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22 PLAYERS SELECTED TO REPRESENT ONTARIO MEN'S UNDER-17 HOCKEY TEAM TO COMPETE AT THE 2009 WORLD HOCKEY CHALLENGE

TORONTO, ON – Team Ontario Director of Operations Robert Kitamura is pleased to announce the 22-man roster for Ontario's Under 17 Team that will compete in the 2009 World Under-17 Hockey Challenge being held in Port Alberni, British Columbia from December 29th, 2008 through January 4th, 2009.

“After evaluating these high performance athletes during the last 2 months, I am pleased and proud to announce this year’s men’s Under-17 Team that will represent Ontario at the upcoming 2008/2009 World Hockey Challenge being held in Port Alberni, British Columbia said Team Ontario Director of Operations Rob Kitamura. Selecting a team from the available talent pool in Ontario is always a difficult task; however, I believe that the coaching staff and I have selected the 22 best players that will represent Ontario with pride and class both on and off the ice at this high performance event. We are confident that this group of athletes are committed and prepared to compete for the Gold medal at the upcoming World Hockey Challenge, stated Kitamura.”

This international event features five regional teams competing from across Canada and five international teams from Finland, Germany, Russia, Slovakia and USA.

Team Ontario will play in a conference against Team Pacific, Team Atlantic, Russia and Germany.

Team Ontario will begin their quest for Gold on December 28th with an exhibition game against Finland and will play their first game of the round-robin series against Team Atlantic on December 29th. The bronze and gold medal games will be played on January 4th.

The Hockey Development Centre for Ontario (HDCO) facilitates the Men's Under-17 hockey program on behalf of the 3 Ontario Branches of Hockey Canada.

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Following is the Team Roster



TEAM ONTARIO ROSTER 2009 WORLD UNDER-17 HOCKEY CHALLENGE

#	Name <i>Nom</i>	P	S	HT	WT	Born <i>Né</i>	Hometown <i>Ville d'origine</i>	2008-09 Team <i>Équipe 2008-09</i>
1	Visentin, Mark	G	L/G	6'	176	08/07/92	Waterdown, ON	Niagara Icedogs (OHL)
31	Anderson, JP	G	R/G	5'10"	175	04/27/92	Toronto, ON	Mississauga Majors (OHL)
2	Gudbranson, Erik	D	R/D	6'3"	195	01/07/92	Orleans, ON	Kingston Frontenacs (OHL)
3	O'Connor, Ryan	D	R/D	5'8"	175	01/12/92	Hamilton, ON	Barrie Colts (OHL)
4	Beukeboom, Brock	D	R/D	6'2"	200	04/01/92	Uxbridge, ON	Sault Ste. Marie Greyhounds (OHL)
5	Chiarlitti, Nathan	D	L/D	6'	185	02/04/92	Maple, ON	Sarnia Sting (OHL)
6	Cutting, Keevin	D	L/D	6'1"	166	10/02/92	Bracebridge, ON	Owen Sound Attack (OHL)
7	Silas, Stephen	D	L/D	6'	180	06/26/92	Georgetown, ON	Belleville Bulls (OHL)
8	Braithwaite, Jeff	D	L/D	6'	175	02/03/92	Ennismore, ON	Peterborough Petes (OHL)
9	Spooner, Ryan	F	L	5'9"	160	01/30/92	Kanata, ON	Peterborough Petes (OHL)
10	McNaughton, Cody	F	R	5'9"	166	10/16/92	Petawawa, ON	Guelph Storm (OHL)
11	Thomas, Christian	F	R	5'9"	165	05/26/92	Toronto, ON	London Knights (OHL)
12	Sutch, Gregg	F	R	6'2"	190	02/09/92	Newmarket, ON	Sarnia Sting (OHL)
14	Shipley, Steven	F	L	6'2"	200	04/22/92	Ilderton, ON	Owen Sound Attack (OHL)
15	Hamilton, Freddie	F	R	6'	185	01/01/92	Toronto, ON	Niagara Icedogs (OHL)
16	Toffoli, Tyler	F	R	6'	181	04/24/92	Scarborough, ON	Ottawa 67's (OHL)
17	Smith-Pelly, Devante	F	R	5'11"	180	06/14/92	Scarborough, ON	Mississauga Majors (OHL)
18	McFarland, John	F	R	6'	192	04/02/92	Richmond Hill, ON	Sudbury Wolves (OHL)
19	Skinner, Jeff	F	L	5'10"	182	05/16/92	Markham, ON	Kitchener Rangers (OHL)
20	Seguin, Tyler	F	R	6'	170	01/31/92	Brampton, ON	Plymouth Whalers (OHL)
21	McKegg, Greg	F	L	6'	185	06/17/92	St. Thomas, ON	Erie Otters (OHL)
22	Carrick, Sam	F	R	5'11"	174	02/04/92	Stouffville, ON	Brampton Battalion (OHL)

2008-09 'TEAM NAME' TEAM STAFF / PERSONNEL DE 'NOM DE L'ÉQUIPE' 2008-09

Title /Titre	First name Last name/ Prénom/Nom de famille	Hometown/ Ville d'origine	Team (League)/ Équipe (Ligue)
Director of Operations	Robert Kitamura	Hamilton, ON	OHL Central Scouting
Head Coach	Mario Cichillo	St. Catharines, ON	Niagara Icedogs (OHL)
Assistant Coach	Jake Grimes	Belleville, ON	Belleville Bulls (OHL)
Assistant Coach	Troy Smith	Hamilton, ON	Kitchener Rangers (OHL)
Head Trainer	Pete Dobbin	Niagara Falls, ON	Niagara Icedogs (OHL)
Equipment Manager	Doug Robertson	Guelph, ON	Guelph Storm (OHL)
Assistant Director	Victor Carneiro	Toronto, ON	London Knights (OHL)