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Canadian Track & Field Championships  
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**WINDSOR 2007**

The 2007 Canadian Track and Field Championships will take place in Windsor, Ontario. The championships, which serve as the selection meet for the 2007 World Championships will also be the first ever integrated national championship.

For more event information, visit the event website:

[www.nationalchamps Windsor.ca/index.jsp](http://www.nationalchamps Windsor.ca/index.jsp)

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## Matthew McInnes & Lioudmila Kortchaguina win national titles

Matthew McInnes introduced himself to his future hometown in grand fashion while Lioudmila Kortchaguina passed a giant test as the Toronto runners were crowned Canadian marathon champions May 27<sup>th</sup> at the ING Ottawa Marathon.

Kortchaguina broke away at the 26 kilometre mark to win the women's race for the second straight year and also earn a third straight Canadian title clocking two hours and 31 minutes and 56.6 seconds. She was just two minutes off her course record set last year and has now won the Ottawa Marathon four times in her career. She pockets \$15,000 (U.S.) for the win and \$5,000 more as Canadian champion. Zebeyane Moges of Ethiopia was second in 2:35:41.4 and her compatriot Yeshi Esayias third in 2:36:57.6.

It was Kortchaguina's first marathon since last year's race in Ottawa. She broke a kneecap last summer and was out for the season. "This was a big test for my leg," said Kortchaguina, 35, who celebrated with her number-one fan - nine-year-old daughter Polina. "My leg was feeling a little bit tired because I haven't race in so long. I just wanted to finish this race as fast as I could." The next best Canadian was Suzanne Evans of New Westminster, B.C., in fifth in 2:46:21.2 followed by Lisa Harvey of Calgary in sixth in 2:48:56.0.

In the men's marathon, David Cheruiyot of Kenya crossed the finish line first clocking a course record 2:10:35.4 to reclaim the title he won in 2005. Defending champion Abderrahime Bouramdane of Morocco was second at 2:10:40.4 and Vincent Kiplagat of Kenya third in 2:10:48.1.

McInnis, a 32-year-old radiologist who is moving to Ottawa July 1, took 10<sup>th</sup> spot in 2:18:06.9 to win the national title and the \$5,000 cash prize. His first ever marathon was here in 2004. "I'm totally excited about the Canadian title but disappointed in my time," said McInnis, who is chasing an Olympic qualifying standard in the 2:15 range. "I was on track for the first 30 kilometres then my legs gave out. I just held on as best I could." Matthew Normington of Edmonton was the next best Canadian in 12<sup>th</sup> and Cal Staples of Waterloo, Ont., was 14<sup>th</sup>.

In the wheelchair marathon the winners were : Michael Filteau of St-Jean-Baptiste, Que., and Diane Roy of Sherbrooke, Que., in the men's and women's paraplegic races respectively while Clayton Gerein of Pilot Butte, Sask., edged Dean Bergeron of Quebec City for the quadriplegic title.

"It was a very tough race," said Filteau. "The wind made things difficult and there are a lot of turns and hills. It was hard to get going. I think I raced well despite the time (1:38:30.1). I'm having a difficult start to my season and I'm not sure why. But I'm headed to Europe now for some meets so I'm hoping my performances will improve over there."

Roy found the race a grind as well.

"It wasn't very fast," said Roy, who clocked 1:58:45.7, 14 minutes slower than her winning time at the world championships last year. "I got discouraged at times and I had to stop two-three times to pick-up my water bottle on top of that. It was just hard to find a rhythm without any long straight-aways to gain some speed."

# Athletics Canada announces Harry Jerome International Track Classic team

Athletics Canada announced the team that will compete at the 24<sup>th</sup> Harry Jerome International Track Classic. The competition takes place in Burnaby, BC at Swangard Stadium on Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>.

