



Team Canada Alumni Association

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Message from Gord Sherven

Chair of the Team Canada Alumni Association Advisory Committee

Welcome to the Team Canada Alumni Association summer 2014 newsletter.

This edition is highlighted by a farewell story on Bob Nicholson, who stepped down June 1 after 16 years as president and chief executive officer of Hockey Canada. Bob has had a tremendous influence on the growth of hockey in Canada and across the world, and goes out on top with a pair of Olympic gold medals in Sochi.

While he has been in the spotlight at the Olympics and World Juniors, and for good reason, the key to Bob's job has always been developing the game at the grassroots level. His legacy will revolve around the strength of Hockey Canada, and his impact on Canadians young and old who play and love our great game.

On behalf of all Team Canada alumni, thank you Bob for everything you have done for the game, and all the best in your new role as vice-chairman of the Oilers Entertainment Group.

While we say goodbye, we also say hello to Tom Renney, Hockey Canada's new president and CEO. Tom brings a thorough knowledge of the organization, a history of success and an undying passion for the game. He will be a tremendous fit with Hockey Canada, and will proudly continue to build upon the foundation Bob and the rest of the Hockey Canada family has created.

Enjoy Bob's farewell story, and all of our other features and Hockey Canada updates!

Thank you,
Gord Sherven
Chair, TCAA Advisory Committee ■

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

Why We Want To Go There – 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 – We are committed to honouring Canada's international hockey heritage, assisting with the growth of Canadian hockey and the 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. ■

Hockey Canada Turns 100

Cross-country caravan and anniversary jersey unveiled to kick-off year-long celebration

by Wendy Graves



Three-time Olympic gold medallist Jennifer Botterill drops the puck between Minister of State (Sport) Bal Gosal (L) and Hockey Canada chairman Jim Hornell (R) during the official unveiling of the Century Tour.

It's not every day that a 20,000-square-foot truck pulls into town.

Then again, it's not every day that a 100th anniversary gets to be celebrated.

To mark its centennial, Hockey Canada has embarked on the Century Tour, a cross-country caravan stopping in 100 communities with the hopes of connecting with one million Canadians. It's an opportunity to look back at the history and accomplishments – both grassroots and gold medals – of the organization's first 100 years while welcoming what the next 100 have to bring, says Scott Smith, chief operating officer with Hockey Canada.

"I think it's a great way to celebrate our past," says Smith. "We have a lot of individuals who were on teams that were very successful, and this is a great way to (not only) recognize those people and their achievements but also to excite people and make sure the next 100 years are even better."

"We have a very rich history at the highest levels of winning medals and being successful internationally," adds Dean McIntosh, director of events and properties with Hockey Canada. "But we also have a really rich history of connecting kids through hockey." The Century Tour allows Hockey Canada to commemorate both.

Wanting to celebrate with communities from St. Johns, N.L., to Vancouver, B.C., to Iqaluit, Nunavut, helped put the caravan in motion. "We wanted to have something mobile that would allow us to connect with every community and engage all Canadians in the game," says McIntosh.

A five-person team – well-trained in Hockey Canada 101, says McIntosh, laughing – will be with the tour full time. The organization will rely on its branches to help find volunteers at each stop, as well as work with its alumni network so they can be a part of the celebration when the party hits their towns.

On board, fans will find a video wall, a timeline of milestone hockey moments and the chance to take a selfie in a great Canadian hockey moment, among other interactive opportunities that honour local, national and international hockey stories. They'll also see some amazing artifacts, including a pair of lucky loonies that brought golden luck to a trio of teams in 2003 and Bobby Orr's jersey from the 1972 Summit Series, a sweater the injured defenceman didn't get to wear.

The contents of the caravan will change as the tour rolls on. "We'll go through a three-rotation upgrade so we'll be able to ensure we introduce new artifacts, tell new stories through the video and show new imagery on the walls, so that people who saw the truck once can go a second time and get an entirely new experience," says McIntosh.

More video screens, a one-third-scale synthetic ice rink and kids' programs and activities outside the truck complete the experience.

The caravan made its first stop in Ottawa on Canada Day and will be on the road until May 2015.

In addition to the Century Tour, Hockey Canada also unveiled a special 100th anniversary jersey. The sweater is a nod to other classic Hockey Canada designs, says Smith.

