



National Team Selections Follow Successful International Tour

January 15, 2007 The Canadian U-19 Women's Field Lacrosse Team has recently returned from their International Tour to Australia, and the coaching staff has announced the 20 athletes who will comprise the final team representing Canada at the 2007 IFWLA U-19 World Championships to be held at Trent University in Peterborough, ON from August 4-11.

The Tour to Melbourne, Australia, included competition in the Southern Crosse Tournament against Australian and Japanese U-19 Squads, in addition to four test matches with the Victoria State Squad.

The 16-day Tour began with the first two test matches within the first five days, was followed by the Tournament which ran from January 3-7, and concluded with the final two test matches over the last four days of the tour.

The Canadian Squad went 2 for 4 in its test matches and had a great opportunity to play against several Senior National players from Australia's 2005 World Cup Championship team.

In tournament play, both Team Canada and the Aussie Squad played as two teams, who together with the Japan team comprised the 5 team ladder. In round robin play, the Canadian teams ended with a combined 4 wins and 4 losses. Canada moved through to the final with Australia and treated the crowd to an exciting championship game where teams exchanged the lead at various points in the game but never by more than 2 goals. At the final whistle, the green and gold held a one goal advantage to win the tournament by a score of 10-9.

"The opportunity to play our key competitors under World Championship conditions was invaluable. The players experienced the full range of physical and mental challenges that go along with playing at the highest level and have developed a new confidence in themselves," Head Coach Jen Johnson stated.

"We used the Tour and these ideal conditions to base our final selections on. We made some very positive progressions as a team during the tour and recognize what we need to work on for the World Championships."

IFWLA guidelines provide for each country to field an 18 member roster. Canada will announce its final 18 member team following a training camp and exhibition games on the May long weekend at Trent University in Peterborough.

Full Tour results and ongoing activities of the Canadian Team can be viewed at:
www.teamcanadawomenslacrosse.com.

2007 Canadian U-19 Women's Field Lacrosse Team

<u>Player</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Hometown</u>
Jayne Beard	18	Hawkestone, ON	Shannon Kerr	16	Inglewood, ON
Natasha Blackburn	17	Mississauga, ON	Jordie Loyst	17	Port Perry, ON
Christine Comeau	18	Whitby, ON	Katelyn Mandville	18	Courtice, ON
Ashley Curtis	17	Peterborough, ON	Paige Mason	18	Priceville, ON
Allison Daley	18	Peterborough, ON	Lisa McLaughlin	17	Whitby, ON
Janaye Dzikewich	17	Whitby, ON	Kristen Millar	19	Whitby, ON
Britt Farquharson	19	Mississauga, ON	Carly Quinn	17	Orangeville, ON
Justiene Groothuis	16	Kitchener, ON	Alison Rusak	18	Orangeville, ON
Katie Guy	15	Whitby, ON	Ashley Rutz	18	Milton, ON
Katie Ilott	18	Whitby, ON	Sierra Smith-Hart	17	Whitby, ON

Coaching Staff

Jen Johnson - Head Coach Burlington, VT
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