## 2007 Harry Jerome International Track Classic team

<i>Name</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Hometown</i>	<i>Coach</i>
Jamie Adjetey-Nelson	Long Jump	Windsor, ON	Dennis Fairall
Esther Akinsulie	4x400m Relay	Ottawa, ON	Hugh Conlin
Brian Barnett	4x400m Relay	Edmonton, AB	Quin Sekulich
Erica Broomfield	4x100m Relay	Scarborough, ON	Desai Williams
Tyler Christopher	4x400m Relay	Chilliwack, ON	Kevin Tyler
Whitney Evans	High Jump	Calgary, AB	Les Gramantik
Martine Cloutier-LeBlanc	4x400m Relay	Montreal, QC	J�rome Fav�rial
David Gill	800m	Mashteuiatsh, QC	Fabien Basset
Mike Harber	Javelin Throw	Windsor, ON	Dennis Fairall
Geoff Harris	800m	Halifax, NS	Dan Hennigar
Kelsie Hendry	Pole Vault	Saskatoon, SK	Rick & Susanne Petrucha
Karl Jennings	110m Hurdles	Brampton, ON	Desai Williams
Shannon King	4x100m Relay	Brampton, ON	Frank Bucca
Adam Kunkel	4x400m Relay	Paisley, ON	Kevin Tyler
Justin McLennan	4x100m Relay	Mississauga, ON	Desai Williams
Jared McLeod	110m Hurdles	Winnipeg, MB	Cliff Rovelto
Carline Muir	4x400m Relay	Etobicoke, ON	Kevin Tyler
Keston Nelson	4x400m Relay	Toronto, ON	Derek Evely*
Kyle Nielsen	Javelin Throw	New Westminster, BC	Tom Nielsen
Osi Nriagu	Long Jump	Windsor, ON	Dennis Fairall
Emmanual Parris	4x100m Relay	Sherbrooke, QC	Richard Crevier
Teneshia Peart	4x100m Relay	Calgary, AB	John Cannon
Adrienne Power	4x400m Relay	Halifax, NS	Peter Lord
Lauren Seibel	4x400m Relay	Kelowna, BC	Richard Hillson
Nathan Taylor	4x100m Relay	Coquitlam, BC	Derek Hansen
Genevieve Thibault	4x100m Relay	Val Belair, QC	Fabrice Aku�
Nathan Vadeboncoeur	4x400m Relay	Champaign, IL - USA	Wayne Angel
Neville Wright	4x100m Relay	Edmonton, AB	Quin Sekulich
Neb Zachariah	Triple Jump	Guelph, ON	Zoltan Tenke
<b>Team Coaches</b>			
Derek Evely		Edmonton, AB	
Glenroy Gilbert		Nepean, ON	
Team Manager			
Markus Bill		Vancouver, BC	
<b>AC Representative</b>			
Danny Daniels		Sydney, BC	

# Earl Church named Head Coach of Para-Athletics

Athletics Canada is pleased to announce that Dr. Earl Church has been named Athletics Canada Head Coach of Para-Athletics. The naming of Dr. Church to the position sees Jean Laroche's transition to a high performance coaching position based in Sherbrooke, QC.

"Athletics Canada is delighted to be able to count on an individual of Earl's caliber to head our Paralympic program as we head towards the 2008 Paralympic Games in Beijing. Earl will face many challenges given the increasing competitive landscape on the international Para-athletics scene, but he brings wisdom and experience, qualities that will help Athletics Canada reach its stated objectives." Martin Goulet, Chief High Performance Officer.

Dr. Earl Church is a Chartered Professional Coach as recognized by the Coaching Association of Canada and holds a level 4 NCCP. He earned his Doctorate in Physical Education at Springfield College in the United States. He serves on the board of the Coaching Association of Ontario, and is a member of the Canadian Olympic Academy and the International Olympic Academy.

Earl was Head Coach at the 1996 Paralympic Games in Atlanta and the 2000 Paralympics in Sydney, as well as at the 1994, 1998 and 2002 IPC World Championships. His accomplishments include the Ron Foster Award for his contributions to Canadian athletes with a disability and the Queens Golden Jubilee Medal for his significant contributions to Canada.

**2007 Eastern Canadian High Performance Athletic Series**

June 29-July 1 OTFA Championships - Ottawa, ON  
(All events)

July 4 Sherbrooke High Performance - Sherbrooke, QC  
(100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 400mH, M3000mSC, PV, LJ, W HJ, SP, HT)

July 6 Aileen Meagher International Classic - Halifax, NS  
(100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m, M 3000m, LJ, SP, Mile)

July 8 Kidd-Crothers Track Classic - Toronto, ON  
(M 100m, W 200m, 800m, 1500m, W100mH, M110mH, PV, TJ, HJ, 4x100m, 4x400m, Mile)

\*\*Event lists are tentative - Subject to Change\*\*

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## Canada's Stefanie Reid wins bronze at Paralympic World Cup

Stefanie Reid of Thornhill, Ont., competed on a new artificial leg and broke her Canadian record en route to the bronze medal on Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> in the women's long jump for amputees in track and field action at the Paralympic World Cup.

World record holder Marie-Amélie Le Fur of France won the gold leaping 4.80 metres with April Holmes of the U.S., second at 4.62 and Reid third at 4.23. That eclipsed her previous national mark of 4.21.