"The (word) Canada stretching diagonally is about coast to coast," says McIntosh, and all national teams – men's, women's and sledge – will wear it this year. "We wanted something that (let the players) really feel they're a part of the 100th anniversary."

The jersey is available to fans at Hockey Canada's online store, and at Sport Chek and other partner outlets. ■

End of an Era

Bob Nicholson leaves behind an unmatched Olympic legacy

by Wendy Graves



Jim Hornell and Bob Nicholson



Jayna Hefford and Bob Nicholson

During Bob Nicholson's 14 years as president and chief executive officer of Hockey Canada, Canada's national teams won 44 gold medals.

While proud of all the Olympic and world titles his teams brought home, Nicholson admits a few bring an extra big smile to his face.

"It's been a pretty sweet ride at the Olympics," he says. "In 2002 we hadn't won a gold medal in 50 years and we ended up winning double gold" – a feat accomplished every Games since.

"Doing it in Vancouver on home soil was special, and to do it in Russia was a great way to finish what I started at the Olympics."

Canada lost its opening game in 2002, but Nicholson's faith in the team never wavered, says Ken Hitchcock, an associate coach with the Men's Olympic Team since those Games. "He never allowed the pressure or the stress of the situation to have an impact on our performance. He kept moving the dial forward."

With Canada up three late in the gold medal game against the United States, cameras caught Nicholson and executive director Wayne Gretzky celebrating. "They were right over the moon because after that first game, Canadian writers really went after us," remembers head coach Pat Quinn. "Gretzky and Nicholson went after the writers."

As time ran out on 50 years of frustration, Nicholson says the two men finally relaxed. "Gretzky leaned over when we scored the fifth goal and said, 'we might have fun yet,'" he laughs.

Nicholson and Quinn had gone to every game the women's team played in Salt Lake City, and its success inspired the two men. "Bob was so proud of the women, and so was I," says Quinn. "When they won through great odds, it became a talking point for us, how they persevered."

Quinn says one of his biggest thrills was walking into the dressing room after the men won gold and seeing Nicholson having a beer and cigar with the players.

"(The players) were just quietly enjoying each other's company and their great accomplishment," says Quinn. "And Bob was right there with them."

The groundwork for the team's success had been laid elsewhere. Every morning Nicholson, assistant executive director Kevin Lowe, director of player personnel Steve Tambellini, Gretzky, as well as Gretzky's dad, Walter, would meet for coffee a few blocks from the management team's hotel.

"The so-called power group of Hockey Canada meeting at Denny's to discuss the fate of the hockey nation," says Lowe, laughing.

When the Games came to Vancouver in 2010, Nicholson felt the pressure and excitement that comes with being the host team, says Ken Holland, an associate director for the team. "We all put pressure on ourselves. We wanted to win a gold medal in Canada. We didn't talk about it, but we certainly knew."

Despite this self-administered stress, adds Holland, "Bob created an environment where (even though) we were under pressure, we weren't under pressure."

The victory in Vancouver gave Holland a memory on par with winning the Stanley Cup. "Those two weeks were as good as (any) two weeks I've ever had in hockey, and it's really due to Bob and Hockey Canada."

Four years into the future – and the allure of returning to the site of the 1972 Summit Series – was already on their minds.

"We talked about it" say Lowe, "of how special it would be to go into Russia and win on Russian soil."

That last double gold was emotional for Nicholson for a different reason, says Hitchcock, who had a feeling something was up. "(Bob) had that body language of someone who was going to move on," says Hitchcock. "The sense of accomplishment for both (the men's and women's) teams in Sochi was really heartwarming for Bob." ■

Getting back to the grassroots

New president and CEO Tom Renney hopes to bring a personal touch to his new role

by Wendy Graves

"In lots of ways it's (like) coming home."

That's how Tom Renney described his return to Hockey Canada after being introduced as the organization's new president and chief executive officer.

Renney's relationship with Hockey Canada goes back more than two decades, to when he was the head coach of Canada's National Men's Team from 1992 to 1994. He guided the team to a silver medal at the 1994 Olympic Winter Games, as well as Canada's National Junior Team to silver at the 1999 IIHF World Junior Championship. He won two more medals as an assistant coach with the 2004 (gold) and 2005 (silver) IIHF World Championship teams.

