

Team Canada Alumni Association

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The Team Canada Alumni Association

Registration Update: The Team Canada Alumni Association (TCAA) was founded to help connect alumni with former teammates and offer alumni opportunities to help Hockey Canada grow the game and make the best sport in the world accessible to all Canadians. With over 1,200 alumni in our database we want to be sure that we have updated email addresses, mailing addresses and phone numbers of all our alumni, so invitations can be sent for special TCAA offers, news and alumni gatherings. Please register (no cost) with the Team Canada alumni administrator Norm Dueck, who oversees the alumni association's activities, at ndueck@hockeycanada.ca.

Where We Want To Be – Our Vision: Team Canada Alumni – Coming Together, Reaching Out.

Why We Want To Go There – Our Mission: To engage, encourage and enable Team Canada alumni to maintain a lifelong relationship with Hockey Canada and our game.

Who We Will Be Along the Way – Our Values: We are committed to honouring Canada's international hockey heritage, assisting with the growth of Canadian hockey and pursuit of international hockey excellence for Canada, while providing an opportunity for our alumni to reconnect and celebrate the game and their experiences. These objectives will be within a spirit of teamwork, inclusion, integrity and service. ■

Message From Gord Sherven,

CHAIR OF THE TEAM CANADA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Welcome to your Team Canada Alumni Association (TCAA) newsletter for spring 2012. Congratulations to Canada's National Women's Team for their exciting overtime gold medal win over the Americans, and also to Jean Béliveau, Cassie Campbell-Pascall, Wayne Gretzky, Gordie Howe and Gordon Renwick, who will be the first distinguished honourees to the Order of Hockey in Canada. These inaugural recipients will be recognized at the Hockey Canada Foundation (HCF) Gala on June 25 at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto.

Hockey players have always been known for giving their time back to their communities. Team Canada alumnus Brad Marsh is one of them, as he is in the midst of completing a special 90-Day Challenge – a physically and mentally demanding coast-to-coast bicycle trek to raise both awareness and funds for the Boys & Girls Club of Canada. Good luck Brad!

Enjoy the great alumni articles and updates of Hockey Canada and Hockey Canada Foundation events!

Thank you,
Gord Sherven
Chair, TCAA Advisory Committee ■

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BACK ON TRACK

Brad Marsh bikes across Canada for Boys & Girls Club

by Kristen Lipscombe



He has represented his country on the ice, and now he's biking across his country – through rain, snow, and whatever terrain comes his way.

Team Canada alumnus Brad Marsh (London, Ont.) is on a mission. Not only to successfully complete his current 90-Day Challenge, a physically and mentally demanding coast-to-coast bicycle trek, but also to raise both awareness and funds for the Boys & Girls Club of Canada, a charity that creates safe, supportive environments for children so they can build positive experiences, relationships and life skills.

Marsh, whose own philosophy is to, “work hard, do your best, have fun,” has long had a soft spot for the Boys & Girls Club.

“We do a lot with the Boys & Girls Club in Ottawa, and so I was just talking to the people that run the show there, and they were telling me how much it flies under the radar,” Marsh, current president of the Ottawa Senators Alumni Association, said May 7, while taking a bicycling break in Edmonton, Alta. “So I said, ‘Well, let’s do something to change that.’”

Marsh, who capped off a 15-year NHL career in the nation’s capital, and his fellow Sens alumni became regular supporters of the Boys & Girls following the death of former professional hockey player and local sports broadcaster Brian Smith, who was randomly gunned down outside the television studio where he worked on August 1, 2005. Brian “Smitty” Smith had attended the Boys & Girls Club as a youngster, and volunteered there in his later years.

“So it was easy to get involved,” Marsh said. “It’s just grown and blossomed from there.”

His incredible cycle across the country started April 25 in Vancouver, B.C., and will continue until he reaches St. John’s, N.L., in July. The 10,000-kilometre journey includes stops in several major Canadian cities, where he’s visiting kids at the Boys & Girls Club, and even picking up a stick to play a little floor hockey with the star-struck youngsters. He is accompanied by son Erik, one of four children with wife Patty.

“It’s a lot of freakin’ kilometres,” he said with a chuckle of the difficult trip, acknowledging many are likely wondering, “What the heck is Brad Marsh doing!?”

But as he battles his way from mountains to lighthouses, Marsh is confident he’ll succeed in his eighth straight 90-Day Challenge. That’s because before he chose to challenge himself on behalf of his favourite charity, Marsh faced an uphill battle of challenging himself, and made it back up to the top.

“When I started my first 90-Day Challenge, I was physically, financially and mentally bankrupt,” Marsh says on an online video, calling it “the beginning of the end,” for him. He decided to re-start.

“My first 90-day Challenge was in June of 2010, and it was more or less to lose weight,” he told Hockey Canada. “Every 90-Day Challenge, I up the ante ... so here I am doing a monumental 90-Day Challenge.”