## Jessica Zelinka betters Canadian Heptathlon Record in Austria

Jessica Zelinka finished 4<sup>th</sup> on Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup> at the star-studded Hypo Combined Events Meeting in Götzis, Austria with a score of 6 343 points, improving the Canadian heptathlon record she set last year by 29 points.

The meet featured all but two of the world's best heptathletes; "I am (and Jessica) is very happy with the results, especially considering the depth and quality of the field in Götzis. Jessica showed tremendous competitiveness and overcame difficult conditions." said her coach Les Gramantik. Gramantik added; "This was the first step towards our goal of winning the Pan American Games later this summer and then finishing in the top 5 at the World Championships in Osaka in late August."



### How she did it

- >13.34 seconds in the 100-metre hurdles – 1 074 points
- >1.79-metres in the high jump – 966 points
- >13.98-metres in the shot put – 793 points
- >24.39 seconds in the 200-metres – 944 points
- >6.15-metres in the long jump – 896 points
- >42.71-metres in the javelin throw – 719 points
- >2:10.93 in the 800-metres – 951 points
- >Total – 6 343

## 2007 NACAC Combined Events Championships Results

### Men's Decathlon, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, May 26-27 2007

Craig Slaunwhite			Clifford Caines		
<i>Event</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Overall Finish</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Points</i>	<i>Overall Finish</i>
100m	699		100m	769	
Long Jump	804		Long Jump	823	
Shot Put	855		Shot Put	742	
High Jump	776		High Jump	723	
400m	663		400m	792	
110m Hurdles	744		110m Hurdles	815	
Discus Throw	796		Discus Throw	DNF	
Pole Vault	702		Pole Vault	DNF	
Javelin Throw	689		Javelin Throw	DNF	
1500m	567		1500m	DNF	
<b>Total</b>	<b>7295</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>DNF</b>	

## Athletics Canada launches “Team 2012 Athlete Identification Program”

Athletics Canada announced the launch of the Team 2012 Athlete Identification Program (Team 12) for the 2012 Olympic Games to be held in London, England.

Team “12” features three levels of recognition in which athletes and their coaches are eligible to be identified based on their 2012 podium potential.

The program will progress as we get closer to the 2012 Games with the full list of athletes in the Gold, Silver and Bronze levels updated on a yearly basis. The objective being that the list will evolve as the Games approach, to eventually closely resemble the team which will be named to compete at the 2012 Olympic Games.

### GOLD

#### Category “A”

Name (YOB)	Event	Club – Province	Coach
Tyler Christopher (83)	400m	Legacy Athletics – AB	Kevin Tyler
Perdita Felicien (80)	100m Hurdles	Independent – ON	Gary Winkler
Priscilla Lopes (82)	100m Hurdles	Independent – ON	Anthony McCleary
Gary Reed (81)	800m	Pacific Athletics – BC	Wynn Gmitroski
Angela Whyte (80)	100m Hurdles	Unattached – AB	Wayne Phipps
Jessica Zelinka (81)	Heptathlon	University of Calgary Athletics Club – AB	Les Gramantik

#### Category “B”

Nathan Brannen (82)	1500m	Tri City Track Club – ON	Ron Warhurst
Jennifer Joyce (80)	Hammer throw	Kajaks Track and Field Club – BC	Chris Huffins
Adam Kunkel (81)	400m Hurdles	Legacy Athletics – AB	Kevin Tyler
James Steacy (84)	Hammer throw	Chinook Track and Field Club – AB	Larry Steinke

#### Category “C”

Dylan Armstrong (81)	Shot put	Kamloops Track and Field Club – BC	Dr. Anatoly Bondarchuk
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## SILVER

## Category "A"

4x100m and 4x400m relay pool athletes identified through the Canadian Sports Review Panel

Richard Adu-Bobie (85)	4x100m Relay	Ottawa Lions – ON	Glenroy Gilbert
Brian Barnett (87)	4x400m Relay	Capital City Track Club – AB	Quin Sekulich
Denison Collins (83)	4x100m Relay	York University Track and Field Club – ON	Desai Williams
Jared Connaughton (85)	4x100m Relay	PEI	Colin MacAdam
Andrew Dargie (87)	4x400m Relay	Calgary International – AB	John Cannon
Emanuel Parris (82)	4x100m Relay	Sherbrooke – QC	Richard Crevier
Nathan Taylor (83)	4x100m Relay	Metro Athletic Club – BC	Derek Hansen
Nathan Vadeboncoeur (84)	4x400m Relay	Winnipeg Optimist – MB	Laurier Primeau
Justyn Warner (87)	4x100m Relay	Etobicoke Track and Field Club – ON	Tony D'Oliveira, Clifford Linton

