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TEAM CANADA WELCOMES THE WORLD TO WINNIPEG

MONTREAL, QC – February 18, 2009 - On behalf of the CDSA Board of Directors, we would like to proudly announce the key members of Team Canada which will be participating at the 2009 1st World Deaf Hockey and Curling Championships in Winnipeg.

The 2009 1st World Deaf Hockey and Curling Championships in Winnipeg will be hosted by the Winnipeg Host committee April 10th – 18th, 2009. This is the first time this event is being held and Manitoba is the proud host of this prestigious sporting event.

Canada will be represented by the Men's National Hockey team and the Men's and Women's National Curling Teams.

The Men's National hockey program is no stranger to success on the international stage. The National Men's program has medalled the last five Deaflympics and at International events with:

2007 Deaflympics in Salt Lake City, Utah	Silver medal
2003 Deaflympics in Sundsvall, Sweden	Gold Medal
1999 Deaflympics in Davos, Switzerland	Gold Medal
1995 Deaflympics in Yllas, Finland	Silver Medal
1991 Deaflympics in Banff, Alberta	Bronze Medal
1986 (European Deaf Ice Hockey Championship) in Republic of Czechoslovakia	Gold Medal
1989 (Soviet Union Ice Hockey Invitation) in Vorozeth, USSR (Russia)	Silver Meal
1975 World Winter Games for the Deaf in Lake Placid, NY	Gold Medal

Team Canada 2009
Hockey

Name	Hometown	Position
Ryan Armitage	Ottawa, ON	Goalie
Tyler Plett	Winnipeg, MB	Goalie
Casey O'Brien	Gloucester, ON	Defense
Jalen Harris	Toronto, ON	Defense
Jonathon Lobodzinski	Calgary, AB	Defense
Mike Merriman	Springside, SK	Defense
Jeff Bignell	Mississauga, ON	Defense
David Garbacz	St. Catharines, ON	Defense
Brad Gurr	Comox, BC	Defense
Scott Nelson	Winnipeg, MB	Defense
Steve Devine	Scarborough, ON	Forward
Chris Garbacz	St. Catharines, ON	Forward
Francois Guévremont	Sorel-Tracy, QC	Forward
Jason Veilleux	St-Odilon, QC	Forward
Scott Savard	Edmonton, AB	Forward
Cole Pearson	Courtenay, BC	Forward
Davin Bell	Beaumont, AB	Forward
Jason Plumb	Battersea, ON	Forward
Terry Maloney	North Delta, BC	Forward
Brett McLaren	Winnipeg, MB	Forward
Mark Howitt	Richmond, BC	Forward

Team Canada Curling program has been improving over the years and swept the podium at the 2007 Deaflympics in both Men's and Women's curling.

Name	Hometown	Position
Nyla Kurylowich	St. Albert, AB	Lead
Sally Korol	Edmonton, AB	Third
Lynda Taylor	Stony Plain, AB	Second
Judy Robertson	Edmonton, AB	Skip
Sherry Clark	Winnipeg, MB	5 th
Michael Raby	Gatineau, QC	Skip
Andre Guillemette	Charny, QC	third
Damian Hum	Calgary, AB	Lead
David Joseph	Gatineau, QC	Second
Dale Proctor	Coquitlam, BC	5 th

Team Canada hockey team will be training in Dauphin, MB from April 5th until April 8th, possibly competing in two pre-world exhibition games. The Dauphin Kings Jr. A Hockey Club in conjunction with the CDSA are facilitating of all arrangements for the Training Camp.

Team Canada Curling will be arriving in Winnipeg on the 9th after having two competitions, in the New Year and training camps in preparation for the Worlds.

Team Canada hockey will begin their first World competition on Saturday, April 11th at 1:30 pm against Team USA at the St. James Civic Centre.

Team Canada Curling will begin their competition on Sunday, April 12th at 1:00 pm.

Come out at support Team Canada as they strive for the GOLD medals!

For more information about Team Canada or the 2009 1st World Deaf Hockey and Curling Championships in Winnipeg, please contact our website at www.assc-cdsa.com or www.worlddeafhockeycurling2009.com.

The Canadian Deaf Sports Association (CDSA) is a non-profit, private corporation recognized by the International Committee of Sports for the Deaf (ICSD). The CDSA delivers programs that will bring awareness to Canadians, elite athletes including send teams to the Pan American Games for the Deaf and Deaflympics. The CDSA empowers the individuals with hearing loss of 55 db in each of both ears at all levels of sports.

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