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# FOOTBALL CANADA NAMES 45 PLAYERS TO THE 2010 NATIONAL SENIOR WOMEN'S TACKLE FOOTBALL ROSTER

Women from across Canada to take part in the inaugural IFAF Women's World Championship

June 27 to July 3 in Stockholm, Sweden

OTTAWA, CANADA – March 26, 2010 – Canada's top female football players will come together this summer in the capital city of Sweden for the historic international competition for women's football. While Canada is ranked second heading into the tournament, they will face teams from the USA, Germany, Austria, Finland, and Sweden. Seeding for the six nations that will send their national team to Scandinavia was determined based on the number of female American football participants in each country established by data recorded in the 2009 IFAF Benchmarking Study.

Head Coach Larry Harlow, the co-founder of New Brunswick Women's Football League, the New Brunswick Jr. Girls Football League and the Maritime Women's Football League, will lead the national team into Sweden. He is currently the Head Coach of the Saint John Storm, a team he has transformed from last place into the Maritime Champions.

"I think the quality of players and positional coaching staff will put Canada in the top 4 teams at the 2010 world tournament," said head coach Larry Harlow. "The players are enthusiastic and very excited about this opportunity, and they have worked very hard to make this team."

The coaching staff also includes Jeff Yausie (offensive line), Josh Sacobie (Quarterbacks), Rick Sowieta (linebackers), Tannis Wilson (defensive line), Jim Mather (offensive coordinator and receivers), Marcus Fitzgerald (running backs) and Craig Bachynski (defensive coordinator and defensive backs). The team will be accompanied by Shannon Donovan, the GM and Bill Murphy, the equipment manager.

Earlier this month, regional camps were held in Saskatoon, SK, and Oromocto, NB. The final training camp will take place in Saint John, NB in June. Quarterback coach Josh Sacobie believes that now that the team has been chosen, the challenge will be to help this group come together over the next few months. "The final camp will be intense and mentally challenging but how well we can bond as a team will lead to our success in Sweden," coach Sacobie said.

The championship will kick off for Canada on Sunday, June 27 when they take on host team Sweden. On Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, Canada will then play against the women's national team from Germany. The top teams in each group will meet in the IFAF Women's World Championship Gold Medal Game on Saturday, July 3 following the Bronze Medal and fifth place games.

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## **2010 NATIONAL CANADIAN WOMEN'S TACKLE FOOTBALL TEAM**

NAME	CITY	POSITION
Alanna Waberski	Saint John	DL
Alex Black	Fredericton	REC
Alia Palmer	Montreal	REC
Amy Mohr	Winnipeg	DB
Andrea Weichel	Winnipeg	OL
Andreanne Dupont-Parent	Montreal	LB
Ashlee Clements	Saint John	DL
Belle Wighton	Calgary	REC
Carol Whitman	Winnipeg	DL
Charlene Mash-Hadlow	Winnipeg	REC
Christina Goulet	Edmonton	DB
Christine ODonnell	Winnipeg	OL
Erin Devlin	Saint John	DL
Erin Walton	Calgary	RB
Jacinthe Crochetiere	Montreal	LB
Jaclyn Brewer	Saint John	DB
Jana Taylor	Winnipeg	QB
Jean Bourgeois	Moncton	OL
Jenn deGuise	Montreal	LB
Jess Buydens	Saskatoon	DL
Jessica McCreary	Winnipeg	OL
Julia Coleman	Fredericton	LB
Julie Paetsch	Saskatoon	RB
Justine Barter	Moncton	RB
Kara Filmore	Saint John	DL
Karin Simmons	Edmonton	QB
Kathy Calancia	Winnipeg	OL
Katie Archibald	Halifax	LB
Kelly Martell	Halifax	LB
Kendra Jones	Saint John	RB
KoraLea Hooker	Edmonton	RB
Laurel MacInnis	Halifax	DB
Lindsay Ertman	Edmonton	REC
Lisa Harlow	Saint John	LB
Lisa Rogers	Saint John	LB
Lori Boyles	Saint John	REC
Megan Buyden	Saskatoon	LB
Melissa Daley	Saint John	OL
Michelle Young-Mather	Saint John	DB
Patricia Eco Davis	Winnipeg	DB
Saadia Ashraf	Montreal	QB
Shirley Benson	Edmonton	OL
Terri Shannon	Saint John	Kicker
Terry Yahnke	Edmonton	DB
Trina Graves	Saint John	OL

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