Now, Marsh promotes 90-Day Challenges of all sorts, whether he’s doing it for himself or helping others reach their own personal goals.

“If you’re in my position, get off the couch and do something about it,” Marsh, who won a silver medal at the 1977 IIHF World Junior Championship, a bronze medal at the 1978 IIHF World Junior Championship and also wore the red and white at the 1979 IIHF World Championship, advises fellow Team Canada alumni.

“And if you don’t have a charity of your choice, then by all means, please look at the Boys & Girls Club,” he said. “The kids would love to ... play a game of floor hockey against you.”

To support Marsh on his 90-Day Challenge across Canada for the Boys & Girls Club, follow his journey at www.Twitter.com/BradMarshNHL or bradmarsh90daychallenge.blogspot.ca.

“Perhaps, in the future, people will consider donating to the Boys and Girls Club,” Marsh said. “Or more importantly, getting involved in the mentorship role, and in helping out through volunteering.” ■



GOLD MEDAL MEMORIES

Carey Wilson reflects on winning the 1982 IIHF World Junior Championship

by Debbie Elicksen



He's not your usual Team Canada pick. Carey Wilson (Winnipeg, Man.) is the only person to have played in the Canadian Hockey League, Division 1 European hockey, NCAA and with Canada's National Men's Team before stepping foot into the pros.

Wilson only spent a year in junior hockey before his freshman season at Dartmouth College. His team was third in the nation, and then the following year, it didn't make the playoffs. He was drafted after his freshman year but opted to play in Finland, where he thought he would improve his professional chances after the uncertainty of two college seasons.

"Back in Canada, I'm sure nobody had ever heard of me, but when the World Juniors came up, there were a few people in my court," Wilson said.

"I know, for one, the president of the Finnish Hockey League called the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association and said, 'This kid Wilson, if he can't make your hockey team, then we might as well hand you the gold medals because he'd be the best guy on our Finnish World Junior team.' He was stretching it, but giving me a pat on the back."

Wilson was already in Winnipeg for the Christmas holidays, which was also the location of Canada's National Junior Team tryouts.

"Dave King was the coach. I can tell you, it was grueling. You really realized after, what he was looking for. He knew it was about who was ready to battle, who was ready to fight, claw, bite, scratch their way to win every single battle they were in. That's the way his tryout was," he said.

"We're going to go over to this corner and do one-on-one battles. We're going to go over to this area in the neutral zone and do one-on-one battles. It was like an hour and a half of that. I remember I never felt anything so exhausting."

While it is easy to put on a Canadian jersey and feel the pride rise, the biggest surprise for Wilson was the intensity. Competing for a spot on the team is one thing, but the pressure doesn't end. Then it's having the weight of the country on your shoulders. That intensity keeps building.

"Until you're in that situation, I don't think you can really grasp it. Until you're out of it and look back, it's almost relief. You have great pride, of course, and having success, more so. That final game, standing there, finally watching that final flag go up, and it's Canada's ... it's tough to describe. I get chills every time I watch that."

In 1982, the Soviets were pushing for hockey supremacy. For Canada, the emotions from the 1972 Summit Series were still strong, but as a team, it was hanging on. The players' impression was they hoped they wouldn't embarrass themselves. Sweden and Finland were also strong.

The Soviets were favourites ahead of Canada, and the Boxing Day match in Winnipeg was one of the most anticipated. Nobody had high expectations for Canada to win, but that all changed when they scored a 7-0 win.

"To say we believed at the start that we had a gold medal team, realistically, I'm not so sure," Wilson said. "There's always that, well, if everything just comes together, we can do well. We weren't the top seed."

After the Boxing Day game, the team headed to Minnesota, where its only entourage at the time was administrators, family, and friends. It was not a bus-load, either.

"We still had to find that in ourselves. We really were a team. We knew the country was there behind us, but they weren't in the building," he said.

On Jan. 2, 1982, Canada tied Czechoslovakia 3-3 to cement the gold medal.

Wilson understood the challenge Dave King faced to put this team together in such a short period of time.

"We were still 19-year-olds and wanted to do what 19-year-olds do. Shortly after the team was picked, there was an opportunity to enjoy ourselves before we really started to crack the whip. Let's just say, maybe a slight curfew was broken," Wilson recalled.

"Dave King – you'd think he was a baseball player. There were 18 to 20 water bottles lined up on the bench. He absolutely annihilated them one at a time. He made it very clear that the team didn't follow the guidelines set out. That left a mark from that day forward: we'd better pay attention to the boss. A little thing like that brings a team together. It visually showed us this was serious stuff here. This was far more than junior hockey.

"Every kid's dream is to play in the NHL. A full second would be to put that Canadian jersey on and play for your country," he said.

