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ASCWA announces 2009 Team NWT for the National Aboriginal Hockey Championships

YELLOWKNIFE March 25th, 2009 – The Aboriginal Sport Circle of the NWT is proud to announce its roster for the upcoming 2009 National Aboriginal Hockey Championships (NAHC) in Winnipeg, Manitoba, May 3rd – 9th, 2009.

Players have been identified and selected by volunteer evaluators in the regions at various tournaments across the north over the past four months. Tournaments such as the Sahtu Cup, Gwichin Cup, Yellowknife Bantam/Midget Tournament, Hay River Bantam tournament, Hay River Ladies Tournament, and so on.

"Our evaluators and Coaches are all hockey minded people and have very strong backgrounds in National and Territorial Championships as a Coach or participant in the past, they all have represented NWT in some level of hockey, they know what players to look for to make sure we have the right players that will represent Team NWT at the Nationals, I feel confident in their selections." Said Greg Hopf General Manger for Team NWT and the Assistant Director of the Aboriginal Sport Circle of the NWT.

Before leaving to the nationals Team NWT will have "Team Building" training camp in Yellowknife prior.

"The point of our training camp is to provide a environment where the team can come together and develop that team chemistry which is so important. Guys and girls have to able to trust their teammates and when you have players that never meet before you need that team building and trust built before competing in a national event." Greg Hopf went on to say.

The NAHC program is incorporating new plans and ideas to develop this program in to a Top elite program. Things like Fitness testing are gong to be a big part of this program. "If players are not in shape and do not meet our fitness levels we want them at, they will not participate in the championships" Greg Hopf went on to say.

The end goal of this program is to have Youth that are well armed with Leadership and teamwork strategies and sports nutrition; health and wellness information is strengthened within them. Also for the Youth to become mentors and role models in their communities, which in some cases will result in some of them becoming coaches and more involved in recreation and sports within their community. This program will install that Self-pride is strong with all participants.

2009 Male Team

	<u>Player</u>	<u>Community</u>
1	Paden Lennie	Inuvik
2	Geo Pascal	Inuvik
3	Francis Villeneuve	Inuvik
4	James Day	Inuvik



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OF THE WESTERN ARCTIC

5	Kirk Sangris	Dettah
6	Mykle Grandjambe	Fort Good Hope
7	Jayde Lafferty	Behchoko
8	Shawn Coady	Yellowknife
9	Tyson Boucher	Yellowknife
10	Aaron King	Yellowknife
11	James Dumas	Hay River
12	Ben Squirrel	Hay River
13	Anthony Roche	Ft.Simpson
14	Sharywn MacPherson	Ft. Smith
15	Troy Enfield	Tulita
16	James Williams	Yellowknife
17	Tyrell Nichols	Hay River
18	Corey Baetz *	Inuvik
19	Napoleon Kenny *	Tulita
20	Coady Walker *	Hay River

* Indicates Alternate player

2009 Female Team

	<u>Player</u>	<u>Community</u>
1	Leah Suylma	Inuvik
2	Sarah Sangris	Dettah
3	Michelle Daigneault	Hay River
4	Lacy Taylor Payne	Yellowknife
5	Brooke Taylor Payne	Yellowknife
6	Caitylyn Pyke	Yellowknife
7	Brooke Harris	Yellowknife
8	Jacie MacDonald	Fort Smith
9	Gaylen Pischinger	Fort Smith
10	Alex Fraser	Fort Smith
11	Olga Aviugana	Ft. Smith/Ft. Resolution
12	Stephanie Charlie	Aklavik
13	Cara Manuel	Fort Good Hope
14	Richelle Daniels	Hay River
15	Kaitlyn White	Yellowknife
16	Tara Dunsford	Yellowknife
17	Shyra Teed	Yellowknife
18	Sydney Rowe*	Fort Simpson
19	Janette Kakfwi *	Fort Good Hope
20	Dana Harris *	Yellowknife

* Indicates alternate player

Male Team Coaches:

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- .. **Tom Williams - Yellowknife**
- .. **Ryan Strain - Yellowknife**
- .. **Todd Moran - Inuvik**

Female Team Coaches

- .. **Floyd Daniels – Hay River**
- .. **Joyce Storr – Ft. McPherson**

Greg Hopf – General Manager Male/Female

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