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*** HOLIDAY SCHEDULE ***

Please note that the Football Canada office will be closed for the holidays from Monday, December 25, 2006 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

WE WISH YOU ALL A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL (IFAF) TECHNICAL COMMITTEE



Bob Swan, Executive Director, Football Canada, will be joining fellow IFAF Technical Committee members: Paul Manera, Gridiron Australia, Thomas Ahlberg, Sweden SAFF, and Nick Inzerello, USA Football at the annual American Football Coaches Association meetings held in San Antonio, Texas, January 7 – 10, 2007.

The Technical Committee meeting agenda will consist of the following topics:

1. Long Term Athlete Development
2. Coaching Development and Accreditation
3. International Flag Football Development
4. Technical Committee Bylaws and Structure
5. "On – line" Coach Training
6. Additional member countries to join the Technical Committee

NFL International will also make a presentation on the Junior Player Development Program.

FLAG FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Flag Football Development Committee assembled in Ottawa on the weekend of December 1-3. The Committee was formed last year to support Flag growth as it takes hold in the national and international sport circuit.

Results of the meeting include finalized rules for 5-person and 7-person teams, reviewing the new NCCP Community Initiation – Coaches manual and setting dates for clinics throughout Canada.

The next development meeting will occur in late spring 2007, prior to Quebec hosting the first national senior invitational. For more information on Flag Football programs, contact flag@footballcanada.com.



Flag Football Development Committee

Seated Left to Right: Rick Sowieta, Cara Lynch, Richard MacLean, Mark McDougall, Jeff Yausie. Standing Left to Right: Mike Fitzsimmons, Don VonAchte, Rob Berkowits, Kim Wudrick, Andre Dion, Francois Bougie, Bob Swan

CANNABIS COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

Ottawa – December 12, 2006- Football Canada representatives, attended a meeting at the offices of the Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) along with other key stakeholders from the Canada Games, Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS), Canadian Colleges Athletic Association (CCAA), the Canadian Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (CAHPERD) and Health Canada.

Because cannabis use is occurring more frequently in the 14 – 18 year old Canadian demographic resulting in athletes who may be using the substance for purposes outside of sport are also at risk of testing positive during in – competition testing.

The Canadian Centre for Ethics in Sport (CCES) is responsible for drug testing among Canadian athletes and for providing accurate and relevant information to athletes concerning the drugs that are included in the testing process.

Since this issue is a social issue for this demographic that has specific repercussions on their athletic career. It is critical to properly inform and educate athletes within this target group in order to ensure that they have the tools to make the right choices and decisions.

Therefore the CCES with the help of the relevant stakeholders, and after a considerable amount of research, developed a Cannabis Communication Plan that will be launched in the spring 2007 and carry through the fall. The plan includes presenter programs, discussion forums, website information, video, DVD, posters and brochures (leave behind literature).

OFSAA BOWL GAMES

OFSAA held its Bowl Games in Toronto on December 8, 2006. More details may be found at www.ofsaabowl.com and www.waymoresports.com.



- For days, the St. Michael's Kerry Blues and quarterback Chris Rossetti kept hearing about how the mighty Pickering Trojans defence can do this and can do that. Unstoppable is how some put it. In the 25th annual Metro Bowl, it was Rossetti's team who couldn't be stopped in an 18-0 upset victory before a disappointing crowd of 500 or so fans at the Rogers Centre.

- The Golden Horseshoe Bowl needed three overtime periods to decide a winner with St. Thomas More of Hamilton, led by Matt D'Amico's two touchdowns, beating Lakeshore Catholic of Port Colborne, 39-32.

- The Frontenac Falcons of Kingston had an opportunity to force overtime in the National Capital Bowl, but missed four field goal attempts, as the St. Mark's Lions of Manotick (near Ottawa) held on for a nailbiting 10-8 victory.

- Jeff Greco scored four touchdowns to lead St. Mary's of Sault Ste. Marie to a 52-10 demolition of Westgate from Thunder Bay in the Northern Bowl.

- In the Western Bowl, London's Ben Roberts had a touchdown, field goal, single and four converts in St. Thomas Aquinas' 40-7 crushing of Guelph Collegiate.

LAVAL CLAIMS FOURTH VANIER CUP IN EIGHT YEARS



SASKATOON (CIS) - No. 2-ranked Laval University claimed its fourth Vanier Cup in eight years as Canadian Interuniversity Sport football champion in typical Rouge et Or fashion: with dominating defence.

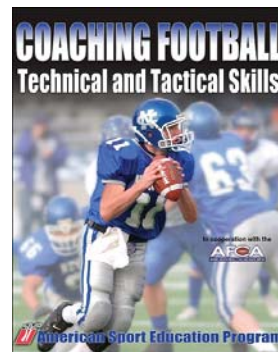
Laval defeated the hometown University of Saskatchewan Huskies 13-8 on Saturday afternoon in front of a sold-out and cold crowd of just under 13,000 fans, who cheered on their Dogs until the final whistle despite temperatures of well below 20 degrees.