Wilson also played for Dave King and Team Canada at the 1984 Olympic Winter Games in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. He currently operates two hockey development programs in Winnipeg: Carey Wilson Hockey and the Carey Wilson All-Stars Developmental Program. ■



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Recent Events Summary



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2012 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP APRIL 5-14, 2012 – BURLINGTON, VT.

Canada's National Women's Team won the gold medal at the 2012 IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship, defeating the United States 5-4 in overtime on Saturday, April 14 at Gutterson Fieldhouse in Burlington, Vt.

It is the 10th time Canada has won the gold medal at the IIHF Ice Hockey Women's World Championship (1990, 1992, 1994, 1997, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2007 and 2012), and its first since 2007 in Winnipeg, Man. Canada and the United States have met in all 14 world championship gold medal games since the tournament's inception. Canada has also claimed four silver medals (2005, 2008, 2009 and 2011).

The gold medal game went to overtime, with Caroline Ouellette (Montreal, Que.) scoring less than two minutes into the extra frame on a pass out front from Meghan Agosta (Ruthven, Ont.).

Canadian captain Hayley Wickenheiser (Shaunavon, Sask.) opened the scor-

ing on a shorthanded breakaway at 7:52 in the first. After the U.S. tied it up later in the period, Jayna Hefford (Kingston, Ont.) regained the lead at 4:07 in the second and Ouellette added another a minute and a half later to make it 3-1. Following an American comeback that included three power-play goals, Agosta tied it 4-4 in the last three minutes of the game, sending it to overtime. Goaltender Shannon Szabados (Edmonton, Alta.) made 40 saves in the victory.

In preliminary action, Canada finished second in Pool A with a 2-1 record, suffering a 9-2 loss to the United States, before defeating Finland 3-2 and Russia 14-1. Canada defeated Finland 5-1 in semifinal action.

Marie-Philip Poulin (Beauceville, Que.), Ouellette and Wickenheiser were selected as Canada's top three players by coaches at the world championship.

A heart-felt congratulations to Canada's National Women's Team; your fellow alumni and fans across the country are so proud of you! ■

2012 IIHF ICE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

APRIL 29 - MAY 20, 2012 – HELSINKI, FINLAND & STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN

With Olympic seeding on the line, Team Canada headed across the Atlantic to Helsinki, Finland, in early May, looking to improve on back-to-back quarter-final losses at the world championship. Things looked bright for the Canadians through the preliminary round, as six wins and an overtime loss allowed them to finish atop the Helsinki Group (the tournament was split between the Finnish capital and Stockholm, Sweden), earning a quarter-final date with the Slovaks. Already with a preliminary round victory over Slovakia, Canada took a 3-2 lead to the third period in the playoff round match-up, only to see the Europeans score a pair of goals in the final 6:35 to steal the win and leave the Canadians out of the semifinals once again. The loss left Canada fifth in the IIHF World Ranking, and means it will be grouped with Finland, Norway and one of the three qualifying teams for the 2014 Olympic Winter Games. ■

2012 IIHF ICE HOCKEY U18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

APRIL 8-22, 2012 – BRECLAV & BRNO, CZECH REPUBLIC

Canada's top young stars donned the Maple Leaf in April and took to the ice in Brno and Znojmo, Czech Republic, looking for Canada's third under-18 world championship. An up-and-down preliminary round saw the Canadians score wins over Denmark and the host Czechs, while suffering losses to Finland and the United States, leaving them third in Group A. A 4-2 quarter-final win over Russia set up a semifinal rematch with the U.S., which had eliminated the Canadians in overtime in 2011. Once again it was decided by one goal and once again it was Canada that came out on the short end, this time of a 2-1 score. Playing for bronze against the Finns, Hunter Shinkaruk was the offensive star for the Canadians, scoring a hat trick, including the overtime winner, as Canada earned a 5-4 victory and won just its fourth medal all time. Team Canada captain Matt Dumba was named Top Defenceman by the IIHF Directorate after leading the tournament in scoring with 12 points (five goals, seven assists) in seven games. ■

2012 IPC SLEDGE HOCKEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

MARCH 25 – APRIL 1, 2012 – HAMAR, NORWAY

Looking to build on the gold medal it won last December at the World Sledge Hockey Challenge in Calgary, Canada's National Sledge Team faced off with the world's best at April's world championship in Hamar, Norway. The Canadians finished atop Group B with a perfect 3-0 record thanks to wins over Italy, Korea and Norway, setting up a semifinal with a familiar foe – the United States. Canada took a 4-1 record in 2011-12 against the Americans into the semifinal, but could muster only an Adam Dixon goal midway through the third period in a 2-1 loss, ending its gold medal hopes. The Canadians bounced back three days later to ensure it wouldn't leave Hamar without a medal, beating the Czech Republic 2-0 for bronze, Canada's second consecutive third-place finish at the world championship. ■



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2012 RBC CUP

MAY 5-13, 2012 – HUMBOLDT, SASK.

