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FOOTBALL – 2009 IFAF WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

CANADA READY TO RUMBLE

Montreal, June 26, 2009 – The number-one seeded Canadians plan to lay down the law in their opening match against New Zealand on Saturday at the 2009 IFAF World Junior Championships football tournament in Canton, Ohio.

Canada has established its offensive and defensive strategies.

“We don’t know New Zealand that well so offensively our goal is to take control immediately,” said Canada’s head coach Glen Constantin. “Our training has been intense for the past 10 days and we are confident going into our first game.”

On defense, Canada wants to adjust as quickly as possible. “We have watched some of their plays on video and it will be important for us to adapt as fast as we can,” said Constantin, head coach for Université Laval Rouge et Or. “We expect the first game to be difficult. The intensity level will be a key.”

Jérémy Rock-Doyon of Collège Vanier, has been named Canada’s starting quarterback. “He’s a good athlete who can read the game well,” said Constantin.

Football fans can watch all the games live on-line. Canada’s first two games, both against New Zealand are available at www.jwcfootball.com at 10 a.m. on Saturday and at 10 a.m. or 4 p.m. on Wednesday. Fox College Sports picks-up the feed the rest of the way to broadcast the medal round games on July 4-5 at FoxCollegeSports.com

The gold medal game is scheduled for July 5 at 1 p.m., while the bronze medal game is on July 4 at 7 p.m. All games are scheduled for Fawcett Stadium in Canton, Ohio, home of the Football Hall of Fame.

The under-20 tournament pits eight national teams from four continents. The participating countries are Canada, the United States, Mexico, Germany, Sweden, France, Japan and New Zealand.

The official tournament website is: www.jwcfootball.com

Sound clips are available at: www.sportcom.ca/Extraitsaudio/tabid/297/Default.aspx

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