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HOCKEY CANADA ANNOUNCES ROSTER FOR 2009 IIHF WORLD UNDER-18 CHAMPIONSHIP

CALGARY, Alta. – Hockey Canada and the Canadian Hockey League (CHL) announced on Thursday the 22 players that will make up Canada's National Men's Under-18 Team at the 2009 IIHF World Under-18 Championship set for April 9-19 in Fargo, North Dakota and Moorhead, Minnesota.

The roster is comprised of players born in 1991 or earlier whose teams are no longer competing in the CHL playoffs with their respective club teams. Many of Canada's players named today will be among the top selections at the 2009 NHL Entry Draft in Montreal, Que. in June.

Canada's coaching staff – head coach Mike Johnston and Steve Spott – collaborated with Al Murray, Hockey Canada's head scout for men's national teams, to finalize the roster. Murray has been traveling across Canada evaluating and ranking players as part of his duties. Eric Lavigne, who was named as an assistant coach for Team Canada, had to step down due to family reasons and will not continue with the team – his position will not be replaced for the event.

"Whenever you're selecting a team with the depth of talent that we have in Canada, it makes for a very difficult process," said Murray. "We are very proud and feel very comfortable with the team we have assembled, and we look forward to preparing our team that will hopefully challenge for a gold medal."

"As a coaching staff we are looking forward to the opportunity this week to get our team on the ice and begin preparation for the world championship," said Johnston. "The current roster has 17 players with international experience at under-17 and under-18 events. This type of experience will prove to be invaluable for this year's edition of the team."

The players and staff began arriving yesterday in Minneapolis, where they will be based for all pre-tournament activities, including practices and a pair of exhibition games versus Slovakia and Germany. The team will proceed to Fargo on Wednesday, April 8 and will open up the 2009 IIHF World Under-18 Championship on Thursday, April 9 versus Germany.

TSN/RDS, the official broadcaster of Hockey Canada, will broadcast Canada's final preliminary round game against Sweden on Tuesday, April 14, as well as a quarter-final on Wednesday, April 15 or Thursday, April 16, a semi-final on Friday, April 17 and the gold medal game on Sunday, April 19. The bronze medal game on April 19 will also be broadcast if Canada plays for bronze.

For more information on the Canada's National Men's Under-18 Team and its quest for gold at the 2009 IIHF World Under-18 Championship, please visit www.hockeycanada.ca. For official tournament stats, visit www.iihf.com.

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#	Name	P	S/C	HT	WT	Born	Hometown	2008-09 Team
No.	Nom	P	T/C	T	P	Né	Ville d'origine	Équipe 2008-09
Goaltenders/Gardiens de but								
1	Bryce O'Hagan	G	L/G	6'2"	194	12/27/91	Burlington, Ont.	Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds (OHL)
30	Michael Zador	G	L/G	6'2"	189	05/08/91	Toronto, Ont.	Oshawa Generals (OHL)
Defence/Défense								
3	Brayden McNabb	D	L/G	6'4"	195	01/21/91	Davidson, Sask.	Kootenay Ice (WHL)
4	Simon Despres	D	L/G	6'4"	214	07/27/91	Laval, Que.	Saint John Sea Dogs (QMJHL)
5	Erik Gudbranson	D	R/D	6'3"	195	01/07/92	Orleans, Ont.	Kingston Frontenacs (OHL)
6	Stefan Elliott	D	R/D	6'1"	184	01/30/91	North Vancouver, B.C.	Saskatoon Blades (WHL)
12	Dylan Olsen	D	L/G	6'2"	195	01/03/91	Calgary, Alta.	Camrose Kodiaks (AJHL)
24	Calvin de Haan	D	L/G	6'0"	170	05/09/91	Carp, Ont.	Oshawa Generals (OHL)
26	Taylor Doherty	D	R/D	6'8"	218	03/02/91	Cambridge, Ont.	Kingston Frontenacs (OHL)
Forwards/Avants								
8	Brett Connolly	F/A	R/D	6'1"	162	05/02/92	Prince George, B.C.	Prince George Cougars (WHL)
9	Ryan O'Reilly	F/A	L/G	6'0"	205	02/07/91	Varna, Ont.	Erie Otters (OHL)
11	Peter Holland	F/A	L/G	6'2"	190	01/14/91	Caledon, Ont.	Guelph Storm (OHL)
10	Zack Kassian	F/A	R/D	6'3"	205	01/24/91	LaSalle, Ont.	Peterborough Petes (OHL)
14	Byron Froese	F/A	R/D	6'0"	171	03/12/91	Winkler, Man.	Everett Silvertips (WHL)
15	Garrett Mitchell	F/A	R/D	5'11"	181	09/02/91	Regina, Sask.	Regina Pats (WHL)
16	Landon Ferraro	F/A	R/D	5'11"	165	08/08/91	Vancouver, B.C.	Red Deer Rebels (WHL)
17	John McFarland	F/A	R/D	6'0"	192	04/02/92	Richmond Hill, Ont.	Sudbury Wolves (OHL)
18	Joey Hishon	F/A	L/G	5'10"	166	10/20/91	Stratford, Ont.	Owen Sound Attack (OHL)
21	Cody Eakin	F/A	L/G	5'11"	174	05/24/91	Winnipeg, Man.	Swift Current Broncos (WHL)
22	Curtis Hamilton	F/A	L/G	6'3"	202	12/04/91	Kelowna, B.C.	Saskatoon Blades (WHL)
23	Kyle Clifford	F/A	L/G	6'1"	200	01/13/91	Ayr, Ont.	Barrie Colts (OHL)
25	Ethan Werek	F/A	L/G	6'2"	195	06/07/91	Goodwood, Ont.	Kingston Frontenacs (OHL)