

# **SUMMARY OF THE CANADIAN WOMEN'S INLINE HOCKEY TEAMS PARTICIPATION AT THE 2010 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

The top female inline hockey players have all arrived in Beroun, Czech Republic and Team Canada is primed and ready to bring home the gold. With nine players and two goaltenders from across the country, the Canadian women had their final practice today as they prepare to open the tournament against Team Finland tomorrow, Saturday, July 3rd, 2010. Since the inaugural World Championships in 2002, Canada has consistently been one of the top finishers. At last years World Championships in Varese, Italy, the Canadian squad lost a tough semi final game in triple overtime to the Czech Republic, and settled for bronze. To follow the tournament online go to [www.beroun2010.com](http://www.beroun2010.com), however we will be sending daily Team Canada updates.

## **Team Canada wins first game of the World FIRS Championships 7-2 over Team Finland in Beroun, Czech Republic.**

Team Canada started off the tournament with a solid win over Team Finland. Rookie Lindsay Grigg opened the scoring while the game was just 1:41 seconds in with a nice one-time shot off a pass by Brooke Ludolph. Responding quickly, Team Finland scored their first goal twelve seconds later to tie the game 1-1. The game remained close for much of the first period before Canada stretched the lead to 4-1 (Ludolph, Jackie Jarrell, Ludolph). Not to be outdone, Team Finland scored the last goal of the first period to trail 4-2 going into the second.

Team Canada improved on it's defensive zone coverage with strong backchecking by Montana Merante and step up defence by Team Captain Kathy Devereaux, and controlled much of the play in the second half. Jarrell completed her hat trick, while Grigg got her second of the game to finish the game 7-2 for Team Canada. Kendra Fisher got her first win between the pipes for Team Canada, and topped off a scoreless second with a nice poke check away from a Finnish player right on her doorstep. Keys to Team Canada's win were the playmaking abilities of Assistant Captain LaToya Clark, digging along the boards by Sasha Nanji, and smart veteran plays by Christina Sorbara and Sam Shirley.

Team Canada continues its round robin play against Team China tomorrow at 7 pm Czech time.

## **Canada Finishes First in Their Pool**

After day 2 and 3, Canada and USA are the teams to beat both finishing 3-0 in their respective pools. Canada had a strong outing in game 2 against China, who is appearing for the first time at the World Championships. Canada started the game quickly, going up 1-0 within the first few minutes of the game, but solid Team China defence managed to keep the game close until the game opened up midway through the first period.

Once again, Jackie Jarrell led Team Canada in goals with 4 in the first, leading Canada to a romp 11-0. Rounding out the goal scoring for Team Canada were LaToya Clarke(2), Sasha Nanji (2), Samantha Shirley (1), Montana Merante (1) and Christina Sorbara (1). Team captain, Kathy Devereaux and rookie Lindsay Grigg did a great job, setting up and quarterbacking Canada plays. Rookie goaltender Amanda Squire from Surrey, B.C. stood tall earning a shutout in her first game for Team Canada topped off by a highlight reel breakaway save late in the second half.

Next up for Canada on day 3 was the Team from the Czech Republic. Canada and Czech have developed a healthy rivalry the past few World Championships, with the Czech winning gold over

Canada in OT in 2008, and beating Canada in triple OT in the semis in 2009. This time, Canada was not to be deterred. In front of hundreds of boisterous fans on a Czech national holiday, Canada jumped out to an early lead 2-0 part way through the first half with a nice individual effort by Brooke Ludolph to bury her own rebound, and a power play goal by Captain Kathy Devereaux on a beautiful pass from Assistant Captain Sam Shirley. The Czech Republic quickly responded a minute later closing the gap to 2-1.

The second half went back and forth, much to the delight of the Czech crowd. Czech tied up the game with 10 minutes left. Canada, needing a win in order to finish first in the pool, called a timeout with 5 minutes left. The team responded with a great 2 on 1 with 16 year old rookie Montana Merante getting the game winner for Team Canada off a great shot by Assistant Captain LaToya Clarke. Standing on her head in net, earning her second win of the championships was Kendra Fisher.

Canada now faces Team Slovakia in the quarterfinals, with the winner to play France in the semis.

