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2009 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

CANADA WELL-PREPARED FOR JAPAN

Montreal, June 30, 2009 – Don't expect Canada to take Japan lightly in Wednesday's semifinal at 2009 World Junior Football Championships in Canton, Ohio. Game time is 4 p.m.

The Canadians advanced to the final four hammering New Zealand 55-0 on Saturday and practices have been intense since that victory.

Canada's head coach has a lot of respect for the Japanese squad. "We are very well prepared for the game," he said. "Not many people know this, but Japan has a football tradition that dates back to the 1940's. Earlier this year in Tokyo, this same team defeated an American squad comprised of the top players from 12 states 24-14. We've also had close games against them."

The other semifinal between the U.S., and Mexico follows the Canada-Japan match at Fawcett Stadium which is situated near the football Hall of Fame. The semifinals will be carried live on-line at www.jwcfootball.com.

Wednesday's placement games pit Germany against New Zealand and France vs Sweden.

If Canada beats Japan, it will advance to the championships final set for Sunday July 5 at 1 p.m. The bronze medal game is Saturday at 7 p.m.

The media can access a professional video highlights package and access pictures at www.proamsportsvideos.com/download.html.

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