In between stints behind the bench he spent two years behind the scenes as the vice-president of hockey operations. Now he's back, this time as captain of Hockey Canada. It's a role that means a great deal to the Cranbrook, B.C., native.

"It's like coming back and giving back to your family," he says. "You can appreciate how meaningful it is to me that I've been entrusted...to lead the parade here from an operations perspective. I certainly would not be able to do that had I not had great experiences with Hockey Canada in the past."

In his new role, Renney will oversee the men's, women's and sledge high-performance programs; sales, marketing and licensing; membership; communications; grassroots registration, development and retention; and volunteer coaches and officials. It's these last two areas - grassroots and volunteers - in particular, that Renney looks forward to engaging with.

"(This position gives) me a chance to pay attention to what's most important in the game and that's developing its people, and not just on the ice but off the ice," he says. "I take great pride in that. It really does start with the little people's first adventure to the rink."

"We have to align ourselves with the reason why we participate in the first place, and that's because mom, dad, a referee, a coach and a manager decided to make coming to the rink worthwhile when we were little people."

Renney looks forward to building relationships with the people who make the rink feel like a second home. With any luck this fall will allow him and other staff members some time to visit arenas and work shoulder to shoulder with officials, scorekeepers, players and parents.

"I know across the country we have thousands of volunteers that are ready, willing and able to step up and give their time to make sure that we make the arena a destination," he says.

Talking with volunteers about the sport over coffee at the rink and offering feedback on how they themselves can grow within the game are just two things Renney hopes he and his team can do to bring a more personal touch to the game at the community level and continue to help it grow.

"The big thing is through my example at least I'm able to remind people that this is what we got to do more of," says Renney. "And I'm ready for that." ■



Tom Renney and Jim Hornell

A Dream Come True for Johnston

Former Team Canada coach gets first NHL head coaching job

by Michelle Crechiolo – Pittsburgh Penguins



Mike Johnston behind the Team Canada bench at the 2009 IIHF World U18 Championship

After finishing his college hockey career at Brandon University in Manitoba, Mike Johnston was offered a coaching job at Camrose College in Alberta.

(While he was there, Johnston worked with another young fellow by the name of Bill Peters – who, coincidentally enough, just earned his first NHL head coaching position with the Carolina Hurricanes. Funny how that works out...)

Anyway, just a few years into the job, Johnston felt he was ready for the next step. So he decided to take action.

"I sent a letter to several NHL general managers, saying I've been coaching four years now at Camrose College and I'm ready to coach in the NHL," Johnston laughed. "Just keep me in mind." I got a few replies, (including one) from Pat Quinn at the time."

While Johnston, now 57, ended up waiting longer than he may have expected for his first NHL head coaching job, it's quite alright with him as it ended up becoming more about the journey than the destination, as the Dartmouth, N.S., native realized he still had a lot to learn before he could realize his dream.

And now Johnston, having spent time at every level – college, junior, international and the NHL – over the years, has made that dream come true as he was named head coach of the Pittsburgh Penguins.

"As a career coach, you aspire to get to these positions," he said. "Certainly, I've been in the National Hockey League before as an assistant and associate coach, but to get to this level is something I've always aspired to do. It's been my goal, it's been my dream and I'm really thrilled to be standing here today.

"It's been a long time since I wrote that note to those general managers," he continued with a smile, "And I certainly have enjoyed the process of going through as a career coach and developing along the way. I think in whatever positions we have we're all continuing to develop and trying to get better, and that's been my goal all along."

Johnston has certainly done that, as he made sure to get the most out of every single coaching experience he's had over the years and learn as much as he could from the coaches and players that surrounded him. That diligence didn't escape unnoticed.

Penguins associate general manager Jason Botterill, who played for Johnston at the 1994 and 1995 IIHF World Junior Championships (where Canada won back-to-back gold medals), called him a "true student of the game."

"He has junior hockey, he's got the National Hockey League, he has international hockey – he has it all," Botterill said. "He has learned from the coaches he has been under and the elite players that he's had, and it has helped him get to where he is at now."

Johnston says he feels that his biggest strength today as a coach is the ability to build a program, build a template and build an identity that's clearly understood by the staff and the players and ensures that everyone is in sync.

Johnston wants this Penguins team to have the same identity that his team in Portland did. That means playing a system built on puck possession, puck management, tempo and pace.

