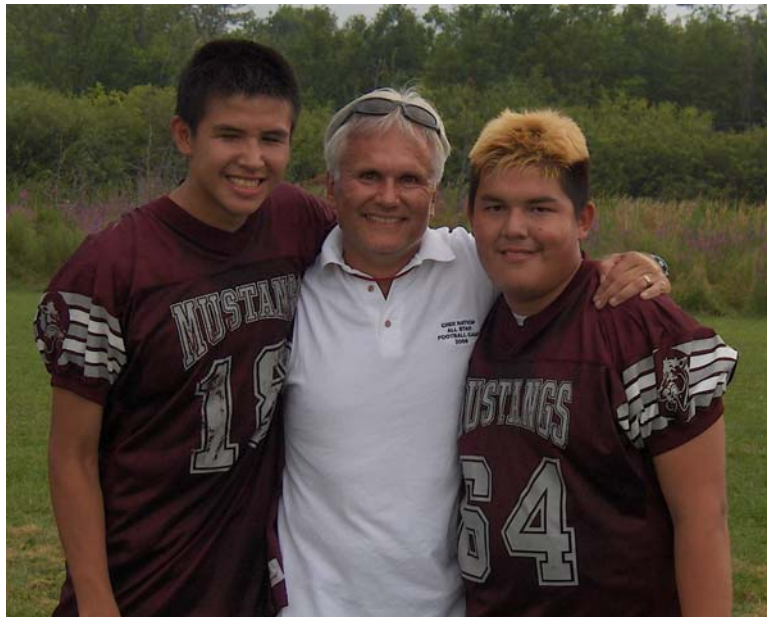
One of the coaches, Paul Racine, was approached by two Cree youths Redfern Mattawashish and Jamie (Bear) Iserhoff to express their desire to come south and play football for the coach. Neither had ever played tackle football.

After consulting with Gord Hudson and the administration and staff of the Canterbury Mustang Bantam Football Team (National Capital Amateur Football Association), Coach Racine agreed it would be a great experience for everybody concerned. Coach Racine, along with his wife Patty opened up their home and made preparations for “Red” and “Bear” to go through training camp and two preseason games.

Both young players demonstrated character, commitment, and solid play to the point that fellow Mustang coaches, Rick Sowieta, Scott Yeldon and Ty McLaren expressed their regrets that both were leaving after the pre-season.

Red and Bear plan to act as coaches at next year's football skills camp.

For more information concerning the Cree Nation of Mistissini, visit <http://www.nation.mistissini.qc.ca>.



“Red”, Coach Paul Racine, “Bear”

CAMP SMITTY

Twenty eight members of Ontario Boys and Girls Clubs participated in a Flag Football Awareness Clinic on Tuesday, August 29th at [Camp Smitty](#) in Eganville, Ontario. The teenagers were part of Youth in Motion, a provincial youth conference that focuses on leadership.

Football Canada staff, Rick Sowieta and Cara Lynch, had participants practice throwing, catching and snapping skills before they delved into two separate games. It's no surprise that there were a lot of good plays on the field, enhanced by immense enthusiasm.

Many had played previously and were able to show off some good, solid throws. One of the tougher fundamental skills was snapping. Participants were reminded that the ball should be gripped as it would be for an overhand throw. A successful snap is important to avoid loss of down.



The goal of the clinic was to foster development of Flag leagues at Boys and Girls Clubs. Coaches and players benefit from the opportunity to ask questions and immediately work together to improve. Each Club received a copy of the Skill Development Program Guide that reviews plays, practice sessions, safety and rules.

For more information on the Boys and Girls Clubs of Ontario visit: <http://www.boysandgirlsontario.ca> .

PETRO-CANADA COACHING EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Since 1986, the Coaching Association of Canada has recognized the contribution of coaches to athlete and coaching development. In 2000, Petro-Canada came on board as sponsor of the Coaching Excellence Awards.

Once again, we invite National Sport Organizations to nominate coaches who meet the criteria of the Petro-Canada Coaching Excellence Awards. The awards will be presented at the Sport Leadership Awards Dinner in Vancouver on Friday, November 3, 2006.

For more information please visit: http://www.coach.ca/eng/awards/petro_canada.cfm .

GINO FRACAS AWARD

Football Canada, in conjunction with the CIS and the PotashCorp Vanier Cup Managing Committee, will again present the Gino Fracas Award to the country's top Volunteer CIS Assistant Coach. The award is so named to recognize the many contributions Gino Fracas has made to the game of football and the great number of his assistants who have gone on to full-time employment in the CIS.

The Award will be presented during the PotashCorp Vanier Cup festivities. Details will follow at a later date.