The complete story may be found at:

http://www.universitysport.ca/e/football/story_detail.cfm?id=8130

HUMAN KINETICS – BOOK OF THE MONTH

Coaching Football Technical and Tactical Skills focuses on the situational decisions players and coaches make that often determine the outcome of games and allows players to gain valuable game-like playing experience in practice by putting them in key tactical situations like the scramble, man-to-man and zone pass coverage, and onside kick.



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TEAM CANADA NAMES ASSISTANT COACHES

Marshall, Ptaszek and Nill among the coaches joining Team Canada at Super Bowl XLI.

Glen Constantin, Team Canada football head coach, announced his staff for the NFL Global Junior Championship XI set for January 29-February 3 in Fort



Lauderdale, Florida. Canada is the defending champion.

Four of the nine assistants named by Constantin are head coaches at Canadian universities. There are four offensive coaches, four defensive coaches and one special teams coach.

On the offence, Justin Ethier, offensive coordinator at Universite Laval, is the Offensive coordinator & quarterback coach ; Greg Marshall, head coach at the University of Western Ontario, the offensive line coach; Stefan Ptaszek, head coach at McMaster University, is the receivers coach; and Marco Iadaluca, offensive coordinator for the St-Leonard Cougars (CJFL), the running backs coach.

On defence, Warren Craney, defensive coordinator at Concordia University, fills the same role with Team Canada; Blake Nill, head coach at the University of Calgary, handles the secondary; Marc Santerre, head coach at the Université de Montreal, is the defensive backs coach; and Randy Fournier, defensive line coach at the University of Ottawa, fills the same function with Team Canada.

Pat Tracey, defensive coordinator at Queen's University, is the special teams coach.

"I'm very pleased to have such an experienced staff who have left their mark on Canadian football," said Constantin. "We had more than 50 applications for the positions."

Full bios are available on line at www.teamcanadafootball.com

The Global Junior Championship XI is an official NFL event and takes place in Fort Lauderdale during Super Bowl Week (January 29- February 3, 2007). The tournament, now in its eleventh year, will be played as part of the Super Bowl XLI festivities.

Other countries participating are Japan, Mexico, France, Panama and the U.S. A South Florida select squad will represent the U.S.

Written by Sportcom for Team Canada Football

NCCP LEARNING FACILITATOR CLINIC – GUELPH

University of Guelph, Ontario – December 9, 2006 – Bob Swan, Executive Director, Rick Sowieta, Technical Director, Football Canada and Jim Rion, Technical Director, ontariotacklefootball.com hosted a Learning Facilitator workshop for the new NCCP context: Community Sport – Initiation - Tackle. Fourteen coaches from across Ontario attended the workshop.

The Community Sport – Initiation context has been designed for the Novice Coach that coaches children under the age of 13. The roll out of the NCCP program will intensify in the New Year. For more information concerning this program or other NCCP programs, please contact Rick Sowieta at technical@footballcanada.com.

TEAM CANADA SELECTS 31 PLAYERS FOR 40-MAN ROSTER



Montreal, December 19, 2006 (Sportcom) – Team Canada Football announced today it has selected 31 players for its 40-man roster for the NFL Global Junior Championship to be held January 29-February 3 in Fort Lauderdale.

Head coach Glen Constantin and his staff made their decisions following last weekend's selection camp at Rosemère, Que., which attracted 120 of the top under-19 players in Canada.

Of the 31 selections, 18 are from Quebec, seven from Ontario, four from Alberta while B.C., and the Maritimes have one representative each. There are five returnees from last year's squad that beat the U.S., 10-0 in the championship final in Detroit. They are LB John Surla, DB James Savoie and DL Scott Fournier, all from Ontario and OL Sébastien Taché and QB Bruno Prud'homme, both from Quebec.

All selections are listed below. The remaining nine selections are expected to be announced in the next few days.

"The coaching staff was impressed with the determination and fitness level of the players at camp," said Constantin. "We knew we were going to have to make difficult choices. There certainly wasn't a shortage of talent. As well there are tournament rules to follow and one is you can't select more than four players from the same club team. Still we feel we've put together a squad that will give us a strong opportunity to successfully defend our title."

Constantin's assistants are Warren Craney, Justin Éthier, Randy Fournier, Marco Iadaluca, Greg Marshall, Blake Nill, Stefan Ptaszek, Marc Santerre and Pat Tracey.