Canada's National Junior A Championship capped off Hockey Canada's Season of Champions, as Humboldt, Sask., hosted the RBC Cup. The host Humboldt Broncos were the class of the preliminary round, going a perfect 4-0, before being upset by the Woodstock Slammers (East) in an overtime semifinal thriller, while the Penticton Vees (Pacific), who entered the tournament as the No. 1-ranked team in Canada, stumbled their way to a 2-2 record in the round robin before blanking the upstart Soo Thunderbirds (Central) – who had

shocked the Vees in the tournament opener – in their semifinal. Owners of a 42-game winning streak during the regular season, the Vees jumped out to a 2-0 first-period lead on the Slammers, only to see the MHL champions fight back and take a 3-2 advantage early in the third. Penticton tied it with 8:50 to go, setting up the heroics of Joey Benik, who scored a power play goal with 51.3 seconds to go as the Vees won Penticton's first national championship since 1986 with a heart-stopping 4-3 victory. ■

2012 ALLAN CUP

APRIL 16-21, 2012 – LLOYDMINSTER, ALTA.

Canada's top senior teams gathered for the 104th time, this year in Lloydminster, Sask., to compete for the Allan Cup, one of the oldest club team championships in North America, from April 16-21. After six preliminary round games, two quarter-finals and two semifinals, it came down to the South East Prairie Thunder (Manitoba) and Rosetown Redwings (Saskatchewan) in a rematch of the first game of the tournament, won 2-1 by South East. Even at 1-1 through two periods – although Rosetown held a 26-14 advantage in shots on goal – the Prairie Thunder broke the tie on a goal by Brad Purdie at 8:48 and added two more late in the third, scoring a 4-1 win and its first-ever National Senior Championship. South East, which won Manitoba's 11th Allan Cup, was making its fourth consecutive appearance at the tournament, having lost in the final in 2009, semifinal in 2010 and quarter-final last year. ■

2012 ESSO CUP

APRIL 22-28, 2012 – CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., was the centre of women's Midget hockey from April 22-28 as the nation's top teams competed for the Esso Cup at the CARI Complex. After five days of preliminary round play and two semifinals, the Thunder Bay Queens (Ontario) and Pembina Valley Hawks (West) were the last two teams standing. The Queens, who went a perfect 5-0 in the prelims and outscored their opposition 36-9, were looking to become the first two-time Esso Cup champions, while the Hawks, who swept the defending champions from Notre Dame in the regionals, were looking to become the second Manitoba team to win the national title. Tied 1-1 early in the second period, Cassidy Carels scored twice in less than four minutes for Pembina Valley and helped set up Lauryn Keen for the 4-1 goal as the Hawks earned a 4-2 victory and claimed Canada's National Female Midget Championship. ■

2012 TELUS CUP

APRIL 23-29, 2012 – LEDUC, ALTA.

For just the fourth time in 39 years Canada's National Midget Championship came to Alberta, with Leduc playing host to the TELUS Cup from April 23-29. An exciting week of hockey saw six teams whittled down to two, with the Phénix du Collège Esther-Blondin (Quebec) and Red Deer Rebels (Pacific) facing off for national supremacy – the first time ever two teams without a loss reached the gold medal game. Leading 5-1 after two periods, the Phénix looked to be well on its way to Quebec's first national title since 2001 before it got into penalty trouble, setting the stage for the greatest comeback in tournament history. The Rebels scored with the man advantage early in the third, cutting the lead to 5-2, and a five-minute major led to three Red Deer power play goals – the last two by Nick Glackin – in a span of 1:48, tying the game and forcing overtime. Heading into a second extra period Red Deer didn't seem to have history on its side – the Rebels had lost two previous gold medal games in double OT, in 1994 and 2007 – but Glackin played the hero with yet another power play goal, scoring at 8:45 to give Red Deer its first-ever national championship. ■



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Upcoming and Past Events



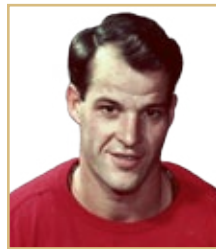
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Gordie Howe



Gordon Renwick

FIRST-CLASS EVENT FOR FIRST-CLASS CANADIANS FIRST ORDER OF HOCKEY IN CANADA RECIPIENTS TO BE HONOURED AT ANNUAL HCF GALA

Hockey Canada announced April 10 the names of five individuals who will be the first distinguished honourees to the Order of Hockey in Canada. These inaugural recipients will be recognized at the Hockey Canada Foundation Gala on June 25 at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto, Ont.