## Category "B"

Esther Akinsulie (84)	400m	Ottawa Lions – ON	Hugh Conlin
Megan Brown (85)	1500m	Newmarket Huskies Track and Field Club – ON	Hugh Cameron
Tabia Charles (85)	Triple jump	Power Athletics – ON	Gregory Portnoy
Mark Dillon (84)	High jump	University of Toronto Track and Field Club – ON	Dave Hay, Carl Georgevski
Michael Mason (84)	High jump	Valley Royals Track and Field Club - BC	Laurier Primeau
Alex Genest (86)	3000m Steeplechase	Phoenix – QC	Pierre Thibodeau
Julia Howard (83)	800m	Valley Royals Track and Field Club – BC	Brit Townsend
Kimberley Hyacinthe (89)	100m	St-Laurent Sélect – QC	Daniel St-Hilaire
Megan Metcalfe (82)	5000m	Edmonton Thunder – AB	Sean Cleary
Carline Muir (87)	400m	Legacy Athletics – AB	Kevin Tyler
Hank Palmer (85)	200m	St-Laurent Sélect – QC	Daniel St-Hilaire
Lauren Seibel (82)	400m	Ottawa Lions – ON	Andy McInnis
Trevor Snyder (82)	Javelin throw	Windsor Legion Track and Field Club – ON	Don Babbit
Geneviève Thibault (86)	100m	Laval Rouge et Or – QC	Fabrice Akué
Mike Woods (86)	1500m	Ottawa Lions – ON	Ron Warhurst

## BRONZE

Kaitlyn Andrews	Shot Put	Independent - ON	Bruce Andrews
Simon Bairu (83)	10000m	Queen City Striders – SK	Jerry Schumacher
Marie-ève Boiselle (86)	Hammer	St-Jean Olympique – QC	Jesus Ulloa Lopez
Corri-Ann Campbell Fell (88)	400mH	Vancouver Thunderbirds – BC	Laurier Primeau
John Carle (83)	800m	Montréal Olympique – QC	Sylvain Lavallée
Adam Currie (86)	800m	Montréal Olympique – QC	Sylvain Lavallée
Gabriella Duclos-Lasnier (88)	Pole vault	Laval Rouge et Or – QC	Jean Lépine
Evan Dunfee (90)	5km RW	Kajaks Track and Field Club – BC	Gerry Dragomir
Nicole Edwards (86)	1500m	Winnipeg Optimist – MB	Dianne Sproll, Mike McGuire
Andrew Ellerton (83)	800m	Track North Athletic Club – ON	Ron Warhurst
Sultana Frizell (84)	Hammer	Ottawa Lions – ON	Boris Zaltchouk
Elizabeth Gleadle (88)	Javelin	Vancouver Thunderbirds – BC	Laurier Primeau
Geoff Harris (87)	800m	Halifax Tigers – NS	Dan Hennigar
Kyle Helf (86)	Shot put	Independent – ON	Don Babbit
Natasha Issajenko (89)	200m	I Be Fast Track Club – ON	Angela Issajenko
Rebecca Johnstone (84)	800m	Valley Royals Track and Field Club - BC	Brit Townsend
Bevin Kennelly (84)	3000m Steeple	Prince George Track Club – BC	Wayne Phipps
Rachel Lavallée (86)	20km RW	Etobicoke Track and Field Club – ON	Stafford Whalen
Matt Lincoln (82)	1500m	Phoenix Athletics Association – ON	Bill Stevens
Jenna Martin (88)	400m	Athletics East Nova Scotia – NS	Charles Scarrow
Amber McGown (83)	1500m	Tisdale Track – SK	Harvey Weber
Curtis Moss (87)	Javelin	Unattached – BC	Tom Neilsen
Novelle Murray (84)	Discus	Unattached – BC	Garret Collier
Robbie Nissen (83)	3000m Steeple	Edmonton Thunder – AB	Glen Playfair
Lem Lem Ogbaslassie (87)	800m	St-Laurent Sélect – QC	Djamel Boukari
Taylor Petrucha (87)	Pole vault	University of Saskatchewan Huskies – SK	Rick Petrucha
Wesley Rehel (82)	400mH	St-Laurent Sélect – QC	Rashed Din
Brian Roppelt (83)	800m	Edmonton Thunder – AB	Glen Playfair
Adam Seabrook (85)	400mH	London Western Track and Field Club – ON	John Crossley
Oluseyi Smith (87)	100m	Ottawa Lions – ON	Glenroy Gilbert
Brianne Theisen (88)	Heptathlon	Saskatoon Track and Field Club – SK	Todd Johnston
Darolyn Trembath (82)	1500m	Bison Track and Field Club – MB	Claude Berube
Sarah Wells (89)	400mH	University of Toronto Track and Field Club – ON	Dave Hunt
Danelle Woods (89)	3000m Steeple	Ottawa Lions – ON	Ray Elrick
Krista Woodward (84)	Javelin	Unattached – BC	Don Babbit
Jason Wurster (84)	Pole vault	University of Toronto Track and Field Club – ON	Arye Rosencer