That shouldn't be a problem, according to Penguins defense prospect Derrick Pouliot – who spent four-plus years with Johnston in Portland after becoming his first-ever draft pick as Winterhawks GM/head coach back in 2009.

"Pittsburgh has somewhat of a similar makeup of team and Mike can definitely adjust," Pouliot said. "He definitely has the ability to adjust his coaching style to the type of team he has. He'll do well and I'm really excited to see him up there." ■



Mike Johnston

A Season to Remember

From the Florida Panthers to Olympic gold and the U18 world championship, 2013-14 was unforgettable for Kevin Dineen

by David Brien



Nov. 8, 2013: Dineen is relieved of duties as head coach of the NHL's Florida Panthers, 16 games into regular season, and soon contacts Bob Nicholson to inquire about coaching opportunities.

"After spending a little time to get organized and reflecting on my next step, I figured I should act like I always did and be a little aggressive."

"(Bob) called me back a few days later to fill me in on the resignation with the National Women's Team and wanted to know if I'd be interested in that position. I immediately said yes. I was ready to commit 100% to this incredible experience."

Dec. 17, 2013: Dineen is officially hired as head coach of Canada's National Women's Team.

"In all honesty, it was a difficult situation to step into when you didn't know anybody from the team apart from about half a dozen people I was familiar with."

"I knew that I had incredible layers of support, especially from the coaching staff. The day before I was officially hired, we spent a full day together and I let them know how their roles were going to expand under my leadership. We established a good level of trust and that led to a healthy situation moving forward."

Dec. 20, 2013: Dineen makes debut as head coach of Canada's National Women's Team, a 4-1 loss to the United States.

"The number of comparable aspects was more noticeable than the differences. The one thing I expected and realized is that the women's team is made up of a bunch of cerebral players. They were able to not only grasp but put into execution a lot of the systems I had used at the NHL level, all while integrating them to the systems that were already in place. They're such extremely smart players that want to learn and want to play the right way, that it wasn't an issue."

Feb. 8, 2014: Dineen earns his first international win as a head coach, 5-0 over Switzerland in the Olympic opener in Sochi.

"It was exciting because I had a flood of emotions come back from my own Olympic experience. We walked in the opening ceremonies the night before and that's when it really sunk in. It was an incredible feeling!"

Feb. 20, 2014: Canada wins Olympic gold with a 3-2 overtime win over the United States, a game it trailed 2-0 with less than four minutes left.

"To watch how that game played out, how competitive it was by both teams, it was a great hockey game no matter the dramatic outcome. I admire our team for their composure and how the leaders in our group helped keep

it together while playing through such adversity."

"With everything that happened in that game; from the puck hitting the post on our empty net, to the three penalties called in overtime, everything was incredibly dramatic."

March 20, 2014: Dineen is named head coach of Canada's National Men's Under-18 Team.

"The opportunity to work with this bunch of kids, most of them being draft eligible this year, was an incredible one as well. They were such an enthusiastic bunch and very motivated. Their talent level was through the roof and they were extremely hard working kids that wanted to learn."

April 27, 2014: Canada wins bronze at the U18 world championship with a 3-1 win over Sweden.

"Obviously we wanted the gold medal, so to lose in overtime in the semi-final game was a hard pill to swallow. I'm really proud of how our guys regrouped and prepared themselves to try and represent Canada to the best they could in the circumstances. I feel like we walked out of there with a feeling of accomplishment."

"The boys really worked hard to earn that medal and that's something that I was really proud of afterwards. I even sent them all a personal note to let them know that I was proud of them and that I really wanted all of them to achieve one of their lifelong goals and get drafted by an NHL team." ■



Kevin Dineen

Celebrating the Game

Gold medallists and Order of Hockey in Canada honourees gather for Hockey Canada Foundation Celebrity Classic

by Jason La Rose

A who's-who of Canadian hockey went west to Vancouver, B.C., for the 2014 Hockey Canada Foundation Celebrity Classic on June 23-24, recognizing the very best in the game, both past and present.

The two-day event was highlighted by the presentation of championship rings to Canada's three gold medal-winning teams from the 2013-14 season – Canada's Men's Olympic Team, Canada's Women's Olympic Team and Canada's National Women's Under-18 Team.

"I definitely got the butterflies," National Women's Under-18 Team member Ainsley MacMillan said of seeing her ring for the first time. "It symbolizes something we worked so hard for, not only this year, but all the way back to when we started playing hockey."