Hockey Canada introduced this spring the Order of Hockey in Canada, a program that will annually honour a select number of individuals whose "role or service in the game is recognized as extraordinary" in Canada. The selection committee met on the morning of April 10 and went through an election process that identified the first five distinguished honourees:

Jean Béliveau, 80, captured 10 Stanley Cups in a distinguished 18-year career with the NHL's Montreal Canadiens. He won numerous individual awards during his playing career, including the Art Ross Trophy as the NHL's top scorer, Hart Memorial Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player and Conn Smythe Trophy as the NHL's most valuable player in the playoffs. Off the ice, 'Le Gros Bill' has remained active in an ambassadorial capacity for the Canadiens' organization and numerous charitable endeavors. A Companion of the Order of Canada, he is also honoured on Canada's Walk of Fame, on a Canadian postage stamp and the Canadian Pacific Railway named a station in his honour. In 2010, Hockey Canada named Béliveau an honorary Team Canada member and honorary captain of Canada's 2010 Men's Olympic Team.

Cassie Campbell-Pascall, 37, played for Canada's National Women's Team from 1994-2006. She is the only captain, male or female, to captain two Canadian hockey teams to Olympic gold medals. Campbell-Pascall appeared in a total of 157 games for Canada, also becoming the longest-serving captain in Canadian hockey history (2001-06). In retirement, the native of Brampton, Ont., has made a very successful transition to broadcasting, serving as a sideline reporter and analyst for CBC's Hockey Night in Canada, as well as a television analyst for female hockey during the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. Campbell-Pascall also continues to play a prominent role in promoting female and grassroots hockey, as treasurer on the Canadian Women's Hockey League Board of Directors and a spokesperson and host for the Chevrolet Safe & Fun Hockey program.

Wayne Gretzky, 51, set more than 60 NHL records over the course of a 20-year career with Edmonton, Los Angeles, St. Louis and New York Rangers, many of which he still owns 13 years after his retirement. The Brantford, Ont., native is the NHL's all-time leader in goals (894), assists (1,963) and points (2,857), captured ten Art Ross Trophies as the NHL's top scorer, nine Hart Trophies as the NHL's most valuable player, two Conn Smythe Trophies as the NHL's most valuable player in the playoffs and five Lady Byng Trophies as the NHL's most gentlemanly player. Gretzky's international career included one IIHF World Junior Championship (1978), one IIHF World Championship (1982), one World Cup of Hockey (1996), four Canada Cups (1981, 1984, 1987, 1991) and one Olympic Winter Games (1998). Following his playing career, Gretzky served as executive director of Canada's National Men's Team, highlighted by a gold medal at the 2002 Olympic Winter Games and a championship at the 2004 World Cup of Hockey.

Gordie Howe, 83, played a total of 33 years of professional hockey, finishing in the top 20 in NHL scoring for 20 consecutive seasons. The native of Floral, Sask., was selected to 21 NHL All-Star teams, including 12 NHL First All-Star Team berths. He won four Stanley Cups with the Detroit Red Wings and holds 14 NHL records, including games played (1,767) and most NHL All-Star Game appearances (23). Howe represented Canada once internationally, in the 1974 Summit Series against the Soviet Union. Howe made a professional comeback in 1973, playing alongside two of his sons, Mark and Marty, in the WHA. Nicknamed Mr. Hockey, Howe continues to stay involved in a number of charities and is part owner of the Western Hockey League's Vancouver Giants.

Gordon Renwick, 76, was an instrumental figure in establishing Canada and the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association, now Hockey Canada, in the International Ice Hockey Federation and international hockey at all levels. The native of Cambridge, Ont., served as president of the CAHA from 1977-79, followed by 20 years as a board member with the IIHF, including eight years as vice-president. Renwick played a prominent role in the organization of Russian club team tours in Canada, and organized the initial Wrigley Cup National Midget Tournament (now the TELUS Cup) and the Canada Cup. Renwick is a Life Member of Hockey Canada.

ORDER OF HOCKEY IN CANADA CRITERIA

Candidates for election as distinguished honourees of the Order of Hockey in Canada shall be chosen "on the basis of their outstanding contributions or service to the growth and development of the sport of hockey in Canada, which may include players, coaches, officials, administrators, executives, trainers, physicians, inventors or any other person whose role or service in the game is recognized as

extraordinary." Candidates are eligible as long as they have concluded their career as an active player or official, if either is applicable, for a minimum of five playing seasons before their election. All other candidates may be either active or inactive at the time of his or her selection. ■

THE BIG GAME

Fantasy face-offs give fans the chance to take on their favourite Team Canada alumni

by Kristen Lipscombe



You walk into the dressing room, trying not to step onto the giant logo adorning the carpet, as you spot your name and make your way over to your equipment stall. You get suited up, lace up your skates, and carefully take your jersey off its hanger.

You pull it over your head, tugging at it here and there to adjust it over your shoulder and elbow pads, gingerly moving your hand over the red, white and black crest on your chest. You know this is it. It's your moment.