Team Canada Football heads to Orlando on January 22 for a preparatory camp. The tournament officially opens on January 28. The preliminary round games are January 31 from noon to 10 p.m., which will determine the finalists. The championship game is Saturday February 3 at 3 p.m. at Lockhart Stadium in Fort Lauderdale.

Panama makes its debut at the tournament and is in the American Division with Mexico and the U.S. Canada is in the National Division with Japan and France, the European champions.

#	PROV.	NAME	FIRST NAME	POS	TEAM	CITY
1	AB	TOLLESTUP	DALIN	QB	CALGARY DINOS	RAYMOND
2	AB	HANKINSON	DUNKAN	REC	ALBERTA	SHERWOOD PARK
3	AB	PARKER	ANTHONY	REC	ALBERTA	OKOTOKS
4	AB	DESMET	LUCAS	LB	VANCOUVER ISLANDS RAIDERS	CALGARY
5	BC	VILLAGE	DAN	K/P	QUEENS U.	ABBOTSFORD
6	ON	FRANCOIS	ARIAN	REC	MISSISSAUGA WARRIORS	BRAMPTON
7	ON	SAVOIE	JAMES	DB	NIAGARA SPEARS	NIAGARA FALLS
8	ON	SURLA	JOHN	LB	NIAGARA SPEARS	NIAGARA FALLS
9	ON	DUNN	BRENDAN	OL	NOTRE DAME H.S.	BURLINGTON
10	ON	FOURNIER	SCOTT	DL	OTTAWA	OTTAWA
11	ON	MITCHELL	SCOTT	DL	ST. MARK	MAWOTICK
12	ON	MEDERIOS	ROBIN	REC	WENTWORTH	ANCASTER
13	QC	MALONEY	HARRISON	DB	CHAMPLAIN LENNOXVILLE	THURSO
14	QC	BRUNO	FRANK	REC	CEGEP VANIER	KIRKLAND
15	QC	CHENARD	PATRICK	DB	CHATEAUGUAY RAIDERS	MONTREAL
16	QC	FEOLI-GUDINO	JULIAN	REC	CEGEP DU VIEUX MONTREAL	OUTREMONT
17	QC	FONSECA	FELIPE	LB	CEGEP MONTMORENCY	LAVAL
18	QC	FORTIN	MARC-ANTOINE	DL	CHAMPLAIN LENNOXVILLE	SILLERY
19	QC	FRECHETTE	OLIVIER	DB	SPARTIATES VIEUX MONTREAL	LAVAL
20	QC	FRIEDMAN	DAVID	RB	ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL	WESTMOUNT
21	QC	GASCON-NADON	ARNAUD	DL	SPARTIATES VIEUX MONTREAL	OUTREMONT
22	QC	LAVAUD	SAMMY	LB	CEGEP VANIER	PIERREFONDS
23	QC	MCKELVEY	PHILIPP	DL	CHATEAUGUAY RAIDERS	ST-HUBERT
24	QC	NOEL	DOMINIQUE	DB	CHAMPLAIN LENNOXVILLE	SOREL-TRACY
25	QC	NORMAN	MATTHEW	OL	CEGEP VANIER	CHATEAUGUAY
26	QC	PALL	AMEET	DL	CEGEP VANIER	PIERREFONDS
27	QC	PLESIUS	FREDERIC	LB	CHAMPLAIN LENNOXVILLE	LAVAL
28	QC	PRUD'HOMME	BRUNO	QB	CEGEP FX GARNEAU	SAINT-AUGUSTIN
29	QC	SMITH	KYLE	DB	KENT SCHOOL (USA)	CHATEAUGUAY
30	QC	TACHE	SEBASTIEN	OL	CEGEP JOHN ABBOTT	GATINEAU
31	QC	WHITE	RYAN	OL	COUGARS ST-LEONARD	ST-LEONARD

OTTAWA RB/DT ACCEPTS SCHOLARSHIP OFFER FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF TULSA

By BRUCE GARRIOCH -- Ottawa Sun

Tyler Holmes is going to follow in his father's footsteps.

The 18-year-old former Myers Riders and Nepean Redskins defensive tackle, and son of former Rough Riders running back Richard Holmes, will head for the University of Tulsa on a football scholarship next month.



"We've been talking to the school for a while and it was the best choice," said the 6-foot-4, 290-lb. Holmes last night. "I'm really excited. I made the decision last week. I spoke with a lot of schools and this is what I wanted."

Making a choice wasn't easy for Holmes, who played two years of high school football with Merivale before switching to the city programs with Myers and Nepean. He had talks with several schools, including North Carolina State, Syracuse, Houston, Akron and Louisville.

For the complete story, please refer to:

<http://www.ottawasun.ca/Sports/Football/2006/12/14/2788157-sun.html>

PHOTO OF THE MONTH

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Gang Tackle – Football Canada Cup – Winnipeg, Manitoba, July, 2006