### **Team Canada Beats Team Slovakia to Advance to the Semi's Finals Against Team France**

Scoring 5 goals in the first 9 minutes of play, Team Canada set the pace early against the first time World attendees from Slovakia. The Canadian women struck early and frequently with goals from LaToya Clarke, Sam Shirley, Brooke Ludolph (2) and Kathy Devereaux resulting in a rotation of goalies for the Slovakian team as they tried to survive the onslaught. The game settled into a more reasonable pace as Team Canada maintained its control, scoring once more in the second half (Montana Merante) to finish off the quarter final game 6-0.

Kendra Fisher earned the shutout for Team Canada, her third win of the tournament as Team Canada remains undefeated heading into its semi final match today against Team France. Team France beat Team Finland 4-1 in other quarterfinal play, while Team USA plays the Czech Republic today in the other semi final match.

Last year, the Canadian women defeated France 6-1 to bring home the Bronze medal at the 2009 World Championships.

### **Team Canada Women Down Team France 5-4 in a Dramatic, Come From Behind Overtime Win**

After watching Team USA get blown out by Team Czech in the first semi final game of the World Championships, Team Canada got off to a slow start against Team France in the other semi final match. France jumped out to a 3-0 lead mid way through the first half, before Canada called a timeout to regroup. Slowly starting to take back control of the game, Canada's Sasha Nanji scored 1 goal before the end of the half to put Canada on the scoreboard, trailing 3-1. The Canadian women showed impressive determination and character getting another power play goal by Nanji part way into the second, then was able to tie the game 3-3 with a goal by Christina Sorbara. France didn't go down without a fight, scoring a go ahead goal on the powerplay with just 5 minutes left in the game. Again, Team Canada would not be denied. After a timeout called by the Canadian team, Nanji went the length of the floor with Sam Shirley to complete her hat trick and tie the game in dramatic fashion. The final minute of the game had a close call by Brooke Ludolph who walked in and almost put the game away, only to be denied by a nice glove save from the France goalie.

Last year in the semi finals, Team Canada went 3 overtimes with the Czech Republic before having to settle for the bronze medal game. This time the Canadian women wanted a different fate. Team Canada controlled the early part of the first overtime, and Kathy Devereaux feathered a nice pass over to team sniper Jackie Jarrell who made no mistake burying the puck over France goalie's outstretched glove. Canada had solid performances from rookies Lindsay Griggs, Montana Merante and veteran LaToya Clarke to keep the team composed. Kendra Fisher closed the door when needed, to help the Canadian women advance to the finals.

The Championship Gold Medal game will be played on July 8 at 7 pm (Czech Time) with a rematch between Team Canada and the Czech Republic, who met in round robin play with Team Canada taking that game 3-2.

### **Team Canada Downed by Czechs 3-1 in World Championships Gold Medal Game**

It was a rematch of the round robin game between the two teams with a fast paced, end to end, full team effort, only this time Team Canada came up just short in its bid to win back the Gold at the 2010 Women's World Inline Hockey Championships in Beroun, Czech Republic. Coming off their overtime semi final win against Team France, the Canadian women started the final game at full speed creating numerous close chances. Facing a bench of 14 skaters on the Czech side, the 9 Canadian skaters dug deep and gave it all they had, but it was the Czechs who scored first on the power play. The Czechs struck again to make it 2-0, but before they could get comfortable, Team Canada replied 15 seconds later with a power play goal by Jackie Jarrell. The game remained close with back and forth chances on each end making it very exciting for the boisterous Czech crowd. The Czechs struck one more time 10 minutes into the second to take a 3-1 lead. Team Canada fought hard generating many chances and near misses, but could not draw nearer, finishing with a silver medal.

Jackie Jarrell was named to the All Star Team and was also named the MVP of the entire tournament.

The Canadian Silver Medal winners consist of Captain Kathy Devereaux, Assistant Captains Samantha Shirley and LaToya Clarke, forwards Christina Sorbara, Jackie Jarrell, Brooke Ludolph and Montana Merante (rookie), defence Sasha Nanji and Lindsay Grigg (rookie), and goaltenders Kendra Fisher and Amanda Squire (rookie), Head Coach Donna Forbes, Assistant Coach Keely Brown, Equipment Manager Doug Brown and Team GM Richard Ropchan.