Many dream about it, but few actually get the chance to wear a Team Canada jersey and play alongside the most skilled athletes in the sport from around the world.

While nothing compares to making the cut to represent your country on the ice, some lucky hockey fans from the Calgary area are getting about as close as you can get to the real deal, by taking part in the Team Canada Alumni Association's fantasy games, which give regular Joes (and Janes) the chance to face off against some of their greatest hockey heroes.

"The fantasy experience really does start with the dressing room," Chris Bright, executive director of the Hockey Canada Foundation, said of the fund-raising idea that started with a tournament four years ago at Father David Bauer Olympic Arena, and has since expanded to annual match-ups against local companies at Hockey Canada's new WinSport Canada home. "The music in the dressing room, the carpet on the floor, and just seeing the Hockey Canada emblem on their jerseys as they're hung up – it's something that most would never experience."

With Hockey Canada's impressive new office and training facilities, the dream can become even more of a reality, from stepping onto the same ice where the country's top up-and-coming players try out for Canada's National Junior Team, to getting pumped up by watching a motivational video in the brand new theatre before the big game.

"It's something very similar to what a World Junior player would receive, without all of the pressures," Bright said.

Over the last two years, accounting firm KPMG and oil and gas service company RigSat Communications have faced off against alumni such as Danielle Goyette (St. Nazaire, Que.), Sheldon Kennedy (Elkhorn, Man.), Morris Lukowich (Speers, Sask.), Lanny McDonald (Hanna, Alta.) and Colleen Sostorics (Kennedy, Sask.), among many others. Most recently, KPMG took to the ice March 12 and on April 5, RigSat experienced its first fantasy game against Team Canada alumni.

Bright said the chance to get back in the jersey is also special for alumni, including him. "There is a bond that everyone shares."

Whether it's through a charity auction or an agreement with a company such as KPMG, which offers the fantasy game experience to clients, "the dollars are coming back to the Hockey Canada Foundation."

"It goes into our endowment fund, which on a yearly basis does support Hockey Canada programming, from the grassroots programs like Dreams Come True, right up to the Olympic teams and development of Olympic players, as well as coaches and officiating," Bright said. "What's important is that (alumni) are giving their time for this cause, and supporting what the foundation believes in, and Hockey Canada's goals."

The Hockey Canada Foundation hopes to soon expand fantasy games beyond Calgary, by getting alumni back on the ice in other major cities.

"Look for this to come to the east," Bright said. "We love when we get the opportunity to do something alumni related in Montreal or Toronto or Vancouver, or wherever it is... we want to have national scope and presence."

For more information on the Team Canada Alumni Association's fantasy games, please contact Chris Bright at cbright@hockeycanada.ca. ■



A DECADE TO REMEMBER

Canada celebrates ten years at the IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship

This spring marked the 10th anniversary of Hockey Canada's participation in the IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship. Prior to this time, the National Men's Under-18 Team had only participated in summer events.

Canada's National Men's Under-18 Team was created in 1981 as part of the Program of Excellence and competed in a number of international competitions. These included exchange camps with USA Hockey during the first ten years, and from 1991-96 varying tournaments that took the team from Yokohama, Japan, to Nelson and Castlegar, B.C., and even Mexico City, for the 1994 La Copa Mexico. Since 1997, Canada's National Men's Under-18 Team has participated in an annual summer tournament in the Czech Republic (now co-hosted in Slovakia) that started as a three-team competition and has since grown into the annual Memorial of Ivan Hlinka tournament, involving eight nations.

The International Ice Hockey Federation created the U18 world championship in 1999, but Canada did not participate, largely due to concerns it could not send its best players because it was in the middle of Canadian Hockey League (CHL) playoffs, and would take student-athletes out of school for up to three weeks.

In 2002, Hockey Canada and the CHL agreed to participate in the world championship with players from teams that either did not make the playoffs, or were eliminated in the first round. To address the educational concerns, Hockey Canada provides a consultant to assist players with their studies while away. Working with their team education consultants and their schools, players bring

work with them, study sessions are available most days during the tournament, and completed reports are sent back to the schools. The expanded use of electronic technology in education since this original venture has vastly improved the ability to deliver a better educational component for participating players.

The 2002 IIHF World U18 Championship was held in Piešťany, Slovakia. The tournament was expanded from 10 to 12 teams that year to accommodate Canada's participation. Team Canada finished in sixth place and ensured its continuing participation in the world championship.

The 2002 team consisted of 22 players, including two goaltenders. Due to an injury to goaltender Josh Harding (Regina, Sask.), an emergency replacement, Tyler Weiman (Lloydminster, Alta.), was brought over partway through the competition. Many of these players have since gone on to have a variety of experiences in hockey, including playing everywhere from the NHL and European leagues to minor pro and senior hockey, as well as coaching minor hockey after their retirements.