# Team 2012 - Additional Information

1. To identify and support potential athletes for the London Olympic Games
2. To encourage developing athletes to make the transition from University / international age class participation to the World Championship and Olympic Teams
3. To recognize the coach/athlete partnership required to achieve World-level success
4. To encourage partnership with Branches to support these athletes

## **GOLD**

For the 2007 release, may include up to 12 athletes selected by the following criteria:

- Athletes born in 1980 or later (older in exceptional circumstances – see note above)
- Athletes identified on the CSRP/Podium Program or carded under the “International Criteria”
- Potential finalist for the 2008 Olympics.
- Must have shown commitment to the National Team program and have a record of successfully representing Canada internationally in age-class or open competitions.

Will be assessed annually by the National Coaching Staff following the outdoor season.

## **SILVER**

For the 2007 release, includes up to 24 athletes identified as potential qualifiers for the 2012 Olympics

*Athletes born in 1982 or later.*

*Athletes may hold a Development or Senior Card OR be recognized as part of the Canadian Olympic Committee’s FACE Program  
OR be identified through the CSRP/Podium program*

*Must have shown commitment to the National Team program and must have a record of successfully representing Canada internationally in age-class or open competitions*

Athlete’s position on appropriate IAAF/AC ranking list

## **BRONZE**

For the 2007 release may include up to 36 athletes nominated by branches as potential National Senior Team Athletes who may have an outside chance of representing Canada at the 2012 Olympics

Athletes born in 1982 or later.

Athletes ranking on appropriate AC ranking lists

Athletes nominated by their Provincial Branches

Athletes who have represented Canada internationally in age-class competitions

Athletes who have been successful at respective National Championships

## 2007 IAAF World Athletics Day celebrated in Surrey

The World Athletics Day Youth Development meet was successfully hosted by the Ocean Athletics Track and Field Club on Thursday, May 10, 2007. The event attracted 340 athletes from the Fraser Valley and Greater Vancouver region. Sunny spring weather, an excellent facility and enthusiastic athletes combined to produce exciting races and outstanding performances.

Local dignitaries including Judy Higginbotham (Surrey councillor), White Rock Mayor Judy Forster and Surrey-White Rock MLA and ActNow BC minister Gordon Hogg participated in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Peninsula Olympian Lynn Kanuka (bronze in the 1984 Summer Olympics) kept everyone on track with her lively commentating which included reading a message from the Prime Minister's office. Olympian and special guest, Thelma Wright, pitched in and helped wherever needed with her usual bubbly enthusiasm.

Ocean Athletics looks forward to hosting a competition annually to celebrate World Athletics Day.



## Athletics Canada announces Steve Leblanc hired as Atlantic Region Head Coach

Athletics Canada and the Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic are pleased to announce that Steve Leblanc from Edmonton, AB has been hired to fill the newly created position of Atlantic Region Head Coach. Also Joel Bourgeois of Moncton, NB has accepted a high performance part-time coaching position for the Atlantic region, based in Moncton.

Steve Leblanc will design, lead and coordinate the training and competition program of a targeted group of athletes identified within a Team Atlantic concept with a growing emphasis on a Moncton based high performance group. Steve will work in close collaboration with club/personal coaches and other Atlantic based professional coaches to support the goals of Athletics Canada's Strategic Plan and the Long Term Athlete Development Model. Mr. Leblanc will also work closely with Dan Hennigar, High Performance Atlantic Regional Coach, who is based out of Halifax, NS. The Atlantic Region Head Coach will be based at the Université de Moncton in Moncton, NB.

Joel will be based in Moncton and will work as endurance events coach. Joel is an 8-time Canadian champion and was named Male Athlete of the Year at l'Université de Moncton from 1990-1995. He also competed at the 1996 and 2000 Olympic Games and won the gold medal at the 1999 Pan American Games. Bourgeois also won Canada's only medal in athletics at the 1995 World University Games.

The creation of these positions was made possible from the awarding of the 2010 World Junior Championships to Canada and partnerships with the Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic, Université de Moncton and the four provincial branches.

