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INTRODUCING CANADA'S INAUGURAL 2010 CADETTE WOMEN'S FIBA WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

(Toronto, Ontario) Canada Basketball has announced the official roster for the 2010 edition of the Cadette Women's National Team (CWNT) that will participate at the inaugural FIBA U17 World Championship for Women from July 16-25 in Toulouse/Rodez, France.

The 12 athletes selected to the CWNT begin their competition season in Alagon, Spain with an exhibition tournament against the United States, Spain and Australia. The team will then travel to France to compete at the FIBA U17 World Championship for Women.

Of the 2010 squad, eight players are returning from the 2009 CWNT that won the silver medal at the 2009 FIBA Americas U16 Championship, including leading scorer Nirra Fields (Lachine, QC.) and leading rebounder Shalie Dheenshaw (Victoria, B.C.).

"It is exciting for our women's program to be sending this young group of Canadian players to the inaugural FIBA U17 World Championship for Women", said Denise Dignard, Manager of Women's Elite Performance for Canada Basketball. "The athletes will have a chance to play exhibition games in Spain in advance of the worlds in order to be better prepared."

The FIBA U17 World Championship for Women features the best players aged 17 years and younger from 12 countries around the world. Team Canada is assigned to Pool A and will open the preliminary round on July 16 against Turkey. Other Pool A countries include France, Japan, Russia and USA.

"The depth and competitiveness of the teams will be strong in each pool and it will be a challenging preliminary round," added Dignard. "This invaluable international experience will give each athlete a chance to compete at the top level so she gets a better understanding of the training and competition required to play at the world class level."

The top four teams from the preliminary rounds in Groups A and B will advance to the quarter-finals and play for the top eight spots in the standings. Teams placing fifth and sixth in each preliminary round group will play for the bottom four spots in the standings. Games in the quarter-finals, semi-finals and finals are scheduled to be held on July 23, 24 and 25 in Toulouse/Rodez, France.

Attached are the 2010 CWNT official player roster, coaching staff and preliminary round schedule at the 2010 FIBA U17 World Championship for women.

See Team Canada:

To follow the tournament, visit the official website at <http://www.france2010.fiba.com/>. The preliminary rounds will be available via live stats only. FIBATV (subscriber based internet broadcast) will be showing the games from the quarter-final stages onward. Fans can access the games by going to <http://www.fibatv.com/page/Home/0,,12805,00.html> and clicking on the 'Watch Live Online' section. All games are available with a one-time, \$10 subscription fee.

All Team Canada game summaries will be posted on www.basketball.ca.

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2010 CADETTE WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM

#	Name	Position	Height	Hometown	School / Club (2009/10)
4	Pickard, Vanessa*	Guard	5'11	Riverview, NB	Riverview High School
5	Potvin, Frederique	Guard	5'10	Ste-Julie, QC	Ecole de Mortagne
6	Roser, Karly*	Guard	5'10	Hamilton, ON	St. Mary Catholic Secondary School
7	Ring, Kellie*	Guard	5'10	Ottawa, ON	Louis Riel
8	Fields, Nirra*	Guard	5'8	Lachine, QC	Regina High School
9	Purkovic, Isidora*	Wing	5'10	Calgary, AB	Western Canada H.S.
10	Chambers, Erin	Forward	6'0	Mission, BC	Heritage Park
11	Crozon, Paige	Forward	6'1	Humboldt, SK	Humboldt Collegiate Institute
12	Der, Lexie*	Forward	6'1	Burnaby, BC	St. Thomas More Collegiate
13	Beaudry, Sophie	Forward	6'4	Chambly, QC	Notre Dame de Lourdes
14	Kiss-Rusk, Alexandria*	Forward	6'4	Baie d'Urfé, QC	Phillips Academy
15	Dheensaw, Shalie*	Forward	6'3	Victoria, BC	Claremont Secondary

* Members of the 2009 CWNT

2010 CADETTE WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM STAFF:

Name	Position	Hometown
Jacqueline Lavallee	Head Coach	Regina, SK
Dawn Keith	Assistant Coach	Lethbridge, AB
Mireille Beland	Assistant Coach	Montreal, QC
Deb Huband	Mentor Coach	Vancouver, BC
Tracy Blake	Physiotherapist	Lethbridge, AB
Katherine Adam	Team Manager	Edmonton, AB

2010 CADETTE WOMEN'S NATIONAL TEAM SUMMER SCHEDULE:

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION
<u>July 9-11</u> July 9 July 10 July 11	<u>Tournament in Spain</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USA • Spain • Australia 	Alagon, Spain
<u>July 16-25</u> July 16 July 17 July 18 July 20 July 21	- <u>FIBA U17 World Championship</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turkey at 5:30 p.m local time* • Japan at 3:00 p.m local time • USA at 3:00 p.m local time • Russia at 3:00 p.m local time • France at 8:30 p.m local time 	Rodez, France

*Rodez is 6 hours head of Eastern Standard Time.