Five players (Bouchard, Boychuk, Eager, Harding and Staal) currently enjoy NHL careers, with three of them having won the Stanley Cup (Boychuk; 2011; Eager, 2010; Staal, 2006). Eric Staal (Thunder Bay, Ont.) won gold medals with Team Canada at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games and the 2007 IIHF World Championship, thus qualifying him as one of only eight Canadians, and 25 players overall, who have become members of the IIHF's prestigious Triple Gold Club.

SO WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

#	POS	NAME	CLUB TEAM	2011-12 TEAM	#	POS	NAME	CLUB TEAM	2011-12 TEAM
1	G	Josh Harding	Regina (WHL)	Minnesota (NHL)	15	F	Ryan Keller	Saskatoon (WHL)	Oklahoma (AHL)
2	D	Mike Egener	Calgary (WHL)	EFB Esbjerg (Denmark)	17	F	Jarret Lukin	Kamloops (WHL)	Allen (CHL)
3	D	Chris Schlenker	Regina (WHL)	Medicine Hat Initiative Flyers (Coach)	19	F	Pierre-Marc Bouchard	Chicoutimi (QMJHL)	Minnesota (NHL)
4	D	James Sanford	Moncton (QMJHL)	Danbury (FHL)	20	F	Eric Staal	Peterborough (OHL)	Carolina (NHL)
5	D	Andre Benoit	Kitchener (OHL)	Moscow Spartak (Russia)	21	D	Ryan Card	Peterborough (OHL)	retired
6	D	John Boychuk	Calgary (WHL)	Boston (NHL)	22	F	Brett O'Malley	Lethbridge (WHL)	Eatonia Sr. (SAHA)
8	D	Rosario Ruggeri	Chicoutimi (QMJHL)	retired	23	F	Jonathan Filewich	Prince George (WHL)	Souris Bantams (Assistant Coach)
9	F	Dylan Stanley	Tri-City (WHL)	DT Bad Nauheim (Germany)	25	F	Louis-Philippe Martin	Baie-Comeau (QMJHL)	retired
10	F	Sébastien Courcelles	Sherbrooke (QMJHL)	Thetford Mines (LNAH)	26	F	Michael Lambert	Montréal (QMJHL)	Rivière-du-Loup (LNAH)
11	F	Adam Henrich	Brampton (OHL)	Alleghe (Italy)	31	G	Maxime Daigneault	Val-d'Or (QMJHL)	Windsor (LNAH)
12	F	Ben Eager	Oshawa (OHL)	Edmonton (NHL)	33	G	Tyler Weiman	Tri-City (WHL)	Augsburg (Germany)
14	F	Brett Trudell	Sault St. Marie (OHL)	retired					

VP Hockey.....	Wayne Fleming.....	Hockey Canada.....	Tampa Bay (NHL)
Dir. High Performance.....	Denis Hainault.....	Hockey Canada.....	Sochi 2014 Olympics
Dir. Scouting.....	Barry Trapp.....	Hockey Canada.....	retired
Mgr. High Performance.....	Scott Salmond.....	Hockey Canada.....	Hockey Canada
Head Coach.....	Mike Pelino.....	Hockey Canada.....	Peterborough (OHL)
Assistant Coach.....	Richard Liboiron.....	Moncton (LJHMQ).....	Cape Breton (QMJHL)
Assistant Coach.....	Bob Lowes.....	Regina (WHL).....	Ottawa (NHL)
Video Coach.....	Ryan Jankowski.....	Hockey Canada.....	Montréal (NHL)
Equipment Manager.....	Jeff Lang.....	Hockey Canada.....	Edmonton (NHL)
Sport Therapist.....	Luc LeBlanc.....	Brampton (OHL).....	Hamilton (AHL)
Team Physician.....	Dr. Roy Diklich.....	Windsor (OHL).....	Windsor (OHL)
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HOCKEY CANADA CONDOLENCES

In memory of Don Johnson – 1930-2012



It is with deep sadness that Hockey Canada acknowledges the passing of Don Johnson.

Johnson, president of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association from 1975 to 1979, died Saturday, May 12 in St. John's, N.L., at the age of 82. He was an Honoured Life Member of Hockey Canada since 1982, and was named an honorary member of the Team Canada Alumni Association in 2010.

One of the most beloved sports figures in Atlantic Canada, and across the country, Don touched countless lives in his almost five decades in hockey, from his time as president of the St. John's Senior Hockey League to his countless appearances at the Hockey Canada Annual General Meeting, where he always made sure his voice was heard in discussions on how to make the game better.

To touch on his accomplishments, Don was instrumental in the creation of the Canada Cup and enhanced our country's reputation within international hockey, serving as chairman of the 1978 IIHF World Junior Championship in Montreal, Que., the first World Juniors to be held in Canada. He remained heavily involved in the game, particularly within St. John's and across Newfoundland and Labrador, right up until his passing, presenting the Don Johnson Cup, the Atlantic Canada Junior B Championship trophy, to the Moncton Jr. Vitos, just last month.

