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Football – NFL Global Junior Championships XI

Glen Constantin announces Team Canada coaching staff

Montreal, December 7, 2006 – Glen Constantin, Team Canada football head coach, announced his staff for the NFL Global Junior Championships XI set for January 29-February 3 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Canada is the defending champion.

Four of the nine assistants named by Constantin are head coaches at Canadian universities. There are four offensive coaches, four defensive coaches and one special teams coach.

On the offence, **Justin Éthier**, offensive coordinator at Université Laval, is the Offensive coordinator & quarterback coach ; **Greg Marshall**, head coach at the University of Western Ontario, the offensive line coach; **Stefan Ptaszek**, head coach at McMaster University, is the receivers coach; and **Marco Iadaluca**, offensive coordinator for the St-Léonard Cougars (CJFL), the running backs coach.

On defence, **Warren Craney**, defensive coordinator at Concordia University, fills the same role with Team Canada; **Blake Neil**, head coach at the University of Calgary, handles the secondary; **Marc Santerre**, head coach at the Université de Montréal, is the defensive backs coach; and **Randy Fournier**, defensive line coach at the University of Ottawa, fills the same function with Team Canada.

Pat Tracey, defensive coordinator at Queen's University, is the special teams coach.

"I'm very pleased to have such an experienced staff who have left their mark on Canadian football," said Constantin. "We had more than 50 applications for the positions."

Full bios are available on line at www.teamcanadafootball.com

Selection camps were held last week in Quebec and Ontario to identify players for a national camp set for December 16-17 at Rosemère, Que. More than 350 under-19 players were evaluated at those camps held in Lachine and Guelph. More than 100 players from across the country are expected to attend the Rosemère camp.

Team Canada plans to field a 40-member team for the tournament. Last year the Canadians beat the U.S., 10-0 in the championship final in Detroit.

The Global Junior Championship XI is an official NFL event and takes place in Fort Lauderdale during Super Bowl Week (January 29- February 3, 2007). The tournament, now in its eleventh year, will be played as part of the Super Bowl XLI festivities.

Other countries participating are Japan, Mexico, France, Panama and the U.S. A South Florida select squad will represent the U.S.

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