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HOCKEY SELECTS 20 PLAYERS TO REPRESENT ONTARIO AT THE 2007 CANADA WINTER GAMES

TORONTO, ON – Team Ontario Director of Operations Mike Futa along with Head Coach Marty Williamson, Assistant coaches Jason Brooks and Paul Titanic announced the 20 man roster today for Ontario's Under 17 Team that will compete at the 2007 Canada Winter Games.

"There is no better feeling than competing for your country and your province. It is always a challenge when you have to select a team from a group of athletes who are so committed to excellence within their sport. We know that there will always be disappointment for those players who are not selected at the end of the evaluation process. However, we as a staff believe that we have put together a group of athletes who will represent Ontario with pride and class both on and off the ice and are capable of winning the Gold medal at this year's Canada Winter Games, stated Mike Futa Director of Operations."

"The quality and skill level of the players selected to represent Ontario at this year's Games indicates that the minor and junior hockey system in Ontario is not only producing high performance athletes but also quality citizens as well said head coach Marty Williamson."

The team will depart for Whitehorse on February 21st. where they will compete in the 2007 Canada Winter Games beginning February 24, thru March 1, 2007. The tournament features 13 teams comprised of four pools. Ten Provinces, The North West Territories, Yukon and Nunavut comprise the 13 teams who will be competing for the Gold medal. Based on the 2003 Canada Winter Games rankings Team Ontario is seeded third and is in Pool C that also consists of Team Manitoba and Team PEI. A schedule of games will be posted on the HDCO website when it becomes available.

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

Roster Team Ontario Men's Under 17 2007 Canada Winter Games

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	CURRENT TEAM CLUB	HOMETOWN
Brandon	Burlon	St. Michael's Buzzers OPJHL	Nobelton
Chris	Carrozzi	Toronto St. Michael's Majors OHL	Nepean
Tyler	Cuma	Ottawa 67's OHL	Bowmanville
Mark	Cundari	Windsor Spitfires OHL	Vaughan
Michael	Del Zotto	Oshawa Generals OHL	Stouffville
Stefan	DellaRovere	Barrie Colts OHL	Maple
Michael	D'orazio	Owen Sound Attack OHL	Richmond Hill
Mitch	Gaulton	Erie Otters OHL	Grimsby
Kelly	Geoffrey	Erie Otters OHL	Newmarket
Adam	Henrique	Windsor Spitfires OHL	Burford
Cody	Hodgson	Brampton Battalion OHL	Markham
Nazem	Kadri	Kitchener Rangers OHL	London
Cody	Lindsay	Ottawa 67's OHL	London
James	Livingston	Soo Greyhounds OHL	Newmarket
Nathan	Moon	Kingston Frontenacs OHL	Belleville
Anthony	Nigro	Guelph Storm OHL	Woodbridge
Edward	Pasquale	Wellington Dukes OPJHL	Toronto
Alexander	Pietrangelo	Mississauga Ice Dogs OHL	King City
Steve	Stamkos	Sarnia Sting OHL	Unionville
Corey	Trivino	Stouffville Spirit OPJHL	Etobicoke

TEAM ONTARIO PERSONNEL

Head Coach:	Marty Williamson	Barrie Colts OHL
Assistant Coach:	Jason Brooks	Guelph Storm OHL
Assistant Coach:	Paul Titanic	Markham AAA Midget OMHA
Director of Operations:	Mike Futa	Owen Sound Attack OHL
Head Trainer:	Kelly McKeraghan	Barrie Colts OHL
Assistant Trainer:	Phil Voutier	Team Ontario

ALTERNATES*

Michael	Hutchison	Barrie Colts OHL	Burlington
Shawn	Lalonde	Belleville Bulls OHL	Orleans
Mike	Lomas	Brampton Battalion OHL	Burlington

* Players who can be activated in the event of injury prior to the start of the Canada Winter Games event.