"The athletics community in Atlantic Canada will greatly benefit from this development of this comprehensive program. The region has many excellent coaches who will greatly benefit from programming that will be developed in partnership with Steve Leblanc, Dan Hennigar and Joel Bourgeois." Says Ken Bagnell, President of the Canadian Sport Centre Atlantic. "We look forward to seeing more Atlantic Canadians representing Canada as part of our national team programs in the future."

Steve and Joel's positions have been created to increase athletics results at the national and international level.



**\*\*New in 2007\*\***

**Club Team Championships at  
Canadian Track & Field Championships (Jr & Sr)**

As part of Athletics Canada's Club Development strategy, a National Club Team Championship has been added to the Canadian Track & Field Championships, at both the senior and junior levels.

The Club Team Championship will be scored on all events\* during the Championships, with the Top 8 finishers scoring (10-8-6-5-4-3-2-1). The Top 8 clubs will be rewarded with free entries to the 2008 Canadian Championships.

If you have any questions about the Club Championships, please contact Scott MacDonald ([smacdonald@athletics.ca](mailto:smacdonald@athletics.ca)) or Ivonne Shoucair ([ishoucair@athletics.ca](mailto:ishoucair@athletics.ca))

\*Only the club division of the relays will score points.

## **Athletics Canada announces Middle Distance / Distance and Cross Country Coaching Realignment**

Athletics Canada announced on May 2 that Mike Van Tighem will step into the role of Middle Distance and Distance High Performance Coordinator while Thelma Wright has been named Cross Country Program Coordinator and Coach. The restructuring was necessary after Hugh Cameron recently resigned due to health related matters.

Mike Van Tighem will be in charge of the ongoing follow up of our middle distance and distance running carded, national team and other identified athletes as well as of their coaches. He will be the primary contact for these athletes and coaches and will advise them especially on training & competition planning related issues. Martin Goulet, Chief High Performance Officer, had the following to say; "Mike has produced several national team athletes in his coaching career. He comes in with specific strengths that are critical to what his new role will be: a very comprehensive understanding and thorough approach to all aspects related to planning. With his attention to details and his genuine and strong desire to help I am convinced that it won't be long that our elite athletes and their coaches benefits from Mike's expertise."

During the 1970s Thelma Wright was recognized as one of the world's leading middle distance runners, setting Canadian records and competing in two Olympic Games. Wright served on a number of Athletics Canada national teams, most recently the 2007 IAAF World Cross Country Championships in Mombasa, Kenya. She also coached the University of British Columbia track and field team. Martin Goulet on Thelma's appointment; "Thelma is probably the most experienced Canadian at the international level as far as cross country goes. Over the last 30 years and more, as an athlete, as a coach, as a manager and as a team leader she has been successful at the international level in cross country. She understands and loves the sport. With such a strong background I am truly excited to welcome Thelma in her new position and absolutely confident that the program and our athletes are in good hands."

Both positions are on a part-time basis and the structure of the portfolio will be re-examined following the 2008 Olympic Games.

## **International Throws Conference to take place in Windsor**

The 2007 International Throws Conference will be held at the University of Windsor Saturday September 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday September 30<sup>th</sup>. The conference, organized by the Canadian Athletics Coaching Centre in partnership with Athletics Canada, will feature competitive sport system expert Dr. Ekkart Arbeit, 1972 Olympic Gold medalist Dr. Anatoly Bondarchuk and Kari Ihalainen, head coach of the Finnish javelin program from 1990 to 2005 and widely considered as one of the greatest coaches in history. The conference will be highlighted by a special appearance by Don Babbitt, coach of eight Olympians in throwing events.

The conference will focus on "Legendary Training Systems" bringing together the presenters' expertise in their respective throwing disciplines. The conference features a variety of sessions as well as open discussions with the attending coaches. The presentations and practical sessions will touch on all aspects of athlete development from the beginner up to the elite level athlete.

Further information including registration forms is available at the Canadian Athletics Coaching Centre website: [www.athleticscoaching.ca](http://www.athleticscoaching.ca).

## Bruny Surin named Hershey's *Canadian Legend* for 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Track and Field Games

Olympic gold medalist Bruny Surin has signed on as *Canadian Legend* in conjunction with the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Hershey's Track and Field Games. Surin will attend two Canadian Hershey's Track and Field Games events and will attend the 30<sup>th</sup> Hershey's Track and Field Games North American Final on August 4<sup>th</sup> in Hershey, Pennsylvania. Bruny will be joined at the North American Final by *American Legends* Michael Johnson, Carl Lewis, Bruce Jenner and Rafer Johnson.

