



## **Canada's 2009 Senior Women's Lacrosse Team Head Coach Announced**

January 30, 2007 - Ottawa, Ontario ... The Canadian Lacrosse Association and Women's National Team Program are very pleased to announce the appointment of Lisa Miller as Head Coach for the Senior Women's Team that will compete at the IFWLA World Cup in Prague, Czech Republic in 2009.

Lisa served as Assistant Coach for Canada's 2001 World Cup team and is back to lead the program to improved results and sustained success. She is currently the Women's Lacrosse Head Coach at the Syracuse University, New York.

"I am pleased and honored to be the coach of the Canadian National Team. My goal is to give you a program to be proud of, that sets a standard of excellence, and creates an atmosphere and environment that promotes and helps with the development of youth lacrosse in Canada," said Miller. "I'm excited to work with world class athletes on the international stage and look forward to the coaching challenges World Cup provides. I would like to thank the CLA Selection Committee for extending this wonderful opportunity. I'd also like to thank Tracy Coyne, Susan Stuart, and Vessy Mochikas for their hard work and dedication."

Miller started the Syracuse women's lacrosse program and has brought it to national prominence. In her eight seasons at the helm, the Orange have won at least nine games per season, claimed an ECAC Championship title and made five NCAA Tournament appearances. During her coaching career, Miller has guided numerous athletes to both Regional and All-American honours.

Miller began her collegiate coaching career as an associate head coach at Wheaton College, a Division III program in Norton, Mass. There she learned the necessary skills all strong coaches need to build a program. In her three years at Wheaton, her team grew from one that played "a man down" with seven beginners to one that posed a formidable threat and achieved an 8-6 record two seasons later. Wheaton's team also celebrated two league rookie of the year awards during Miller's tenure.

Miller became an assistant coach at Brown University in February of 1994. During her first year, her primary responsibility was coaching the goalies, but her duties were soon extended to recruiting, coaching the defense and orchestrating the fast-break attack. In her third year with the program, Brown shattered its all-time scoring record, finished 10-4, and was ranked 15th in the country.

As a player at the College of William & Mary, one of the top women's programs in the country, Miller left her mark. She was captain of her team, the 1987 Outstanding Female Senior Athlete and an All-American. She still ranks third on the William & Mary all-time scoring list and fifth on its career points list with 145. She was also a member of the U.S. Lacrosse Team as a senior. In March of 2004, Miller became only the third women's lacrosse player at William & Mary to be inducted into the school's athletics hall of fame.

She continued to compete for the U.S., finishing her playing career as an alternate on the 1989 World Cup Team.

Lisa Miller becomes Canada's sixth World Cup Head Coach and succeeds Tracy Coyne who served as the Head Coach for the last two IFWLA World Cup competitions (2001, 2005). Canada's currently holds the World fourth place ranking behind England (3<sup>rd</sup>), USA (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Australia (1<sup>st</sup>).

The Women's National Team Program is extremely proud to welcome Lisa back. Her appointment begins immediately and will run through to the end of the 2009 IFWLA World Cup in Prague in 2009.

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