Don was also a Life Member of Hockey Newfoundland and Labrador, Softball Newfoundland and Labrador and Sport Newfoundland and Labrador. He is in the Newfoundland and Labrador Hockey Hall of Fame and Canada Games Council's Hall of Honour. Don was a great friend of hockey, and a tireless contributor to the game.

Hockey Canada sends its condolences to the friends and family of Don Johnson. He will be greatly missed. ■

HOCKEY CANADA CONDOLENCES

In memory of Paul Cyr: 1963-2012



Hockey Canada sends its condolences to the family and friends of Paul Cyr, who passed away Saturday, May 19 at the age of 48 due to heart failure. Cyr represented Canada at both the 1982 and 1983 IIHF World Junior Championships, winning a gold medal in 1982 with the first-ever Program of Excellence team.

The Port Alberni, B.C., native also played for the Western Hockey League's Victoria Cougars and was selected ninth overall in the 1982 NHL Entry Draft by the Buffalo Sabres.

Cyr, a small but skilled forward who also played with a physical edge, spent six seasons with the Sabres from 1982-88, and concluded his career with the New York Rangers and Hartford Whalers, scoring 101 goals and amassing 241 points in 470 NHL games.

~ With notes from The Victoria Times Colonist ■



GOLDEN EXPERIENCES

Wallin brings POE success to U18 coaching position

by Jason LaRose



As the 30th anniversary season of Hockey Canada's Program of Excellence drew to a close this spring, it was fitting that Jesse Wallin was standing behind the Team Canada bench at the 2012 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship.

After all, few have been as successful in the POE as Wallin, who has gold medals as a player (1997 IIHF World Junior Championship) and coach (2008 IIHF World U18 Championship, as an assistant) on his résumé.

The Red Deer Rebels head coach took his first turn as a Team Canada bench boss at the Worlds in the Czech Republic in April, leading the Canadians to a bronze medal, just their fourth in 11 all-time appearances at the tournament.

"It's a great opportunity," Wallin said prior to the tournament as to why he took the position. "I've been through the program three times previous to this, and I think it's an opportunity to really challenge yourself, grow as a coach and stretch the limits, and then of course any time you're asked to represent your country, it's a huge honour."

Now 34, Wallin got his first taste of Team Canada as an 18-year-old in December 1996, when he was named to Canada's National Junior Team for the 1997 IIHF World Junior Championship in Switzerland.

A first-round pick of the Detroit Red Wings (26th overall) the previous June, Wallin went scoreless in seven games, but helped Canada win its fifth consecutive World Junior gold medal.

"I remember being in awe early on," Wallin said. "Growing up, watching the World Juniors – it's just such a tradition in Canada, and it was almost surreal to be named to the team, to be a part of it, to step out onto the ice with all the top guys in the country."

While the experience ended with a gold medal, it started out a little bit rocky for Wallin, who had never had to deal with the rigors of international travel, and its effect on the body, before.

"I remember going overseas and playing the first exhibition game or two, and that was my first experience with jetlag, and the first game I could hardly skate; I

remember how hard the jetlag actually hit me. It set me back, and (head coach) Mike Babcock had a talk with me after the first or second game, settled me down, told me what he expected me to do and where he saw me fit in, and from there I just relaxed, and it was a great experience."

Wallin co-captained the National Junior Team at the World Juniors in 1998, where Canada finished a disappointing eighth, and went on to play parts of seven seasons professionally, including 49 NHL games with the Red Wings.

When his playing career ended early in the 2003-04 season, the Saskatoon, Sask., native took some time away from the game before taking a job as an assistant coach with the Rebels in 2005.

Just over three years later, Wallin was back in the Program of Excellence, serving as an assistant under two-time NHL coach of the year Pat Quinn as Canada won its second U18 world title with a line-up that included Matt Duchene, Jordan Eberle, Taylor Hall and Cody Hodgson, among others.

"I learned so much," Wallin said of his two weeks in Kazan, Russia. "I think what I really took from Pat was his approach to the game; he was very even-keel. He was very calm in his approach; when we faced adversity, he handled it very well, very level headed. He really used the people around him; he gathered information, gathered everyone's opinion and processed it and made his decision, and it was really neat to observe him and how he operated."

One of the very few men to be both a player and a head coach in the Program of Excellence, Wallin enjoys the challenge of the international game, and watching Canada's top young players showcase their skills against the world's best.

"It's a really neat experience to have a group of players that are all very talented and very intelligent," he said. "As far as hockey intelligence is concerned, it is really rewarding to be able to try different things, and the way you can throw things at them and they adapt. You get exposed to different elements of the game when you're playing in international competition." ■

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