Bruny Surin comments on his role as a *Canadian Legend*; "I was very privileged to earn my living as a track and field athlete, and to be invited by Hershey to see the next generation of athletes evolve is a great pleasure and honor. The youth is our future; we must take the necessary steps to ensure that their road to success is as smooth as possible." Bruny captured the gold medal at the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta as a member of the 4x100-metres relay team. In 1997 he was a world champion with the relay team and in 1995 was the Indoor World Champion.

His first Canadian stop will be on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Foote Field in Edmonton, Alberta. For more information on the Edmonton event, please contact Jason Wallsmith: [info@athleticsalberta.com](mailto:info@athleticsalberta.com)

The second Canadian event takes place in Moncton, New Brunswick on July 8<sup>th</sup>. The competition will take place at École Anna Malenfant and is open to all communities in New Brunswick. For more event information please contact Dave Thomas: 506-849-4940 or [anb@nbnet.nb.ca](mailto:anb@nbnet.nb.ca)

Participants attending local events can earn a spot in a district / provincial meet. All winners at the district / provincial meets become eligible for selection to the regional team which attends the Hershey's Track and Field Games North American Final in Pennsylvania. For more information the Hershey's Track and Field Games, please visit the official website: [www.hersheystrackandfield.com](http://www.hersheystrackandfield.com)

## Soldier On Program Launch

The Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) and the Department of National Defence (DND) have agreed to collaborate on a new initiative to introduce injured Canadian Forces members to Paralympic sport. The weekend of May 26-27 marked the launch of this initiative entitled *Soldier On*. Six paralympic sports including athletics participated in this inaugural program.

Elite para-athletes Stefanie Reid, Earle Connor, Jason Dunkerley and Clayton Gerein were brought into Ottawa's Carleton University, at DND expense, to share their experiences and technical expertise in para-athletics to 15 injured soldiers and their family members. This historical event, which is planned to become an annual event, proved to be a success and may some day yield national team members. Sincere thanks and appreciation to Stefanie, Earle, Jason and Clayton for their time and contribution in making this event an overall success and a success for para-athletics.

# 2007 Swiss Racing Series

A number of Canadian senior high performance level wheelchair racers will be competing in Switzerland at a series of races June 2<sup>nd</sup> through June 9<sup>th</sup>. Athletics Canada has provided a total of seven (7) athletes with a financial subsidy of \$1,200 each to assist with the coverage of costs to compete at the 2007 Swiss Race Series. The funds are targeted solely at those wheelchair racers that have demonstrated legitimate potential to be on the podium or to be a finalist in their event(s) at the 2008 Beijing Paralympic Games (based on the athlete's past performances). Athletes funded under Podium Canada's funding program for the 2007-08 year were NOT eligible for this subsidy. The top 7 ranked athletes that qualified for the \$1200 subsidy are: James Baker, André Beaudoin, Tracey Ferguson, Michel Filteau, Éric Gauthier, Clayton Gerein and Colin Mathieson. These 7 athletes will be joined by numerous other elite Canadian wheelchair racers funded under Podium Canada, such as Chantal Petitclerc, Diane Roy and Brent Lakatos.

The Swiss Race Series is comprised of the following competitions:

- Ibach, Switzerland – June 2, 2007 (Swiss Open Nationals)
- Pratteln, Switzerland-June 7, 2007 (Twilight invitation)
- Oensingen, Switzerland-June 9, 2007 (Marathon)



## 2007 IPC Trials for the 1500m Wheelchair Exhibition Events at the 2007 IAAF World Athletics Championships

On Saturday, July 7th, Windsor will play host to the IPC Trials to select the finalists to compete on September 1<sup>st</sup> in the men's and women's 1500 metre wheelchair exhibition events at the 2007 IAAF World Championships (Osaka, Japan). The Boiling Point Track Classic will serve as the competition and venue for this elite event.

See: [www.jeffmay.ca/BoilingPoint/index.php](http://www.jeffmay.ca/BoilingPoint/index.php)

The criteria for selection of the top 3 males and females to represent Canada at the Trials, is posted on the Athletics Canada website.

### Parapanamerican Games

The selection criteria for the Parapanamerican Games national team has been published and can be found on the Athletics Canada website.

## 2007 National Development Squad Program : Para-Athletics

### Overview

The identification, recruitment and development of potential national team athletes is critical to the continued success and further growth of Athletics Canada's Para-Athletics Program. Athletics Canada believes it is critical that it play a support role (and lead role where appropriate) in the development of young and/or newly injured athletes that exhibit national team potential. To this end Athletics Canada's Para-Athletics Program established a developmental athlete program in 2006, called the National Development Squad Program (NDS Program). The NDS Program is a groundbreaking initiative for Athletics Canada's Para-Athletics Program. The return on investment has proved to be a successful first step towards the continued success and further growth of Athletics Canada's Para-Athletics Program.

