



Canada Games Alumni Help in the Drive to Five

January fifth is a day seven members of the Canada Games alumni will not soon forget. Over the course of the 11-day IIHF World Junior Championship in Ottawa, Ontario, 22 of Canada's best hockey players competed and were undefeated. In the last game of the tournament, Canada beat Sweden to win the coveted fifth consecutive gold medal.

Of the 22 players, seven are Canada Games alumni; Tyler Myers (Team Alberta in 2007), Jordan Eberle (Team Alberta in 2007), Colten Teubert (Team B.C. in 2007), Patrice Cormier (Team N.B. in 2007), Stefan Della Rovere (Team Ontario in 2007), Cody Hodgson (Team Ontario in 2007), and Alex Pietrangelo (Team Ontario in 2007). All 7 young men participated at the 2007 Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse, Yukon, where team Alberta took home the bronze medal and team Ontario won the gold.

The Canada Games' family would like to extend our congratulations to our alumni and to the whole team on Canada's fifth consecutive gold medal. Interestingly, Canada was the only team to have taken home five consecutive World Junior gold medals in International Ice Hockey Federation history and now they've done it twice!

The Canada Games are proud to have acted as a stepping stone for many of Canada's celebrated National, and International athletes, including: Toller Cranston (1967), Bob Gainey (1971), Brian Orser(1975), Sylvie Daigle (1979), Catriona Le May Doan (1983 and 1987), Bruny Surin (1985), Marianne Limpert, Annie Pelletier and Anne Montminy (1989), Hayley Wickenheiser and Marc Gagnon (1991), Steve Nash (1993), Maryse Turcotte (1995), Alexandre Despatie (1997), Adam Van Koeverden (1997) and Sidney Crosby (2003), who was a member of the 2005 World Junior Championship winning team.