In addition, a trio of Canadian hockey legends – Clare Drake, France St-Louis and Steve Yzerman – were officially invested into the Order of Hockey in Canada.

To find out more about this year's Distinguished Honourees of the Order of Hockey in Canada, [CLICK HERE](#).

The centrepiece of the event was the gala dinner, which took place June 23 at Rogers Arena, home of the NHL's Vancouver Canucks.

The evening included live and silent auctions, presentations to the three Order of Hockey in Canada honourees, and a hot stove with the captains and coaches of Canada's Olympic teams – Sidney Crosby, Mike Babcock, Caroline Ouellette and Kevin Dineen.

The following day, Northview Golf and Country Club in nearby Surrey hosted the celebrity golf tournament.

The Celebrity Classic is the largest fundraiser for the Hockey Canada Foundation, which works closely with Hockey Canada to raise money to support minor hockey programs. The foundation focuses on three areas of

funding: accessibility, diversity, health and wellness; skill development; and hockey heritage.

In total, the 2014 gala and golf tournament raised more than \$500,000, which will go to Hockey Canada Foundation initiatives that support accessibility to the game, from grassroots hockey to Olympic teams, as well as to legacy programming in the Vancouver area, similar to what has been done in past host cities.

"This is all about raising money for hockey across Canada, and especially here in Vancouver," said Jim Treiving, chair of the Hockey Canada Foundation. "We talk about all the other things happening here, the gold medals and all that, and that's really nice, but we've got to get our kids into hockey and keep them there."

Working with the Canucks for Kids Fund, legacy funding from the 2014 event will benefit KidSport B.C., Athletics for Kids, and the Boys and Girls Clubs of South Coast B.C., ultimately creating greater opportunities for underprivileged kids in Vancouver and across British Columbia to enjoy the game.

The foundation says that more than 300 minor hockey players in the Greater Vancouver area will have their registration fees covered for the 2014-15 season thanks to funds raised at the Celebrity Classic.

"This is such a great event for us, not only because we get to recognize Canada's gold medallists," said Chris Bright, executive director of the Hockey Canada Foundation, "but because we get to give back to the game."

It was the first time the Hockey Canada Foundation Celebrity Classic has been held in Vancouver. In its first 10 years, the event made stops in Calgary, Edmonton, Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto. ■



Catching Up with Jennifer Botterill

Q&A with the three-time Olympic gold medallist and Celebrity Classic host

by Wendy Graves

Jennifer Botterill suited up for Canada's National Women's Team 184 times, winning three Olympic gold medals, an Olympic silver medal and five IIHF World Women's Championship gold medals. Since hanging up her skates in 2011, she's found a new form of physical activity – "yoga is my new favourite thing" – and new way to stay involved in the game.

Hockey Canada caught up with Botterill just before she hosted the Hockey Canada Foundation's annual gala.

Hockey Canada: What is the most memorable moment from your Team Canada career?

Jennifer Botterill: "If I had to pick one it would be the gold medal game in Vancouver in 2010. With each of the Olympics and world championships it was always about being surrounded by great people, but I think that one was special just because we had the chance to share it with so many people in the country. It far exceeded our expectations of what we imagined the environment would be like."

HC: What is your most prized possession from your playing career?

JB: "I always appreciated my teammates, so that's far and above the best take-away – being around great people and having friends for life. But if you think about items, it's the jerseys. Hockey Canada let us keep jerseys once in a while, from the Olympics, world championships or other events that we won. Those are the ones I appreciate the most because every time you put on a jersey in a locker room you took a moment to appreciate it."

HC: Hockey fans know you as a multiple Olympic gold medalist and world champion. How did you make the transition to working behind the mic as a sports broadcaster?

JB: "(Hockey Canada's director of communications) André Brin is a friend and he had asked me if I was interested in doing some work with TSN, (who then) reached out to see if I'd be interested in covering events. The best part of my playing days was sharing the experience with people in our country. This is a chance to bring them closer and hopefully share stories. I was intrigued, so it made for a fun transition for me, to still be involved in the game but in a different capacity."

HC: Any embarrassing on-air moments yet?

JB: "Knock on wood, I don't know what it is yet."

HC: As a player, you had the opportunity to attend the gala as an honouree. Can you share with us what you remember from those galas?

