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### 2009 IFAF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

## CANADA READY TO FACE AMERICANS IN FINAL

Montreal, July 3, 2009 – Junior football's two superpowers are ready to square-off in the final on Sunday at 1 p.m. at the 2009 IFAF World Junior Championships in Canton, Ohio.

Once again it is a Canada – U.S. final. But unlike past years when the NFL junior tournament was held in conjunction with the Super Bowl, the U.S., team is fielding the best players from all 50 states rather than one state. The Canadians, three-time defending champions, face a tough task as the top-seeds.

"This isn't the same kind of U.S., team," said Carl Brennan, Canada's offensive line coach. "They are fast, physical and well coached. We watched the U.S., games against France and Mexico and we'll have to be sharp."

"The offensive line must adjust to the defensive line. Our reaction time will be an important factor," added Brennan, who fulfills the same function with the Université Laval Rouge et Or.

Regardless of the opponent, Brennan says Canada shouldn't change its game plan. "Our practices are always intense," he said. "Even if we were playing against another team besides the U.S., the practices would be just as intense."

The defence will also have its hands full controlling the fast runners on the American team. Defensive back Jean-Philippe Bolduc of Montreal expects the Americans to rely on their rushing game. "From what we saw on video their passing game is not that strong," said the 19-year-old who plays for College Champlain in Lennoxville. "They do have excellent rushers including one named Wilson. We don't need to be intimidated. If we control their ground game and we minimize our errors, we'll be alright."

In the semifinals, Canada defeated Mexico 38-35 while the U.S., hammered Mexico 55-0.

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