### 2007 NDS Training Camp

Again this year Athletics Canada is staging a National Development Squad (NDS) training camp. This, the second annual NDS training camp will be held Monday and Tuesday, July 9 - 10, 2007, at the University of Windsor Pan-American Games Stadium. The training camp will follow the inaugural *Boiling Point Track Classic*, a development and elite level competition for all disability groups on Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> at the University of Windsor. The camp will precede the Canadian Senior Track & Field Championships – Thursday-Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>, in Windsor (and the first -ever fully integrated Canadian Senior Championships). We believe the NDS training camp will serve as an excellent short and long term training and development opportunity for development level high performance athletes and aspiring national team athletes. Technical, training and competition coaching and advice will be provided by select Athletics Canada National Team coaches. Training intensity and volume will be low as some athletes will be competing in the Canadian Senior Track and Field Championships. As well, practical and classroom sessions are planned over the course of the two days.

For full information on the training camp and how athletes qualify and register to attend the NDS training camp see the Athletics Canada website. The training camp is also designed as a professional development opportunity for coaches. Personal coaches are welcome to register so they can learn and mentor under the staff coaches.

## 2007 National Team Competition Opportunities for Development Level Athletes

A limited number of development level athletes will be considered for selection to represent Canada at the USA Paralympic Track and Field Championships (for ambulatory track and field athletes and seated throwers only) and/or Meet in the Heat (for wheelchair track athletes only). Athletes must attain the required selection criteria for national team consideration.

**Athletes meeting the required selection criteria and who are interested in being considered for national team selection, MUST declare their interest by completing (in full) the training camp registration form found on AC's website and submit it no later than Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007.** The events and personal best performances section of the form must be completed in full and must be verifiable from the official results of sanctioned track and field meets (outdoor ONLY) held between June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 and May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2007.

Athletics Canada will provide a \$300.00 subsidy to each athlete that is selected. All other expenses will be the responsibility of the athlete. Athletics Canada is responsible for all logistical arrangements and provision of a national team coach.

For full information on eligibility for selection consideration to one of these national teams, see the Athletics Canada website.

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Sat. June 16	Oslo GL	2:00pm
Sat. July 7	Paris GL	2:00pm
Sat July 14	Rome GL	4:30pm
Sat July 21	Canadian Track and Field Championships (World Trials)	3:00pm
Sat. Aug 25	World Championships	2:00pm
Sun. Aug 26	World Championships	3:00pm
Sat. Sept 1	World Championships	2:00pm
Sun Sept 2	World Championships	3:00pm
Sat. Sept 8	Zurich GL	1:30pm
Sat Sept 15	Brussels GL	2:30pm



**2007 Canadian Championship Series**

Canadian Marathon Championships - May 27 - Ottawa, ON

Canadian 10,000m Championships - June 10 - Abbotsford, BC

Canadian Track & Field Championships - July 12-15 - Windsor, ON

Canadian Junior Track & Field Championships - July 27-29 - Abbotsford, BC

Canadian 10km Championships - October 13 - Ottawa, ON

Canadian Cross-Country Championships - December 1 - Guelph, ON

## 2007 Athletics Canada Technical Congress

The 2007 Technical Congress will take place in Toronto, ON from November 23-25. The Congress will take place at the University of Toronto, with the Holiday Inn Toronto Midtown serving as the event hotel. Check the website regularly for updates on the Congress, including schedule and registration information.

### Athletics Canada Technical Congress

November 23-25  
Toronto, ON

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**2 - International Walking Meeting, La Coruna, Spain**

**2-3 - IAAF Combined Events Meeting, Arles, France**

**2-9 - Paralympic Swiss Racing Series, Ibach,  
Pretteln, Oensingen, Switzerland**

**3-10 - PacifiCanada Series, Richmond, Victoria, Burnaby, Abbotsford**

**8 - Harry Jerome International Track Classic, Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada**

**10 - Prefontaine Classic, Eugene, Oregon**

**10 - Canadian 10,000m Championships,  
Abbotsford, British Columbia, Canada**

**15 - Bislett Games, Oslo, Norway**

**18 - Helsinki Grand Prix, Helsinki, Finland**

**27 - 46th Zlata treat/Golden Spike, Ostrava, Czech Republic**

**June 29 - July 8 - Eastern Canadian High Performance Series, Ottawa, Sherbrooke, Halifax, Toronto**



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