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NFL GLOBAL JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP XI TEAM CANADA UPDATE



Montreal, January 29, 2007 – The six-country NFL Global Junior Championship XI officially started today in Fort Lauderdale as the participating teams trained at the competition venue. The first round games are on Wednesday.



In the first round games, each team faces each of its two division opponents once. Each game consists of two 10-minute halves. The two division champions meet in the final on February 3 at 3 p.m. The final is a 48-minute game.

Team Canada is in the National Division with France and Japan. The American Division teams are the U.S., Mexico and Panama, a return entry this year.

On Wednesday, the Canadians open against France at 1:45 p.m. followed by a match versus Japan at 3:30 p.m. All games are at Lockart Stadium in Fort Lauderdale. NCAA rules are in effect. However overtime rules are only in effect in the final.

For medical reasons, defensive lineman Philipp Mckelvey of the Chateauguay (Que.) Raiders can't compete at the tournament. He'll be replaced by Maurice Forbes of the Mississauga Warriors.

Team Canada head coach Glen Constantin was impressed with his squad's showing at a training camp in Orlando from January 22-27. "Our receivers stood out in particular and our passing game appeared strong overall. I'm convinced we can successfully defend our title."

Canada won its second straight title last year with a 10-0 victory over the U.S.

Canada has reached every final since 2000 earning victories in 2000 in Atlanta, 2005 in Jacksonville and 2006 in Detroit.

Media can access photos, results, game reports for each Team Canada match and a complete schedule on-line at www.teamcanadafootball.com. There'll also be a link for live broadcasts of each game. For interview requests or more information the media can contact Stephanie Picard at (514) 352-3059 extension 3909 or Jean-Charles Meffe, Team Canada's technical director in Miami at 514-515-3059.

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INAUGURAL NCCP FLAG FOOTBALL CLINIC

Football Canada hosted the first ever NCCP Flag Football Clinic for Community Sport Initiation – Novice Coaches, which was held on Monday, January 29th in Ottawa. A day – long exchange gave participants an understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a novice coach. Material covered in classroom included Making Ethical Decisions, Practice Planning, and Fundamentals of the game. Participants ran through skill drills in the afternoon, tying together textbook principles for coaches to implement in practices and games.



The clinic, approved by the Canadian Association of Coaches, was attended by a dynamic group, which helped to create a strong final product. While the clinic is designed for people new to coaching, it was a mix of beginners and coaches in the competitive football culture. The amount of experience in the room will certainly have an impact on the quality of future clinics.

Football Canada thanks the participants for joining the inaugural session. Your input is appreciated.



Front to back:
Bryan Beauchamp, Jen Kavanagh, Ralph Siciliano,
Brenda Cox, Josh Johns, Francois Bougie

FLAG DEVELOPMENT

Cara Lynch, Flag and Touch Football Coordinator attended an Innovative Participation Project Workshop (IPP), hosted by [Parks and Recreation Ontario](#) on January 22, 2007.

The day long workshop, for individuals that design sport, recreation and health services at the community level offered group tasks, discussions and guided each person into planning a project specific to an organizational need. The workshop exercised Cara to focus on Flag Football projects and put together criteria for success and evaluation mechanisms.

David Clark, the course facilitator, owns and operates his own consulting firm. He provides services to the private, government, not for profit sectors in business and market planning, operational review, strategic planning and group facilitation. David was full of energy and motivated people to network, share ideas and build strength in community programs.

LTAD WORKSHOP

(January 16 & 17, 2007) – Football Canada representatives Bob Swan, Rick Sowieta, and student researcher Ryan Bechmanis attended a National Long-Term Athlete Development Workshop held in Ottawa.

Led by LTAD Facilitators Richard Way and Istvan Bayli some of the sessions included an LTAD 5-Year Plan, "Operationalization" of LTAD, Early Specialization Sports, Physical Literacy, Health and Education, Management Change, and Athletes with a Disability Development.

Football Canada is committed to the Long-Term Athlete Development Program and will host a football specific LTAD conference on February 8, 9 and 10th in Ottawa.



ABORIGINAL SPORT AWARDS

The deadline to recognize the accomplishments of an outstanding Aboriginal Athlete or Coach for the Tom Longboat Award or the National Aboriginal Coaching Award is Friday, February 16, 2007.

Each year the top athlete and coach from each province/territory are selected for Regional awards. The Regional winners are then eligible for the National awards, which the Aboriginal Sport Circle honours at the National Hockey Championships in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

You can access the nomination forms from the Aboriginal Sport Circle website at www.aboriginalsportcircle.ca or contact us at 1-866-938-1176 for more information

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FOOTBALL CANADA OFFICIALS' CERTIFICATION PROGRAM MANUALS

Please be advised that the revised Football Canada Officials' Certification Program (FCOCP) Level 1 and Level 2 Student and Course Conductor Manuals are now available in both French and English.

Please contact Jennifer Purdy (admin@footballcanada.com) for order and pricing information.

CHILDREN'S FITNESS TAX CREDIT

The Canada Revenue Agency releases additional information about the Children's Fitness Tax Credit Ottawa, Ontario, January 5, 2007. The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) wishes to inform parents and organizations providing eligible physical activity programs that additional information about the proposed Children's Fitness Tax Credit is now available online at www.cra.gc.ca/fitness.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Please be advised that Football Canada's Annual General Meeting will be held in Ottawa from June 1st to 3rd, 2007. More to details to follow.

PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Sunbowl XXI
June 24, 25 – 2006
Cowichan Valley, BC

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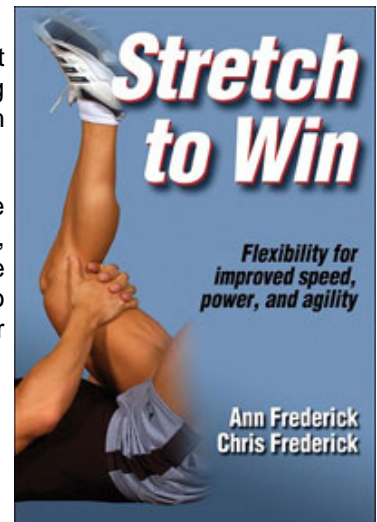
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NATIONAL OFFICE UPDATE

Football Canada is pleased to welcome intern Tyler Aldercotte to the National Office. Tyler is currently a Health Science student at University of Ottawa and is busy researching 6- and 9-player football. An Ottawa Gee-Gee receiver, Tyler brings with him a wealth of knowledge and experience and we are very pleased to have him.

Please contact Tyler at 613-564-2785 or student@footballcanada.com.