JB: "What stands out the most is the one after Vancouver (in 2010). It was just a chance to celebrate. When you're competing at – and even just still at – the Olympics you're within this little bubble, but the gala event is really fun because you take a step back. There's a little bit of time for it to sink in and then you get the chance to celebrate that."

HC: The gala always has some live and silent auctions to help raise money for Hockey Canada Foundation initiatives? Which player would you outbid everyone for to get ice time with?

JB: "I've always had a lot of respect for (Sidney) Crosby, so I think he would be fun to get on the ice with." ■



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Recent Events

National Championships Recap

Saskatchewan victories highlight Season of Champions

It was a Saskatchewan sweep this spring, with teams from the prairie province winning all three of Hockey Canada's national championships, the first time one province has ever swept the events in the same year.



2014 RBC Cup

May 10-18 | Vernon, B.C.

After four previous unsuccessful appearances at Canada's National Junior A Championship the Yorkton Terriers finally hoisted the RBC Cup, beating the Carleton Place Canadians 4-3 in overtime in the final for their first national title. After an 0-2 start, the Terriers needed consecutive wins to close out the preliminary round to make the semifinals, beat the host Vernon Vipers and used Derek Falloon's OT winner (his second in four days) to top the Canadians and win the national championship.

2014 TELUS Cup

April 21-27 | Moose Jaw, Sask.

For the third time in nine years, the Prince Albert Mintos are national Midget champions, edging the Grenadiers de Châteauguay 4-3 in triple overtime. Dakota Boutin ended the gold medal game 18:36 into the sixth period, finishing the longest game in tournament history. The previous record holder? The 2006 final, when the Mintos topped the Calgary Buffaloes 5-4 in three OTs. Prince Albert finished with a 5-0-2 record, running its TELUS Cup unbeaten streak to a record 21 games (19-0-2).

2014 Esso Cup

April 20-26 | Stoney Creek, Ont.

The Weyburn Gold Wings made it four national titles in six years for the West Region, and two for Saskatchewan, squeezing past the Edmonton Thunder 2-1 in the gold medal game at Canada's National Female Midget Championship. Baillie Bourassa's goal early in the second period - her third game-winner of the tournament - was the difference for the Gold Wings, who made sure the Thunder came up short once again; Edmonton has appeared in all six Esso Cups, but has never won the top prize. ■

World Championships Recap

U18 teams medal again, men's team falls in quarter-finals

Another year, another spring of success for Canada's national teams, highlighted by the U18 men's and women's teams both bringing back medals from their world championships, including another gold.

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey World Championship

May 9-25 | Minsk, Belarus

Despite an opening-game shootout loss to France, Canada continued its run of success in the preliminary round, finishing atop its round-robin group for the 12th time in 14 years, dating back to 2001. Led by top scorer Joel Ward (nine points in eight games) and the goaltending tandem of James Reimer and Ben Scrivens, the Canadians took the tournament's second-best record into the quarter-finals, where a 3-2 loss to Finland left Canada out of the semifinal picture for the fifth year in a row.

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship

April 17-27 | Lappeenranta & Imatra, Finland

Icing a line-up that included seven players that would be selected in the first round of the 2014 NHL Entry Draft, Canada took first place in its preliminary round group with three wins and a shootout loss, and edged Switzerland 3-2 in the quarter-finals. Down 3-0 to the Czech Republic 13 minutes into the second period of their semifinal, the Canadians battled back to tie the game before falling in overtime. Canada bounced back in the bronze medal game, beating Sweden 3-1 for its third straight medal.

2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship

March 23-30 | Budapest, Hungary

Make it three consecutive world championships for Canada. After cruising through a perfect preliminary round by a combined 19-1 in three games, the Canadians got a massive scare in the semifinals; Russian goaltender Valeria Tarakanova turned in a remarkable 69-save performance, and Lauren Wildfang's goal helped Canada escape with a 1-0 overtime win. Two goals each from Ève-Audrey Picard and Sarah Potomak led Canada to a 5-1 win over the U.S. in the final, and another gold medal. ■



Team Canada defenceman Haydn Fleury carries the puck during the 2014 IIHF Ice Hockey U18 World Championship



Canada's National Women's Under-18 Team celebrates its third consecutive IIHF Ice Hockey U18 Women's World Championship gold medal



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